

# The Naz Newsletter



*A Weekly Update for Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff*

**February 11, 2024**

*How good and merciful is the Lord to deign to employ us in His works,  
to collaborate in His vineyard*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

## THIS WEEK

**Monday, February 12: SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Tuesday, February 13: A Schedule**

**Wednesday, February 14: C Schedule | Ash Wednesday**

**Thursday, February 15: A Schedule**

**Friday, February 16: A Schedule**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Monday, February 19 until Friday, February 23: MID-WINTER VACATION**

**Tuesday, February 27:** Mid-Spring Deficiency Reports will be sent and are due back to the issuing teacher by March 5<sup>th</sup>.

## From the Office of the President

### ***Mrs. Denise LePera***

With one week to go before a much-needed break, my wish is that the break will be a time of reflection, a time of renewal filled with lots of what makes you the happiest! May it also be filled with kindness, not only for you but by you to others! Our kindness to our students this week was to honor the Taste of the Town Raffle Challenge Incentive – in good faith that when the raffle returns, we will sell more than 1,000 tickets. Enjoy the day off tomorrow.



## From the Office of the Principal

### ***Mrs. Patricia Quinn P'04***

#### Welcome

We wish to welcome Ms. Hager Khowessa (Science). Hager is a 2023 graduate from Holy Family University, with a B.S. in Science. Hager teaches both Anatomy and Environmental Science.

#### Events

The Counseling Department gave a presentation on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> which was dedicated to the ending of teen violence. The presenters were Mrs. McCaffrey (Morgan's Light) and a representative from Laurel House.

Ms. Ashley Figaniak and the advancement team hosted the 2028 Scholarship Reception celebrated on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

*It is my wish that you and your families have a safe and restful Mid-Winter Break. God bless you.*

## From the Office of Student Life

### ***Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal***

#### Ice Skating

**On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will host **Nazareth Skating Night at Blue Cross RiverRink** from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Entrance and skate rental fees are FREE for the NAHS community. Refreshments will be sold.

It will be an evening filled with fun, friends, food, and of course, some ice skating! Please show your Nazareth spirit by wearing your Nazareth gear!



#### Junior Dinner Dance

The **Junior Dinner Dance** is quickly approaching! This year's event is scheduled for **Friday, March 22nd from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM** at **The Buck Hotel**. Additional information to follow!

## NAPA ~ Mrs. Ellen Lawall P'24

### Sophomore Sweet Sisterhood

Our sophomores will get a sweet treat from NAPA during their activity period on Tuesday, February 13th.



### Valentine's Raffle

Take a chance on winning a restaurant gift card and flowers for your sweetheart! What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day!!! Monday, February 12th is the last day to purchase tickets! Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets.



### Craft Fair and Food Truck Festival

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! [Limited spaces are still available](#) for crafters. Volunteers are needed to make this event a huge success. Please check out the Sign-up Geniuses to volunteer. We are also looking for donations of baked goods for our Bake Sale table which was a huge success last year! We appreciate all of your support!!

To volunteer at the Craft Fair, click [here](#).

To donate baked goods, click [here](#).



### **NAPA Executive Board Nominations**

We all know it takes a village to raise our Pandas, so if you're interested in donating your time, ideas, and energy to help NAPA to help our girls, then we want to hear from you!!! Consider volunteering yourself or talking to a friend who you think would be a good fit to join us on the Parent Association. It is not nearly as intimidating or time consuming as it looks, and we are all a team. It's about our girls and everyone brings something valuable to the table. It's a perfect mix of talent, treasure and fulfilling fun! The [nomination form](#) is available now. If you are interested in running, you can send a short bio to [NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org](mailto:NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org).

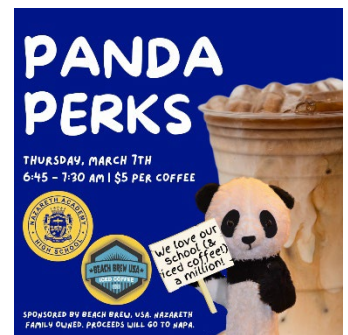
### **Parent Volunteers Needed**

The remainder of this year's events have been added to our calendar! Please visit the PARENTS page under the FAMILY tab to view the upcoming event dates and times. You will also find the [Parent Volunteer requirements and sign-up forms](#) on this tab. 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.

### **Panda Perks**

The next Panda Perk will be on 3/7. Parents are welcome to stop in for their morning pick me up at drop off!! Our March feature flavor is Irish Potato! We are lucky to have the Beach Brew Crew in our Nazareth Family.

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



### **General Parent Meeting**

Our next General Parent Meeting will be on March 5th at 6:30 pm. We will have a speaker from St. Joseph's University to talk about writing the college essay. This is a very informative session for all of our students. All grades can benefit from what Mr. Brad Simon has to say. In addition, NAPA board nominees will have the opportunity to introduce themselves before elections. Please click [here](#) to RSVP.

### **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!



### **Cornhole Pandamonium**

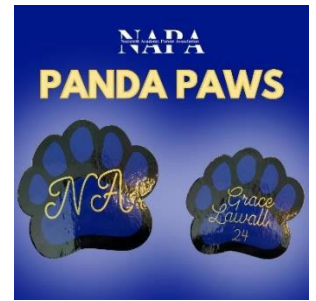
Nazareth Cornhole Tournament ~ Save the Date!! We will hold our inaugural corn hole tournament on Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 AM. Grab your favorite Naz alum, Panda or incoming Panda and sign up for a day of fun and prizes!! More details to come!!



