

The Naz Newsletter



A Weekly Update for Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff

March 24, 2024

But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice and gave up His spirit

-Matthew 27:50

THIS WEEK

Monday, March 25: *Cabrini* Movie Class Trip for Entire Student Body & Faculty/Staff
Tuesday, March 26: A Schedule
Wednesday, March 27: Special B Schedule, dismissal at 1:00 PM (See schedule in Mrs. Quinn's update below)
Thursday, March 28: Holy Thursday, No Classes
Friday, March 29: Good Friday, No Classes
Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday
Monday, April 1: Easter Monday, No Classes
Tuesday, April 2: A Schedule | NAPA 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, April 3: A Schedule
Thursday, April 4: A Schedule | Panda Perks
Friday, April 5: Naz-A-Thon
Saturday, April 6: All-Catholic Jazz Band Performance at Archbishop Ryan High School

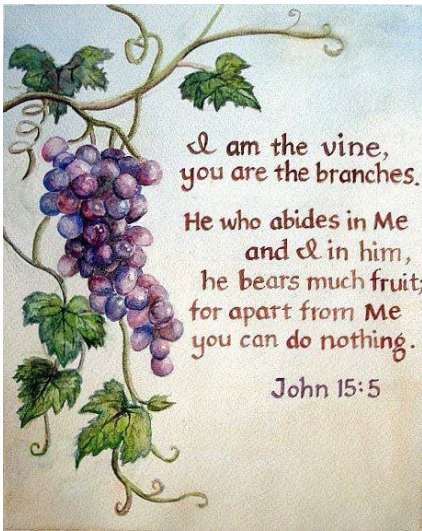
From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

Just like that, Holy Week is before us. Wishing you and your families a very blessed Easter. As Saint John Paul II said, *"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."*

With no newsletter on Easter Sunday, I want to wish you and yours a very blessed Easter. And as Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen." Below you will also find Sr. Barbara Jean's Lenten Journey reflections for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Thought for the Week



Lenten Journey for Palm Sunday

from Sr. Barbara Jean, Director of Mission Advancement

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



"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34)

"The Lord sustains, strengthens, comforts and supports you in moments of difficulty." (Letter #166)



Ask yourself:

- ❖ How can you connect with Jesus in the fullness of His humanity and the depth of His suffering during this Holy Week?
- ❖ How might this time of connection with Jesus' suffering change the way you encounter the suffering of others?

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

Lenten Journey for Easter Sunday

from Sr. Barbara Jean, Director of Mission Advancement

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



“Alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice!” (Psalm 118:24)

“May your hearts be filled with hope and fortitude.”



Ask yourself:

- ❖ Where are you bearing witness to the transformation of all creation in Christ?
- ❖ How are you different for having experienced transformative resurrection in your own life?



Let Us Pray

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn P'04



Tomorrow, 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.

Students are to wear their uniform with tights. Each homeroom will be monitored by the homeroom moderator and one other adult. If a student opts to not attend, it will be counted as an absence. Specifics for the day are provided by Mrs. Hartey. We should be back around 1:00-1:15 PM ish.

SPECIAL B Schedule on 3/27

Homeroom	7:45-7:57
Stations	8:00-8:25
1A	8:28-8:49
1B	8:52-9:13
2A	9:16-9:37
2B	9:40-10:01
ACT	10:04-10:25
3A	10:28-10:49
3B	10:52-11:13
4A	11:16-11:37
4B	11:40-12:00
BB	12:03- 1:00

This will be the LAST UPDATE until the Week of April 7th!

Please have a safe and Blessed Easter. It is my wish that you and your families find peace in the Resurrected Christ during this holy season.



Thank You

Congratulations and thank you to Ms. Kate Chmelko '05 and David Zagorski for their work in organizing the All-Catholic Orchestra Festival hosted by Nazareth Academy High School. Behind the scenes there were countless hours of rehearsals and preparation for this event. Thank you to the student volunteers. Congratulations to our seven Nazareth students who performed; their talents never ceased to amaze me. Thank you, Ms. Kate Chmelko '05 and Mr. David Zagorski for your continuous support in promoting our musical program. Our All-Catholic orchestra students are Bailey Boyer '26, Mercedes Calderon '24, Susanna Coyle '24, Kayley Dao '25, Daria Heletkanycz '24, Grace Palermo '24, and Cindy Zhang '27. Daria and Grace are four-year members.

Thank you to Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Ms. Theresa Ennis, and honor society moderators for organizing the resplendent Honors Convocation. I hope that all parents who attended had an awesome time and CONGRATULATIONS to your daughters!!

CONGRATULATIONS

I am so very proud to share with you that Emma Crumbock '24 has earned the distinction of being the Nazareth Academy High School Class of 2024 Valedictorian. I am honored to announce that Susanna Coyle '24 is our Class of 2024 Salutatorian.

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Cabrini Movie

We will see the movie *Cabrini* tomorrow, Monday, March 25th.

