

# The Naz Newsletter



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

**April 7, 2024**

*Jesus is the only one who guides souls. He chooses whomever He wishes and imparts His light and His grace.*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, April 7:** Class of 2028 Welcome Mass & Breakfast, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Monday, April 8:** Virtual Instruction

**Tuesday, April 9:** A Schedule | Fire Drill at 8:15 AM.

**Wednesday, April 10:** Extended Homeroom Schedule - SAFE Environment Presentation given by the Theology Department.

**Thursday, April 11:** Community Day (Service) | New Student Information Night, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

**Friday, April 12:** Special C Schedule | Community Service Student Reflection and Prayer (Chapel)

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Monday, April 15:** BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by NHS, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 17:** B Schedule | Faculty Meeting

**Friday, April 19:** Legacy Gala, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM

**Monday, April 22:** C Schedule | Athletic Signing Day

**Wednesday, April 24:** No Classes | Open House, 5:30 PM-8:30 PM

**Friday, April 26:** St. Lucy's Day

**Monday, April 29:** Class of 2028 Placement Testing, 3:30 PM-6:00 PM

## From the Office of the President

### *Mrs. Denise LePera*

We are very grateful to the Nazareth Family Foundation for an outreach grant. We were asked to use this grant to make an impact to organizations beyond our own mission. Our mission calls out service to God and others in our mission statement and it is a priority at Nazareth, with our students required to earn 10 hours a semester for each of the four years they are students. It is very exciting that many students are recognized in the spring for reaching 100 years of service in the academic year. Last year, Mrs. Theresa Stanton started a Community Day of Service. There are weekly and monthly service projects throughout the year to many organizations. After thoughtful consideration of the impact to our students and to those served by these organizations, Nazareth Academy High School proudly supported:

**St. Lucy School for Children with Visual Impairments** Saint Lucy School for Children with Visual Impairments is one of the three Special Education Schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For many years, Nazareth Academy High School has hosted students from St. Lucy's in a day-long event. Each year, Nazareth Academy High School welcomes students from St. Lucy Day School for Children with Visual Impairment. The day includes science projects, gym activities, snacks in the Student Dining Room, music performances, story time, and even a rocket launch by our Rocketry Club for the children of the visiting schools.

**Legacy of Life Foundation** Empowering life change and investing in educating, inspiring, and supporting women in unplanned pregnancies to find the strength to choose life. Legacy of Life Centers not only provide that critical support in the immediacy of their crisis pregnancy need, but the support and resources needed after the birth for at least three years. Free ultrasounds provide the woman with the first image of her child on the ultrasound screen. 80% of the women who see the ultrasound screen choose life for their baby.

**Morgan's Light Foundation** Morgan's Light was established in 2020 after Nazareth graduate, Morgan McCaffery '20 lost her life in a teen dating violence incident. They shed light on toxic teenage relationships to help those in our community recognize the signs. They believe in acting with urgency in order to raise public awareness about teenage relationship violence. The Foundation comes to speak to our students annually about teen dating violence and educates students on the importance of building and maintaining healthy relationships, distinguishing between healthy, unhealthy and toxic relationships, recognizing warning signs and patterns of abusive relationships, safely ending an abusive relationship and community resources/services that are available, and sharing strategies on how to help friend who might be in need.

**Mother of Mercy House** In 2015, Mother of Mercy House was opened, inspired by Pope Francis' call to "be a poor Church for the poor," to be a "field hospital," to "take the Church to the frontiers," to "move beyond our comfort zones" and be where others might not want to be. The Mother of Mercy House was founded with a simple desire to be the presence of Christ in our community and work each day to meet the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of

our Kensington neighbors with love, as we share the mercy of God. Initiatives included a food pantry, after school program that includes homework time, life skills, computers, art and other activities, outside sports (weather permitting), summer camps that include games, computer, art, cooking, outdoor sports and academics and clothing ministries.

**Breathing Room Foundation:** The Breathing Room Foundation improves the lives of families affected by cancer by ensuring no one feels alone in their fight. They provide individualized care and support to families affected by cancer by addressing their most critical needs so that they can concentrate their efforts on regaining their physical health, providing care and support to families affected by cancer. A cancer diagnosis affects every aspect of a family's life; emotional, physical, spiritual and financial. We strive to provide a family with whatever it is that will allow them a bit of "breathing room" from their daily struggle against cancer.

### Thought for the Week



## From the Office of the Principal

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

Happy Easter! May we all find hope and joy in the risen Lord Jesus! We look forward to Community Day this week. I am deeply grateful to Mrs. Theresa Stanton and Mrs. Theresa Hartey for the planning of service activities for this day. We will follow up the activities of Community Day on Friday with a Special C Schedule for a sharing and reflection of their service activities and prayer. At this time, students who have achieved at least 100 Hours of Service will be recognized.

