## The Naz Newsletter



A Weekly Update for Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff

March 3, 2024

The Lord Jesus has committed to you this blessed work, this divine mission.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

### **THIS WEEK**

Monday, March 4: A Schedule | Dress Down Day, Pandas Stand Up | Varsity Mathletes Tuesday, March 5: A Schedule | Mid-Spring Deficiency Reports are due back to issuing teachers | NAPA Parent Meeting 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Wednesday, March 6: A Schedule

Thursday, March 7: A Schedule | Kairos | NAPA Panda Perks 6:30 AM -8:00 AM

Friday, March 8: A Schedule | Kairos | End of Mid-Spring Marking Period

Saturday, March 9: Kairos | NAPA Craft Fair & Food Truck Festival, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Monday, March 11: No School, Faculty PD | Mid-Spring grades due by 8:00 AM | SAT School Day for Juniors

Wednesday, March 13: Alternate 6th and 7th Grade Practice Test, 4:00 PM-7:00PM

Thursday, March 14: Mid-Spring Grades will be available online

Friday, March 15: P.I.P Club Tag Day

Saturday, March 16: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test, 7:30 AM-12:00 PM | All Catholic

Orchestra Concert, 3:00 PM-5:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 19:** C Schedule | Lenten Liturgy | Honor Societies Induction 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Friday, March 22: Class of 2024 Day | Junior Dinner Dance 6:00 PM-10:00 PM

Saturday, March 23: Spring Drama Production, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

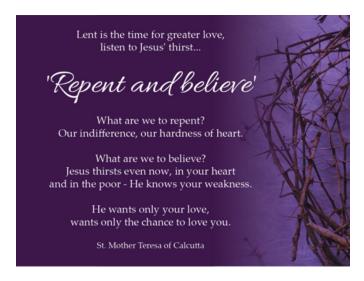
Sunday, March 24: Spring Drama Production, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM/7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Monday, March 25: Nazareth Academy Class Trip to see movie "Cabrini" at Neshimany

Mall

# From the Office of the President Mrs. Denise LePera

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta reminds us of Jesus' thirst for our love simply for the chance to love us. May this week of Lent be a time to let go of our indifference and those things that make our hearts hard.



### **Lenten Journey from Sr. Barbara Jean**



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# From the Office of the Principal Mrs. Patricia Quinn P'04

Congratulations to Ms. Theresa Ennis on being appointed as Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs. Theresa has worked tirelessly this year easing my role while retaining the many duties of the Registrar. I am very grateful that she has accepted this role.

### **Class Trip for Entire Student Body**

Monday, March 25: Nazareth Academy High School Class Trip for the Entire Student Body and Faculty-Through the generosity of the Connelly Foundation and the Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education in conjunction with Holy Week, we will be going to the 10:00 AM presentation of the movie Cabrini at the Neshaminy Mall movie theater. Buses will be provided, and all are required to attend. There will be no classes that day.

# From the Office of Student Life Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

### **Nazareth Skate Night**

A huge thank you to the Forkin Family for sponsoring Nazareth Academy's Skate Night at the Blue Cross River Rink. Our Nazareth students, their friends, and family members had a wonderful night! We are so grateful! A special shoutout to Mr. Marchese for joining us!





## Junior Dinner Dance (JDD)

On Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> the **Junior Dinner Dance** will take place at the Buck Hotel from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Please click <u>here</u> to purchase tickets and fill out all required forms. Please have materials submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to a great night for the class of 2025!

### **Dress Down Day on Monday**

On Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a Dress Down Day for Morgan's Light Alliance. Please pay \$5 to dress down or wear the Morgan's Light Alliance shirt that you purchased. All proceeds will benefit Laurel House.

Thank you! Have a great week! God bless! Go Pandas!

## From the Office of Advancement Mrs. Terri Evans, Director

#### **Legacy Gala**

Our annual Legacy Gala will be held on April 19, 2024 at the Union League Golf Club at Torresdale. Please join us as we celebrate our wonderful school and all those who have contributed to the growth of the school. You can support the Legacy Gala in several ways: by <u>purchasing a ticket</u>, by donating an item off of our <u>Amazon Wishlist</u> or our <u>donation ideas</u>, or <u>become a sponsor/submit an advertisement in the program book</u>.

Thank you and we are most grateful for your support!

## NAPA ~ Mrs. Ellen Lawall P'24

## **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! <u>Limited spaces are still available</u> 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!!

NAPA is NEED of Dads to assist with parking for the Craft Fair. We will take as little or as much time that you have to help with this detail for the Craft Fair on Saturday, March 9th. If available, please email <a href="MAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org">NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org</a> and one of the board members will be in touch to add you to the schedule.



