

The Naz Newsletter



A Weekly Update for Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff

January 28, 2024

THIS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week: January 29th to February 2nd

Monday, January 29: C Schedule | Mass | Celebrating Our Community

Tuesday, January 30: A Schedule | Celebrating Our Students

Wednesday, January 31: A Schedule | Celebrating Our Nation

Thursday, February 1: A Schedule | Celebrating Vocations

Friday, February 2: B Schedule | Celebrating Faculty/Staff and Volunteers | Soph Hop – 7:00 PM - Maltese Room

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, February 5: Varsity Mathlete Competition

Tuesday, February 6: NAPA Meeting - 6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 7: Class of 2028 Scholarship Reception - 7:00-9:00 PM

Friday, February 9: B Schedule

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, it is an honor to be serving here in this sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Helping students shine brighter is a huge responsibility. At Nazareth, we recognize that it is also a great gift. Our mission combined with the core values of the Sisters ensures our students experience God's grace in their relationships with family, friends and teachers. These relationships are a reflection of love and ensure that we challenge each other every day to reflect God's love and be the best version of ourselves.

Our faculty and staff are committed to preparing Nazareth students to be virtuous leaders, living a life of service to God and others, and making a difference to those they meet along their journey.

Thought for the Week:



From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn

Catholic Schools Week

As a Catholic, independent school, Nazareth Academy joins schools across the country celebrating Catholic Schools Week, beginning today, January 28th. At Nazareth Academy High School, qualities of learning, serving, leading, and succeeding are commonplace. Our students truly embrace the mission of Mother Foundress, Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd to take Nazareth out into the world. On campus, we will have many events to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, highlighted by a school-wide Mass tomorrow, January 29th. We thank you for your commitment to a Catholic Education at Nazareth Academy.

Chick-fil-A Competition

We're incredibly excited to once again be a part of Chick-fil-A's *Catholic Schools Week Challenge Fundraiser* and we're looking forward to a fun-filled week of friendly competition against Archbishop Ryan, Father Judge, and St. Hubert's! As a reminder, the competition will run from January 29, 2024 through February 3, 2024. Stop in to Chick-fil-A either at Whitman Square (9711 Roosevelt Boulevard, at Grant Ave) or Chick-fil-A Somerton (12000 Roosevelt Boulevard, at Comly Road) from 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM Monday through Saturday and mention Nazareth Academy. You may also mobile order, type in the passcode "csw24", and select Nazareth Academy at check-out.



SPIRIT WEEK FUNDRAISER

Monday, January 29, 2024 - Saturday, February 3, 2024



All schools will receive 15% of the sales brought in by their supporters during the week. The school with the most sales will receive 20% of the final proceeds. Thank you for supporting Nazareth Academy and Catholic Schools Week!

Attention All Bus Riders

Friday, February 2nd will be a "B" Schedule. Dismissal will be at 1:00 PM. All those taking a district bus will need to make other arrangements or wait until 2:10 PM, the regular pick-up time. There will not be any early buses on Friday, February 2nd.

Discipline

Many students are not compliant with the uniform code. They also have been using the elevator, which affects those who need it. Teachers have been informed to issue demerits. I wanted to give you advance notice of these situations.

Faculty Updates

Welcome to Ashley Figaniak '08 who is assisting in the Science department. Ashley will be teaching Anatomy and Environmental Science. Ashley is a graduate from the Class of 2008. She holds a B.S. in Science Secondary Education from the University of Scranton and a Masters degree in Education (Urban) from Temple University.

Welcome to our Holy Family Practicum Students:

Haley Hand will be observing in the English Department.

Rianna Shields will be observing in the Social Studies Department.

Welcome to our Holy Family Student Teachers:

Mackenzie Kephart will be teaching in the English Department.

Victoria Sciarra will be teaching in the English Department.

From the Business Office

Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03

Registration for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

Enrollment contracts for the 2024 – 2025 academic year will be sent electronically on Thursday, February 1st. Please return to the Main Office by Thursday, February 15th. Please contact Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03, Director of Finance, with any questions or concerns at 215-268-1069 or via email at JMcCloskey@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

From the Office of Advancement

Mrs. Terri Evans, Director

Athletic Hall of Fame Tickets Available

We will be inducting our honorees for the 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame this Saturday, February 3rd. If interested in submitting an advertisement for the program book or joining us in celebrating the inductees, please purchase [here](#).