Please click [here](#) to complete a permission slip for your daughter.

The students should report to school at regular time in full uniform (tights, no blazers).

The movie will be shown at the AMC Neshaminy at 10:00 AM. The concession stands will be open!

Dismissal: Approximately 1:00 PM.

We are so grateful for the opportunity to watch the story of St. Frances Cabrini, a strong female saint, through the generosity of the Connelly Foundation.

Senior Class Portrait through Catalano Studio

Catalano will take a formal Senior class portrait on the Chapel steps on April 18th (Raindate: April 23rd).

All Seniors should wear their full uniforms, including blazers.

Please click [here](#) to order a portrait. All orders must be placed by April 17th.

Senior Prom at Citizens Bank Park

The Senior Prom will take place at Citizens Bank Park on Thursday, May 2nd from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

Additional details will follow. We are so excited about this fantastic event!

Saturday Detention

Saturday Detention will take place on Saturday, April 13th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM for any student who has accrued 15 or more demerits. Students have been (or will be) notified.

Naz-A-Thon

Our 10th annual Naz-A-Thon will take place on Friday, April 5th in the Gym. Please stop by and encourage your daughters to keep dancing any time after 5:00 PM. If you are interested in volunteering to help at any point during the day, please have your daughter stop in room 213 to sign you up.

All donations from our Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon benefit different departments at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This year we are supporting the Child Life Department, the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, and the Acquired Autonomic Dysfunction Program at CHOP. The goal of this event is for every child to get the help they need to be cured so they can have the childhood they deserve. CHOP provides excellent care to all their patients and family members. Even some of our Nazareth families have had amazing experiences at CHOP. Their stories inspire us to want to give back. Our dance marathon is a great way to give back and even show your support for a friend or family member at CHOP. There will be food, music, Miracle Family speakers, games, and fun during the 12 hours that we dance for the kids. The final fundraising total will be revealed at the end of the last hour of Naz-A-Thon.

Please consider joining us to help support this great cause. If you decide to participate in Naz-A-Thon, there is more information on our website or our Instagram where you will find fundraising updates, and links to donate. There is a \$5 donation fee to enter, and you can also buy an event t-shirt as well as raffle tickets to win baskets and concert tickets. There is no need to register. Just show up on April 5th for a great time for a great cause!

There is also a dine out All Day at Joseph's Pizza in Rockledge on March 27th.

Quick Look Ahead...

March 25th | *Cabrini* movie

March 27th | Stations of the Cross/Bread Basketball

April 5th | Naz-A-Thon

April 11th | Community Day of Service

April 18th (Raindate: April 23rd) | Catalano Senior Class Portrait

May 2nd | Senior Prom

Thank you for all that you do! Easter Blessings to you and your family! Have a great week! Go Pandas! God bless!

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 [purchasing a ticket](#), by donating an item off of our [Amazon Wishlist](#) or our [donation ideas](#), or [become a sponsor/submit an advertisement in the program book](#).

Thank you and we are most grateful for your support!

NAPA ~ Mrs. Ellen Lawall P'24

Cornhole Pandamonium!!! Nazareth Corn Hole Tournament

We will hold our inaugural corn hole tournament on Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 AM. Cost is \$60 per team. Grab your favorite Naz alum, Panda or incoming Panda and [sign up](#) for a day of fun and prizes!!



General Parent Meeting

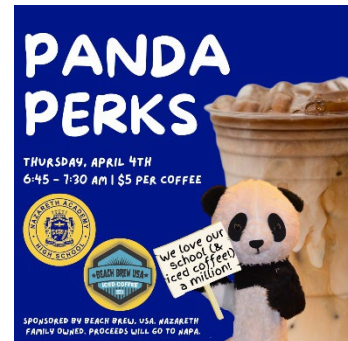
[Join us](#) on Tuesday, April 2nd and meet our newly elected NAPA board!

NAPA Executive Board Nominations – Vote by March 27th

The 2024-2025 NAPA Executive Board Ballot is now [open for voting](#)! Learn more about the five nominees running by reading their brief biographies. We thank our nominees for accepting their nominations and for their enthusiasm to participate. We encourage you to read, reflect and vote for the candidates you believe will best represent the Nazareth Academy Parent Association. **Voting closes on Wednesday, March 27th.**

Panda Perks – April 4th

Parents are welcome to stop in for their morning pick me up at drop off!! Our April feature flavor is Almond Joy! Start your day with a delicious Beach Brew served up by your favorite Panda baristas!!



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! This is a perfect gift to represent any upcoming Class of 2024 Graduates! 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. These gift certificates are perfect for Easter baskets or Spring sports games on-the-go! 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](#).

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.

From the Office of Academics

Ms. Theresa Ennis, Assistant Principal

Wishing you and your family a Safe and Happy Easter!