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 <u>nomination form</u> is available now. If you are interested in running, you can send a short bio to <u>NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org</u>.

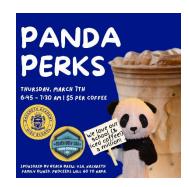
## **Parent Volunteers Needed**

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 <u>Parent Volunteer requirements and sign-up forms</u> 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 <u>here</u> to RSVP.

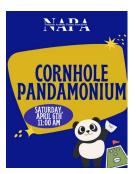
#### **Easter Flower Sale**

Our beautiful blooms are back this year!! Save the trip to the nursery or grocery store! Place your order <u>here</u> and pick up these gorgeous locally grown Easter favorites at Nazareth on 3/23! Last day to purchase is March 16<sup>th</sup>. Our bulbs make beautiful gifts or plants for your spring garden!



#### **Cornhole Pandamonium**

Nazareth Cornhole Tournament  $^{\sim}$  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. <u>Click here</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

# From the Office of Academics Ms. Theresa Ennis, Assistant Principal

Thank you for everyone's kind words and congratulations! I am excited and eager to take on the role of Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs. A special thank you to Mrs. Quinn for her guidance and assistance since October.

Deficiency Notices were mailed home on Tuesday. These should be reviewed, signed by a parent/guardian, and returned to the issuing teacher on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mid-Spring marking period closes on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

GPA is not calculated on the Mid-Spring Marking period.

The Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 19th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

## From the Office of Campus Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director



A variety of organizations in the community have reached out to NAHS for assistance with upcoming events. Please see the following for ways in which you can serve the local community and get service hours within the next few weeks:

Somerton Recreation Center is looking for student volunteers for their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd from 1:00-4:00 PM. Please contact Mrs. McFillin at <a href="mailto:amymcfillin22@yahoo.com">amymcfillin22@yahoo.com</a> for details and to register to help.



The March calendar for Legacy of Life of Bristol is packed with events for which volunteer help is needed. Use this link <u>Star Manager: VOLUNTEERS - BRISTOL Event Opportunities (signupgenius.com)</u> to sign up to volunteer.



Student help is also needed right here in the building for the Period Equity Project. We will meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after dismissal to organize and pack our latest shipment of supplies. If you need service hours, this is an easy way to get three hours this week!



As a means of participation in the National Eucharistic Revival, Sophomore Retreat will be off campus this year! On Monday, March 18th, students will travel to the National Shrine of Saint John Neumann for a day of faith and fellowship. John Neumann was a major proponent of the Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as our Catholic Education. Check out <a href="The National Shrine of St. John Neumann - Philadelphia">The National Shrine of St. John Neumann - Philadelphia</a>, PA (stjohnneumann.org) for more information.

## You have to go deeper to go further

Please remember our Kairos Leaders and participants in prayer as they set out this Thursday for this spiritually enriching experience. We will keep the intentions of the NAHS community in our daily prayers on this retreat.

Due to Kairos, Adoration will not be held in Chapel this Thursday, however, students are encouraged to stop into Chapel to spend some time in prayer and some Religion classes may head in for Stations of the Cross.



The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite us to read and ponder these words in our hearts during this week:

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LET US PRAY: God of compassion, Love incarnate: As we walk with You in this Lenten season, train our eyes and hands for humble service so we may see others as You do. Weave within us a faithfulness to Your Love that draws us ever deeper into Your light. Even in darkness, even in brokenness, may we be channels of Your compassion and healing. AMEN.



# From the Office of Counseling Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director

If your student is interested in receiving mental health or substance use services and you do not know where to start, please see the Cora SAP brochure <u>here</u>. If you wish to schedule a free SAP assessment through Cora, please contact your student's school counselor for next steps. If you need help with mental health or substance abuse resources, please contact your student's school counselor. Thank you!

# From the Office of the Athletics Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director

Good luck to our varsity basketball team as they will compete in their first round of States on March 9th. It is tentatively set for 3:00 PM at Holy Family University, but we will update you on social media.

Good luck to our swimmers who are currently preparing for States.

Spring sports begin on Monday, March 4th. If you plan to try out for a spring sport, please be sure you have your updated physical on file with the trainer for this academic year that is dated June 1, 2023 or later. You must also

register and make payment through Family ID. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Kelley in the Athletic Department. If you do not have all required paperwork, you will not be permitted to try out.

If you have any sport specific questions, please reach out to the coach. Their email addresses can be found on the Athletics portion of the website.

Softball tryouts will be Monday through Thursday from 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM at Fluehr Park (Eden Hall).

Lacrosse tryouts will be Monday through Thursday from 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM at Nazareth Academy.

Outdoor track will have their workouts Monday through Wednesday from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at Nazareth Academy.