### 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 the Registrar/Academic Dean

***Ms. Theresa Ennis***

**National Honors Society**

**Mr. John Marchese**

**Nazareth Academy High School Student Awarded Prestigious National Honor Society Scholarship**

The [National Honor Society](#) (NHS) announced that Casey Stone, a high school senior at Nazareth Academy High School and member of NHS, has been selected as an NHS Scholarship semifinalist.

Since 1946, more than \$25 million in scholarships have been awarded to outstanding NHS senior members to support college access and student success. The scholarship program is supported by the parent organization of NHS, the [National Association of Secondary School Principals](#) (NAASP).

In the 100+ years since NHS was founded in 1921, members have been making a difference in their schools and communities, and the NHS Scholarship is NAASP's way of recognizing the most exceptional of these student leaders. Recipients are chosen based on their demonstrated work to support the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

At Nazareth Academy High School, Casey Stone serves as NHS Secretary and a peer tutor.

For more information about the NHS, visit [www.nationalhonorsociety.org](http://www.nationalhonorsociety.org)

Congratulations, Casey!

### **Course Requests for 2024-2025**

Prerequisites are being checked for courses that your daughter has requested for next school year. Department Chairs have or will reach out to notify a student if a prerequisite was not met and their course request lists are being updated to reflect those changes.

Starting on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, students and parents are encouraged to verify the course request list in PowerSchool. You can view the course request by going to [nahs.powerschool.com/public](http://nahs.powerschool.com/public), clicking on course registration on the left hand side. If there are any issues with your course requests, please contact the department chair.

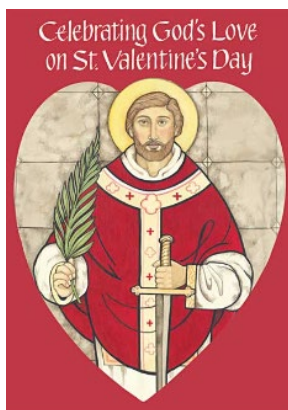
## From the Office of Campus Ministry

***Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director***

**Fast. Pray. Love.**

It's hard to believe that the Season of Lent begins this week!

Students will have an opportunity to receive ashes at our Lenten Prayer Service on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, which also happens to be Valentine's Day this year.



For a great Lenten refresher, check out [Lent 2024: The Complete Guide to the Catholic Season of Lent – Hallow](#), including this insight from our Holy Father about the relationship between the Lenten pillars of fasting and love, which enable us "to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to 'devour' everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts."

This website also offers great ideas for embracing the Season of Lent to deepen our relationship with God through prayer.

The following [prayer and reflection](#) of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent connects us with the mission in which we all participate as members of the NAHS community of faith:

Read and ponder these words in your heart during the week:

*"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95:8)*

*"...we ought to plead with our Lord to make this period of Lent the beginning of a new life in us, a spiritual renewal..." (Conference, February 5, 1901)*

Ask yourself:

- How are you called to both hear and listen to the voice of God during this Lent?
- To what action does your listening move you?

## **From the Office of College Counseling**

***Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum '12, Director***

### **FAFSA**

As you may have already seen through our Instagram, on social media, or in the news, FAFSA information won't be given to colleges until March. This means your student may not receive financial aid packages until March/April. Please view this [link](#) for the full announcement from Federal Student Aid.

### **Meetings**

If any parent or guardian would like to schedule a meeting with their student's college counselor before the end of the year, please don't hesitate to do so!

Mrs. Scheerbaum - [ascheerbaum@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:ascheerbaum@nazarethacademyhs.org)

Ms. Kaloudis - [mkaloudis@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:mkaloudis@nazarethacademyhs.org)

## **Opportunities**

Seniors! The Hispanic Scholarship Fund [application](#) closes on February 15th.

Eligibility:

- Must be of Hispanic heritage
- U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or DACA
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the U.S., for the 2024-2025 academic year
- Submit the FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms (if applicable)

University of Pennsylvania 2024 Provost's Summer Mentorship [Program](#).

Deadline to apply: February 14<sup>th</sup>

Program Dates: July 8<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>

For: Rising sophomore and rising junior students

## **From the Office of the Athletics**

### ***Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director***

We are sending good vibes to our cheer team at Nationals competing. Good luck and safe travels!

Congratulations to our varsity basketball team for their victory over Lansdale Catholic 36-35. We wish them good luck in the first round of PCL playoffs on 2/15/24.

Congratulations to our indoor track athletes that competed at the Henderson High School meet on 2/6/24. They all ran a personal best. We wish the team good luck for PCL Champs today, February 11th.

Good luck to our swim team as they prepare for PCL Champs and Districts on 2/16/24 and 2/17/24 at La Salle University.

### **Early dismissals:**

The indoor track team will have an early dismissal at 11:15 AM on Friday 2/16/24.

The swim team will not be in class on Friday 2/16/24 as they will be competing at PCL Champs at La Salle University.

The basketball team may have an early dismissal on Thursday 2/15/24. We are waiting on official game information for the playoffs.

The cheer team is traveling home from Nationals on 2/13/24.