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director



On Wednesday, the NAHS community will gather in Chapel for student-led Stations of the Cross. The meditations and prayers were written by our students and the music for reflection was chosen by our students for our students. Of course, our phenomenal choir will lead us in traditional Catholic Stations hymns. Thank you to Ms. Kate Chmelko '05 and Dave Zagorski for enriching every service with beautiful music every time!



The Faith and Fellowship Club has completed its palm weaving project. Students were invited to bring palm (which has been blessed by Father Kevin from St. Katherine's Parish) home. This symbol of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem doubles as a symbol of Christ's triumph over sin and death. It is burned and mixed with holy water or chrism for use in next year's Ash Wednesday services. A Blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week to all!



A shout out to Mrs. Theresa Harter for her work in taking advantage of the financial help from the Connelly Foundation to provide our students with an opportunity to see the acclaimed "Cabrini" movie about the "Eponymous Italian Catholic missionary nun who not only founded a peerless orphanage in New York at the turn of the 20th century (and gave her name to Hudson Heights' serene Cabrini Boulevard in Manhattan), but also resolutely built a worldwide network of charitable organizations and homes in the decades following." Tomris Laffly from *Roger Ebert*. Perhaps they will want to see it again with their families!



Community Day sign-up will be available next week for Seniors and Juniors. We also have an exciting lineup of speakers for the underclassmen who will remain at Naz for these presentations and service projects which support the organizations these speakers represent.



Sophomores enjoyed faith in understanding, practice, and fellowship on Monday at the National Shrine of Saint John Neumann. Thank you to Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Sister B and Ms. Deanna Dollbaum for chaperoning this trip.



May God bless you and make all things new in you this Easter Season!



From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum '12, Director

The winning career of Career March Madness will be announced on March 27th. The final two careers are Interior Designer and Neurologist. Voting closes at 10:00 AM on March 26th.

FAFSA

Senior parents, if you have not already filled out the FAFSA with your student, please do so. Colleges started receiving some FAFSA data this past week. Keep an eye on your student's FAFSA status (in review, processed, action required, etc.)

Class of 2024 Scholarship Opportunities

Wilt Chamberlain Memorial Fund Scholarship Program

Due Date: April 22nd

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- Plan to graduate from high school at the end of the 2023-24 academic year
- Intend to enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution beginning Fall 2024
- Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.5 or above
- Demonstrate significant unmet financial need
- Family income must be \$50,000 or less
- Must reside in the Greater Philadelphia Area
 - Philadelphia County, PA
 - Bucks County, PA
 - Delaware County, PA
 - Montgomery County, PA
 - Burlington County, NJ
 - Camden County, NJ
 - Gloucester County, NJ

Dunkin Scholarship due April 15th.

If you live in Bensalem, please encourage your student to apply for the Bensalem specific scholarships that were emailed to her!

*Scholarship newsletters are still sent to the seniors weekly.

Opportunities

Glen Foerd Association is running their Riverways Ambassador Program this summer from July 8th through August 16th. Please see the flyer below for more information. Current 10th and 11th Grade students should speak to Mr. Gregory Severino if they are interested in this opportunity.

WANT TO LEARN
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Become a Riverways Ambassador at Glen Foerd!



Glen Foerd's Riverways Ambassador program is designed to be a hands-on learning opportunity for Philadelphia area high school students. The program aims to increase awareness and knowledge of the Delaware River Watershed, the effects of climate change, and provide opportunities for on-water and land activities while promoting community outreach and stewardship.



To Apply:

- Applicants must be a rising 11th or rising 12th-grade student.
- Ambassadors participating in our program will be paid a stipend for their participation at the completion of the program.
- 6-week program from July 8th through August 16th
- Scan the QR code to apply.
- Or head to www.glenfoerd.org/youth-programs

If you have any questions please contact Environmental Program Manager, Robert DiTomaso at rditomaso@glenfoerd.org



Bucks County Community College is having an Open House on April 13th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at their Newtown campus. Register [here](#) if interested.

Representatives from Trinity College Dublin will be at La Salle College High School on March 27th at 6:30 PM for an Open House event.

Please use this [link](#) to register if you are interested in attending.

We will be hosting our Holy Family University college admissions representative, Tim O'Driscoll, on April 22nd and/or April 25th for mock interviews with Junior students. A survey was sent out on Scoir on March 7th for Juniors to RSVP for an interview by April 1st. Your students may have to schedule interviews as a part of their application process, they may participate in Nazareth instant decision and interview days with college reps during senior year, and they will eventually have job interviews, so this would be a good opportunity for your students to practice interviewing.

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director

Congratulations to our varsity softball team for their victories over PACS and Calvary Christian. We wish them luck as they prepare for their home game against MAST tomorrow, March 25th, their away game against Gwynedd Mercy on April 2nd, and their PCL home opener against Neumann-Goretti on April 4th.

We wish our lacrosse team good luck as they prepare for their PCL home opener on March 26th against Little Flower and their away game against Cardinal O'Hara on April 4th.

We wish our outdoor track team good luck as they prepare for the John Heins Invitational at Upper Moreland High School on April 4th.