A very special thank you to Mrs. Cheryl Sylvester and her Naz-A-Thon team for their tireless efforts in raising funds for the Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia. Thank you to our parents for their donations and for volunteering their time. Their work provides benefits for the most vulnerable members of our society.

Congratulations to Ms. Kate Chmelko '05, Mr. David Zagorski, and Music faculty who received the Best Communities for Music Education award from the NAMM Foundation. This award is certainly well deserved and can be evidenced by the talent that has been nurtured in our students.

## **From the Office of Student Life**

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

### **Naz-A-Thon**

A huge thank you to all who helped with Naz-A-Thon! What a tremendous event! I think we can all agree that it was great to see the students united in a common cause and have so much fun together as a school community! A special thanks to Mrs. Cheryl Sylvester and her student committee for their tireless dedication to this incredible event.

### **Community Day**

On Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, Seniors and Juniors will be volunteering at a variety of non-profit organizations throughout the community, as the Freshmen and Sophomore classes remain here for on-campus service. The underclassmen will also hear from representatives of some of the non-profit organizations which we support as a faith community. Dismissal for Freshmen and Sophomores will be at noon.

Senior and Junior parents only, please fill out the following [permission slip](#) for your daughter to participate in our Community Day of Service on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **CSC DDD**

There will be a Dress Down Day on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to benefit Nazareth CSC.

### **Senior Class Portrait through Catalano Studios**

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

All Seniors should wear their full winter uniforms, including blazers.

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

### **Senior Prom at Citizens Bank Park**

The Senior Prom will take place at Citizens Bank Park on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. A separate email has been sent, but you may click [here](#) to purchase tickets and fill out required forms. We are looking forward to an awesome evening for our Seniors!


### **Saturday Detention**

Saturday Detention has been re-scheduled for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM for any student who has accrued 15 or more demerits. Students have been (or will be) notified.

## NHS Blood Drive Monday - April 15th

It's that time of year again. Time for another blood drive! On April 15<sup>th</sup>, students, staff, and parents will have the opportunity to donate blood through the Red Cross in the Gym from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Donors will receive a \$10 gift card by email. Especially as summer approaches and international trips near us, it is important to donate blood before traveling outside of the country, as international travel delays blood donation. For more information about eligibility, please visit the official Red Cross website or feel free to contact Daria Heletkanycz at [6233@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:6233@nazarethacademyhs.org). Thank you. [CLICK HERE TO RESERVE APPOINTMENT](#)

*Give blood.*  
Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.  
**American Red Cross**



**Blood Drive**  
**Nazareth Academy**  
Gym  
4001 Grant Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19114  
**Monday, April 15, 2024**  
**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter:  
Nazareth Academy to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.  
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.  
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting  
[RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history  
questions on the day of your appointment.

**Make an impact: Come give blood 4/8 to 4/28 for a \$10  
gift card by email to a merchant of choice!**

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## Freshman Field Trip

On Monday May 13th, the Freshmen will be taking a field trip to Center City and Citizens Bank Park. Additional information will be provided.

## Summer Uniforms

Summer Uniforms will begin on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **SPRING/FALL UNIFORM**

- Blue cord summer weight wrap around kilt
- Navy or white 2-button pique fitted shirt with school logo
- White crew socks, no logos

Thank you for all that you do to make our school such a beautiful community! 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 [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**

### Mother's Day Raffle

Win something extra special for your Mom or yourself!! Take a chance to win your choice of three fantastic prizes! You can either win a Series 9 Apple Watch, a \$400 Apple Gift Card, or a LuLuLemon Cross Body Bag & \$350.00 LuLuLemon Gift Card. Click [here](#) to purchase your raffle tickets.

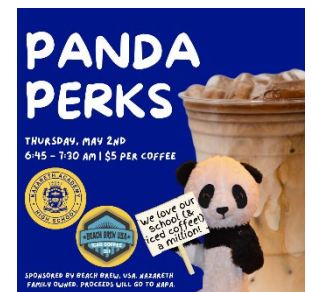


### Senior Farewell - General Parent Meeting 5/7

All parents are invited to join us for the final meeting of the year when we will celebrate our Graduation families. A light meal will be served. Keep an eye out for your invitation. RSVP is requested. Please click [here](#) to RSVP. Our \$500 tuition winner will also be drawn! We hope to see you there!!!