NAPA ~ Mrs. Ellen Lawall P '24

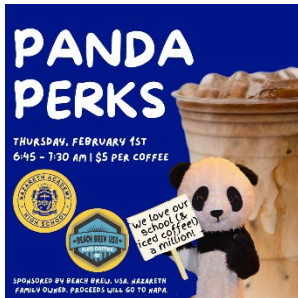
Parent Volunteers Needed for Catholic Schools Week – January 30th & February 2nd

The last week of January is always dedicated to celebrating Catholic Schools. As in previous years, NAPA will sponsor ice cream sundaes for the girls on Tuesday, January 30th and a catered lunch for our hard working, dedicated faculty on Friday, February 2nd. We are looking for some volunteers. Anyone interested in giving an hour or so of your time can sign up on the Sign Up Genius link [here](#).

Panda Perks

The next Panda Perks will be held on Thursday, February 1st from 6:45 - 7:30 AM.

It's always a brew-tiful day for a Panda Perk!



General Parent Meeting

The next NAPA General Parent Meeting will be held on February 6th. More formal agenda to come!

Playoff Pool

Congratulations to our winners of the first two weeks of the Playoff Pool:

Week 1: Nancy/Mark, Allyson J, Karen S, Ellen & Michelle L, Brian C, Christine B, Wanda F, Bobby G, Stephen F, Mimi H, Paula B, Bill S, and Maureen G.

Week 2: Christine B, Jennifer A, Peggy S, Joey P, Michael F, Jacqueline M, Bobby G, Paula B, Nick E, and Joe R.



The blocks will be emailed by Friday afternoon for the last week of playoffs. Good luck to all and thank you for supporting NAPA.

Super Bowl Block Pool

Our home team may not be in the big game, but there are lots of ways to win in the NAPA Super Bowl Pool! The cost is \$100 per block and there will be 24 chances to win more than \$5,000 in prizes! 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



Valentine's Day Raffle

Take a chance on winning a restaurant gift card and flowers for your sweetheart! What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day!!! Raffle information will be upcoming.



Easter Flower Sale

Our beautiful blooms are back this year!! Save the trip to the nursery or grocery store! Order online starting 2/18 and pick up these gorgeous locally grown Easter favorites at Nazareth on 3/23! Our bulbs make beautiful gifts or plants for your spring garden!



Craft Fair & Food Truck Festival

Our annual Craft and Food Truck Festival will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Bring your friends and family and join us for a day of fabulous crafts and food! Shop with over 50 crafters, buy from our bake sale, take a chance on some great raffles and enjoy lunch or sweets from our food trucks! Lawn signs will be available soon for our families to take home to help us advertise. We could use help in many areas including the bake sale, raffle tables and parking. Bakers are needed to make this event a huge success again this year!!! A Sign Up Genius link will be coming out soon!! We appreciate all of your support!!!



Cornhole Tournament

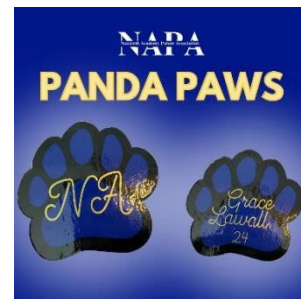
We will have our Inaugural Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, April 6th. Save the Date and watch for details to come soon!!



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!



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.](#)



Tumblers

Get 'em while their hot! Our custom NAPA tumblers pair perfectly with a Panda Perk Iced Coffee! Great gifts for anyone. There are two sizes available, a 20 oz for \$22.50 and a 30 oz for \$25. Click [here](#) to purchase a tumbler.



Wawa Hoagie Certificates

Treat yourself and purchase Wawa hoagie certificates good for a Wawa shorti of your choice for \$6 each. [Click here](#) to purchase.

Official NAPA Swag

Represent our Parents' Association with our new customized merchandise! Sweatshirts and t-shirts in Navy or Heather Gray available now in sizes small through 3XL. Browse around and purchase [here](#).

