

The Naz Newsletter



A Weekly Update for Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff

January 14, 2024

May the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, be with you! May they help you, teach you, and bless you at every step and at every moment.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | Day of Service, School Closed

Tuesday, January 16: C Schedule | Course Information Day

Wednesday, January 17: A Schedule | Second Semester Back to School Night (remote only), 6:30 PM

Thursday, January 18: A Schedule

Friday, January 19: A Schedule

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, January 22: C Schedule | Day of Prayer Service for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

Wednesday, January 24: Course Selection closes

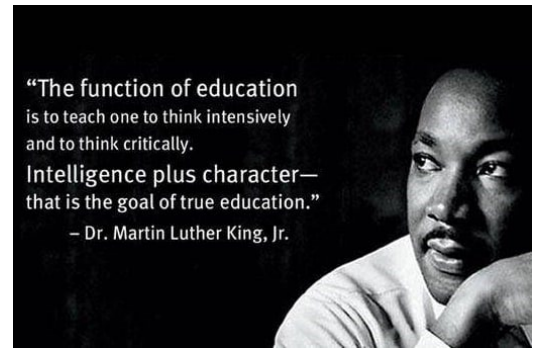
Monday, January 29: C Schedule | Beginning of Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, February 3: Hall of Fame, 3:00-6:00 PM

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

Tomorrow the nation will celebrate the Martin Luther King Day of Service. A federal holiday honoring Dr. King was signed in 1983 and the first federal holiday was observed in 1986. In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act making Martin Luther King Day as a national day of service – a day on, not a day off. A day to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."



At Nazareth, our mission reminds us that everything we do is in service to God and others. Service is a daily commitment. Students earn over 10,000 hours of service every year. May we continue to live out our commitment to service to God and others long after we leave Nazareth.

Our mission of embracing faith, family and education, as we challenge each student to attain her full potential academically, spiritually and personally builds character and creates leaders of tomorrow who will undoubtedly make a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you, Dr. King, for your vision of a beloved community and for your reminder that it is one's character that makes a difference in creating that beloved community.

School Messenger

If you did not receive a School Messenger text message alerting you to a two hour delay on January 10th, please contact Mrs. Kelly at mkelly@NazarethAcademyHS.org. It is critical that you are signed up for this school notification communication system.

Business Office

Reminder Regarding ID Cards and Lunch Accounts

As a reminder, all students must wear their ID cards on a visible Nazareth Academy High School lanyard. Students must swipe into the building every day.

Students will use their ID cards to make purchases in the Student Dining Room. This will help lines move more quickly. If your daughter needs a replacement ID, please complete this [form](#) and have your daughter report to the Attendance/Security Office.

You can load your card and check balances through [MyKidsSpending](#). All outstanding lunch account balances will be billed through FACTS on January 16th. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Kelly at mkelly@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn

I am so thrilled to take on the role of Principal in our outstanding learning community. I am fortunate to work with an extremely dedicated staff and diligent students. We have been working tirelessly to finalize class schedules and engage in professional development with the goal of promoting the academic success of our students.

I have high expectations and anticipate our moving forward in all aspects of NA life. I am excited to strengthen relationships with our faculty, teachers, and families. I have an open-door policy and I truly value your input. Through teamwork of staff, faculty, parents, and students, we will have an outstanding spring semester.

Kairos

I am very grateful to Mrs. Theresa Stanton for organizing this weekend's Kairos retreat. Many thanks to the adult leaders, Mrs. Natalie Graveley, Ms. Alexa Peyton, Ms. Grace Scarpello, and Ms. Moira Whalen for accompanying our students on this retreat in Kearny, New Jersey. The Holy Spirit was truly at work at this retreat. Many thanks to the student leaders as well for all their work planning and implementing this retreat. Thank you for remembering our retreatants in prayer. I know they did the same for all of us!

Course Selection

Course Selection is now underway! A specific course selection training session was given to freshmen by Ms. Theresa Ennis. Course selection will be presented to all classes on Tuesday, January 16th during the C Schedule. Students will be directed to reach out to Department Chairs if they have questions, and all information may be found in the [Course Catalog](#). Nazareth teachers, administration, and counselors are also here to support students during the course selection process, which closes on Wednesday, January 24th.

Second Semester Back to School Night

Back to School Night for classes that started in the second semester, held remotely via Teams, is on Wednesday, January 17th. No session will be held in person. Additional information and steps to log on to each session will be provided in a separate communication in advance of Wednesday night.