### Panda Perks – May 2nd

In anticipation of Summer, our feature flavor will be Beach Bum for our final Panda Perks of the year! Special thanks to our Beach Brew family, the Donnellys and to our student baristas who have gotten up early all year long to serve up some delicious brews!



### 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 great decorating idea for the Class of 2024 Graduation parties and all of the shore houses this Summer! 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 4 x 2.5 ft and \$60 each. Get one for yourself or your favorite Alum! [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 your athletes, on-the-go parents, or hungry Pandas! [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**

Parent volunteers are needed for the last upcoming Admission event: Open House! This is a great time to share your love of Nazareth with our perspective families. Please check out the Sign Up Genius [here](#) for available times.



## **From the Office of Academics**

### ***Ms. Theresa Ennis, Assistant Principal***

Course Verification letters will be sent home on Tuesday. Please take some time to review the courses that your daughter has requested for next school year and read the important scheduling information. These forms need be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to their homeroom teacher by Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. If your daughter would like to make a change to her course request for next year, please email [thennis@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:thennis@nazarethacademyhs.org) as soon as possible. There will be a \$25 fee for any course changes made after April 30<sup>th</sup> and a \$50 fee for any course changes made after May 31<sup>st</sup>.

If your registration for the 24-25 school year is currently pending, you will not receive your course selection verification at this time. Please contact Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey with any questions or concerns at 215-268-1069 or [jmccloskey@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:jmccloskey@nazarethacademyhs.org).

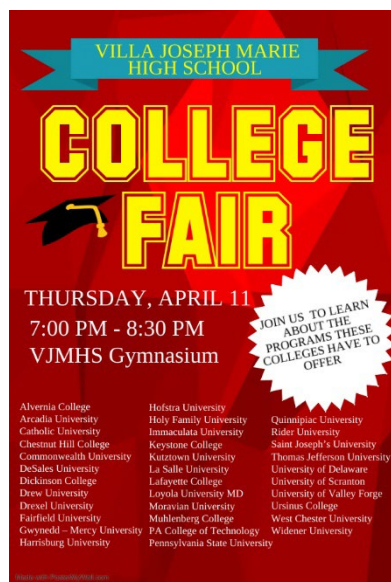
## From the Office of College Counseling

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

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter!

### College Fair at Villa Joseph Marie High School

Villa Joe is hosting a College Fair on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM-8:30 PM. Please view the flyer below for more information.



### Miscellaneous

College Essay Guy "What the Heck are "Hooks" and "Institutional Priorities"?"

Please follow this [link](#) to read this very interesting blog post from College Essay Guy.

Glen Foerd Association is running their Riverways Ambassador Program this Summer from July 8<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer below for more information. Students should speak to Mr. Greg Severino if they are interested in this opportunity.

WANT TO LEARN  
MORE ABOUT  
YOUR LOCAL  
WATERSHED?

**glen  
foerd**

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](http://www.glenfoerd.org/youth-programs)

If you have any questions please contact Environmental Program Manager, Robert DiTomaso at [rditomaso@glenfoerd.org](mailto:rditomaso@glenfoerd.org)





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

Stanford University Mentors - Qualia Global Scholars Summer Program applications are open for Summer 2024. Please see the flyer below and follow this [link](#) for the application if interested.



## Scholarships

It isn't too early for your students to look for scholarships. They can use sites like [Going Merry](#), [Scholarships.com](#), [Scholarship America](#), [Fastweb](#), etc. to make free profiles and get matched with scholarships they are eligible to apply for.

## Scholarship Opportunity

*The Christian Connector* and CatholicCollegeInfo provides support by offering a variety of free resources as well as a **\$2,000 annual Catholic College scholarship**. By completing our information request form, students can conveniently request information from Catholic colleges and universities - all in one place. It's like attending a huge Catholic College Fair without ever leaving home.

Students who complete our free Catholic College Info form are automatically entered in our **\$2,000 Catholic College Scholarship drawing**. *The drawing is open to all students Freshmen-Seniors and will be drawn in June, so there's still time for your students to qualify!* Students can fill out the free form by visiting [CatholicCollegeInfo.com](#). All students who request Catholic College information and who are considering a Catholic College are entered.

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

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

Good luck to our track team as they compete in their first PCL meet tomorrow, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal O'Hara and the Bensalem Invitational on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck to our lacrosse teams in their games against Archbishop Carroll on April 9<sup>th</sup> at home, Conwell-Egan on April 11<sup>th</sup> at home, and Dock Mennonite away on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck to our softball teams in their games against Archbishop Ryan on April 9<sup>th</sup> at home, Conwell-Egan on April 11<sup>th</sup> at home, and New Hope Solebury away on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Early dismissals

The varsity softball team will dismiss early on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> for their away game.