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director

Father Stephen DeLacy will help us to kick start Catholic Schools Week at NAHS by celebrating Liturgy here tomorrow morning. After Mass, we will recognize a few special teachers for their years of sacrifice and dedication. **Ms. Frances Wiecznezyski (Ms. Wiz)** will be particularly acknowledged for her **50 years of service to the NAHS community!**

Please remind your daughters to wear their blazers tomorrow.

On Thursday, we will be honored with a visit from Sisters from Mount Nazareth, who will be able to interact with our students at lunch and share stories of their vocations and their ministries over the years.

We thank all parents for demonstrating the value of Catholic Education through the financial sacrifice they make to send their daughters to a Catholic School. For a poignant perspective on the immense merit of your choice, check out the following link.

[Ten Reasons Why Catholic Education Still Matters | Alliance for Catholic Education \(nd.edu\)](#)

Mrs. Natalie Gravely and Mrs. Kerstin Greenwald are two examples of the commitment to our students present among the staff and teachers of NAHS. They bring joy to both students and teachers alike and have lined up a week full of exciting activities for our students in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Service Opportunities:

Legacy of Life Foundation of Bristol is looking for volunteers for a variety of events and activities in February. For information, contact Nikki@legacyoflife.org or check out their website at [Home - Legacy of Life Foundation](#).

We will be getting another delivery of supplies for the Period Equity Project. Check announcements and Naz News for specific dates and times for these service opportunities, and a chance to fulfill service hour requirements.



From the Office of Counseling

Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director

Hello Nazareth Families! February is around the corner and it is *Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month*. On February 7th, our students will be hearing about this important topic from special speakers representing [Laurel House](#) and [Morgan's Light](#); there are excellent resources on both sites. If you are looking for ways to have a conversation with your student about Teen Dating Violence, please check out this [Parent Discussion Guide](#). Please look in next week's Parent Newsletter for more information about our upcoming assembly. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 215-268-1030 or email me at mwhiteley@nazarethacademyhs.org.

From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum '12, Director

SAT School Day for Juniors

The SAT School Day is being offered on March 11th for Juniors. Students must sign up **today, January 28th** to take the test. They should fill out the survey in Scoir to sign up for the test.

SAT Prep

- [Khan Academy](#) is College Board's free official SAT practice partner.
- [Revolution Prep](#) offers free practice exams and a paid tutoring service.
- [Test Innovators](#) is a paid service.
- [Kaplan](#) is a paid service.

Opportunities

Many colleges offer pre-college programs and/or summer programs for high school students. Students should check out college websites to see if there are any program offerings, or if they are interested in pursuing this type of opportunity. Some opportunities are linked here: [U Penn](#), [U Penn 2](#), [Champlain College](#), [Worcester Polytechnic Institute](#), [Drexel University](#), [Thomas Jefferson University](#), [Savannah College of Art & Design](#), [Temple University](#), and [Columbia University](#).

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director

Congratulations to our cheer team for placing first in their division at the St. Hubert Cheer Competition on Sunday 1/21/24. Good luck in the Wissahickon Winter Cheer Challenge.

Congratulations to our basketball teams for their victories over St. Hubert's on Thursday 1/25/24 on senior night. Junior varsity won 44-26 and varsity won 53-30. Reese Power scored 26 points to lead the way. Good luck to the team in their home game against Neshaminy tomorrow, their away game against Archbishop Ryan on 1/30/24, their home game against Conwell Egan on 2/1/24 and their away game against Gwynedd Mercy Academy on 2/3/24.

The basketball game on Thursday 2/1/24 will be our Morgan's Light game. Please wear purple in remembrance of Morgan McCaffery.

Good luck to our swim team in their away meet against Central Bucks East tomorrow, their away meet against Little Flower on 1/31/24, and their home diving meet on 2/2/24.

Good luck to our indoor track team at their meet at Lehigh University on 2/2/24.

We are looking forward to our 2024 Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Saturday 2/3/24 at Nazareth Academy.

Early Dismissal:

The swim team will have an early dismissal at 1:30 PM tomorrow.