Parents may email their student's school or college counselor during the virtual time to communicate if you have any questions. The counselors will monitor their email in order to respond or set up a phone conversation if needed.



Spring Semester Back to School Night Schedule

Remote Only, via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

6:30 PM-6:35 PM	Block 1A
6:40 PM-6:45 PM	Block 1B
6:50 PM-6:55 PM	Block 2A
7:00 PM -7:05 PM	Block 2B
7:10 PM -7:15 PM	Block 3A
7:20 PM -7:25 PM	Block 3B
7:30 PM -7:35 PM	Block 4A
7:40 PM -7:45 PM	Block 4B

NAPA ~ Mrs. Ellen Lawall P '24

General Parent Meeting

The General Parent Meeting is now scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 PM. We hope you will join us as Ms. Ennis discusses the Course Selection process. This meeting has been helpful in the past in guiding you to assist your daughter when making these decisions.

MoMA & Broadway NYC Trip

On **Wednesday March 13, 2024**, Nazareth students can join Mrs. Shaw and the Art Department for a fun filled day appreciating the Arts in New York City. The day will begin at The Museum of Modern Art, where students can view modern and contemporary art, including Wyeth Christina's World and Claude Monet's Water Lilies. Then dine together while viewing priceless artifacts from Elvis and The Beatles at the Hard Rock Café. Finally, heading to the Shoenfeld Theater to watch the brand-new Broadway musical, The Notebook.

The day will begin at 7:30am boarding the tour bus at Nazareth, and end at 7:30pm in the Nazareth parking lot. Students will need a ride home at the end of the day.

\$215 includes: MoMA admission, Lunch at the Hard Rock Café, The Notebook Tickets and Transportation. Please click [here](#) for more information regarding the trip and the permission form.

Panda Paw Sale

NAPA is selling Panda Paws that will be displayed on the Student Dining Room wall for the duration of your daughter's time at Nazareth Academy. These will be attached to the wall with a velcro adhesive allowing your daughter to take the Panda Paw with her upon graduation.

Join us in this special fundraiser to decorate the Student Dining Room with Panda Pride!

NFL Playoff Pool

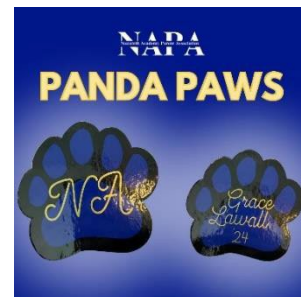
Why wait for the big game when you can win big every game of the playoffs!?!? \$100 gives you a chance to win four times per game. New numbers are emailed prior to each game. For more information, please click [here](#). We all win when we support Nazareth!!

Super Bowl Block Pool

Playoffs are underway and the Super Bowl Pool is here! The cost is \$100 per block and there will be 24 chances to win! Prizes will be given for:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Quarters & Final Score of the Game
- Opposite Score for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Quarters & Final Score of the Game
- The Four Touching Blocks for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Quarters & Final Score of the Game

To purchase your block please visit, NazarethAcademyHS.org/SuperBowl



Craft Fair & Food Truck Festival

Looking for a way to get involved at Naz? Our Festival will be on Saturday, March 9, 2024. We are looking for committee members for this event. Time commitment is mostly the weekend of the event. Please reach out to Ellen Lawall at NAPA@nazarethacademyhs.org if you are interested in helping.



Nazareth Banners

Show your Nazareth pride by repping one of our new Nazareth Academy High School banners! Whether you use it at home, down the shore, or in any fun location... you will be representing the Nazareth community in style! Banners are \$60 each. [Click here to purchase a banner.](#)

Wawa Hoagie Certificates

Treat yourself and purchase Wawa hoagie certificates good for a Wawa shorti of your choice for \$5 each. [Click here](#) to purchase.

Parent Volunteers

WE NEED YOUR HELP! There are many ways to help with these events whether it be donating an item, setting up, cleaning up, making calls, chairing events, or working with the chairs on the day of the event and much more. We realize how busy life gets and that schedules are more hectic than ever so we greatly appreciate any amount of time that our volunteers can offer. Every minute counts! You will also find the Parent Volunteer requirements and [sign-up forms](#) on NAPA page of the website. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Holly Breece Kane P '24 at NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org for more information or with any questions.

From the Office of the Registrar/Academic Dean

Ms. Theresa Ennis

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Tuesday is Course Information Day for 2024 - 2025 School year. Each Department Chairperson will be speaking with the students about courses being offered. In preparation, please read through the new 2024-2025 Course Catalog found [here](#). Click on 2024 – 2025 Course Catalog. In the Course Catalog, you will find all available courses and any prerequisites for those courses. After Tuesday, students will have a week to select courses for the following school year.

Now is a great time for your daughters to set up a meeting with their counselors and ask their teachers for guidance on which courses to select. This will help them in making informed decisions that align with their academic aspirations and future goals. Their high school courses play a vital role in shaping their educational experience and laying the foundation for success in college, career, and life.

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director

All students are welcome to join us tomorrow in a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service event at Nazareth Academy High School. We will meet from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM to take on the huge task of organizing supplies and creating almost 800 bags of feminine hygiene products for the CHOP Period Equity Project. This project was founded by Nazareth graduate Kaitlyn Petrucelli, who currently works at CHOP as a Pediatrician.

Ms. Petrucelli identified and responded to this tremendous need in the community surrounding CHOP and received a grant to implement a plan to meet this need. We are blessed to have been invited to participate in this local project which in turn, incorporates us into the spiritual economy of love. Please consider giving two hours of your time to help.



From the Office of Counseling

Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director

Hello Nazareth Families!

I hope that your year is off to a great start! Although you are aware that you can contact your student's school or college counselor at any time, please feel free to email us with any questions or concerns during the Virtual Back-to-School Night. The contact information for counselors is below:

Ms. Nina Diaconescu - PT Cora Counselor
ndiaconescu@nazarethacademyhs.org

Ms. Maria Kaloudis - College Counselor
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Mrs. Emmie Menszak - School Counselor
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Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum - Director of College Counseling
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Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley - Director of Counseling
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From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum '12, Director

FAFSA (Seniors!)

Please view this [link](#) for more information about the soft launch of the new FAFSA application. If you and your student(s) have not already created your FSA IDs, please do so [here](#).

Course Selection

Students have been advised that they can schedule course selection meetings with their college counselor. They can email me or Ms. Kaloudis to schedule a meeting, or they can stop by our offices to schedule a meeting. Course Information Day is January 16th!

SAT School Day for Juniors

We are planning on offering the SAT School Day to junior students on March 11th. Students received a survey in their Scoir accounts to sign up for this test.

Coolidge Scholarship Reminder for Juniors

The Coolidge Scholarship (full-ride) application is due on January 18th at 5:00 PM Pacific time. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

Webinar: Affording College: Expert Advice from NYU's Assistant VP of Financial Aid

Wednesday, January 17th – 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM EST

Speaker: Scott Wallace-Juedes, Assistant Vice President for Financial Aid - NYU

Join us for a comprehensive conversation with Scott Wallace-Juedes, former Director of Financial Aid at Yale and current Assistant Vice President of Financial Aid at NYU. He will share his extensive expertise and first-hand knowledge of the financial aid process in undergraduate admissions including what recent changes mean for your family. This discussion will include the FAFSA and CSS profile, scholarships, grants, need-based aid, and other ways to finance your child's education. [Register here](#).

Webinar: Understanding Athletic Recruiting

Wednesday, January 24th – 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM EST

Speakers: Holly Burks Becker & Jeffery Durso-Finley, Ed.D

Athletic recruiting is one of the more confusing processes for counselors, students, and their families because it involves a tricky intersection of parent expectations, student aspirations, coach idiosyncrasies, and conflicting league policies. We will discuss the latest trends in athletic recruiting, including specialization, early commitments, the rise of club sports, the accelerated timeline, and the impact of the pandemic on recruiting from both the coaches' and students' perspectives. [Register here](#).

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director

Congratulations to our Swim team for their win over Lansdale Catholic. We wish them good luck in their meets against Cardinal O'Hara tomorrow and Archbishop Wood and Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast on 1/20/24.

Congratulations to our junior varsity Basketball team for their win over Archbishop Carroll. We wish our Basketball teams good luck in their games against Little Flower on 1/16/24, West Catholic on 1/18/24 and Springside Chestnut Hill on 1/20/24.

Good luck to indoor track at the Kristian Marche Memorial Invitational today!

Early Dismissals:

As of now, there are no athletic early dismissals this week but there are some games/meets that have to be rescheduled.