

The Naz Newsletter



A Weekly Update for Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff

April 21, 2024

Seek those things which are genuine, profound, yet simple.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 22: C Schedule | Athletic Signing Day

Tuesday, April 23: A Schedule | Final Spring Deficiency Reports returned to teachers | Spring Concert, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

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

Thursday, April 25: C Schedule | In School Spring Concert

Friday, April 26: A Schedule | Saint Lucy's Day

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, April 29: A Schedule | Class of 2028 Placement Testing, 3:30 PM-5:30 PM

Wednesday, May 1: Spring Concert, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Thursday, May 2: Panda Perks, 6:30 AM-8:00 AM | Senior Prom, 7:00 PM-11:00 PM

Friday, May 3: 7th Grade Beach Bag Bingo, 6:30 PM-9:00 PM

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

Another great week in the books!

What a wonderful evening at the Union League Golf Club at Torredale last Friday! This fundraiser is one of our biggest events of the year. The room was filled with students, current and alumnae parents, board and board committee members, and faculty and staff as well as major donors of the school. Everything we do is mission-focused and student-centered and the impact of that was evident! After hearing Noella Cassetta sing the National Anthem and hearing our musicians Kayley Dao and Susanna Coyle perform during cocktail hour, listening to our emcees Annaliese Steiner and Grace Reteneller, witnessing Grace Giordano and Susanna Coyle share their Nazareth stories, watching Grace also serve as our auctioneer – interrupting us along the way, it is obvious why the young women of Nazareth leave me energized and hopeful for a better tomorrow.. How appropriate that the night ended with a rendition of *I Love My School a Million!*

The Legacy Gala supports our Fund a Dream campaign which allocates gifts and donations for tuition assistance, allowing all current and future students the opportunity to experience the four best years of their life at Nazareth. This helps to provide many students the opportunity to be a Panda – an opportunity that they may not have had without the support of our many donors and EITC participants. When our first Principal, Sister M. Neomisia, welcomed 10 students in the fall of 1928, she had no idea of the impact this school would have on more than 7,000 young women and counting. This event supports our Fund a Dream program - It's not too late to support this event. [Click here](#) to help make a young girl's dream come true.

What is EITC?

EITC is the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program where individuals and businesses can make a donation to an approved scholarship organization and direct their scholarship gift to Nazareth. At tax time, the approved credit is included on your PA Tax Form reducing the tax liability by 90% of the donation to the scholarship organization. For more information on how to make a scholarship donation instead of paying PA State Taxes, [click here](#).



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Thought for the Day

A little reminder that we don't need to
know every person's story.

We just need to remember that every
person has one, that's all.

Be kind. Give grace.
And don't add to anyone else's plate.

It truly is that simple.

love always, heather ♡

School Safety

Active Shooter Presentation

Although the school year is winding down, I wanted to provide an update to you on a recent presentation by Detective Joe Rovnan of the Philadelphia Police Department's Counter Terrorism Operations/Homeland Security Division who presented to our faculty and staff at a recent professional development day.. His presentation was on Active Shooter Situations. In the coming weeks, Detective Rovnan will be on-site to perform an assessment with myself and the School Safety and Facilities Team. From this assessment, we will develop a workflow communication plan and address any other concerns.

There were some immediate take-a-ways. He mentioned that he presents annually to many organizations, and he is being invited to return as part of our opening meetings in August.

Mr. Mike Dougherty, our School Safety and Facility Manager, inventoried our walkie-talkies and ordered enough for the outdoor coaches and classes to be in touch with the Main Office in case of an emergency. He will work with our Athletic Director to establish a protocol for use by the coaches at outdoor practices and games. Each member of the Administration, School Safety and Facilities Team, and the Main Office will have a walkie talkie.

Classrooms and offices have been outfitted with room numbers prominently displayed inside the classroom or office, and door chocks are being installed at each door as an added precaution to create a delay in entry into a locked room. These are hanging on the door frame for easy access in case of an emergency.



From the Finance Office

Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03

Reminder to please log into MyKidsSpending.com to view your daughter's account. If it is in need of funds, click on "Fund Accounts" and follow the prompts to load funds and bring her account up to date. All available funds remaining at the end of this school year will carry over to the next school year. Please contact Mrs. Michele Kelly with any questions or concerns at mkelly@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn P'04

Thank you to all who donated to the Blood Drive.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Gala Celebration.

New Faculty

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Jalissa Exil (Miss J) to our Nazareth Family. Ms. Exil holds a B.S. from Chestnut Hill College and an M.Ed. from Holy Family University. Miss J has joined our Department of Academic Enrichment.

Reminders

Please remember to either call or electronically notify the Main Office if your daughters will not be present at school.

Please remember to call or send a note if they will be leaving early.

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Senior Prom at Citizens Bank Park

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

You may click [here](#) to purchase tickets and fill out the required forms. All tickets and forms should be taken care of by April 25th.

We are looking forward to a magical evening for our Seniors!

Senior Uniforms

Before you graduate, please consider donating back your gently used uniforms and blazers.

Future Pandas will be happy to receive your items and honor your legacy here at Naz! Thank you!

Freshman Field Trip

On Monday, May 13th, the Freshmen will be taking a field trip including: A walking tour of Historic Philadelphia, lunch in town, and a special tour of Citizens Bank Park.

The cost of the trip is \$30. Please click [here](#) to submit payment and fill out a permission slip. A separate email will be sent to Freshman families this week with additional details.

Looking Ahead...

April 23rd Spring Concert

April 26th St. Lucy Day

April 30th International Day

May 1st Art Show

May 2nd Senior Prom

Thank you for all that you do! Have a great week! God bless! Go Pandas!

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.



Parent Volunteers Needed for Open House

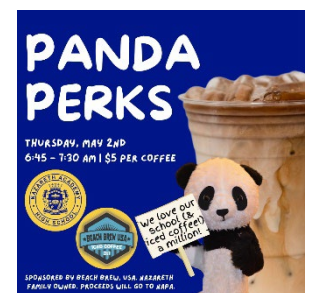
We are in need of volunteers to assist with the Spring Open House. Please consider signing up [here](#) to share your love of Nazareth with other future Panda families and show them while we truly love our school a million!

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

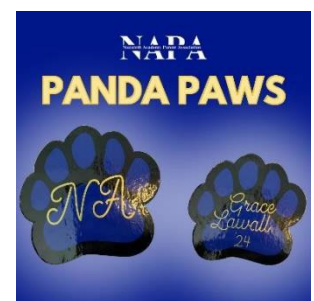
In anticipation of Summer, our feature flavor will be Beach Bum for our final Panda Perks of the year! Special thanks to our Beach Brew family, the Donnellys and to our student baristas who have gotten up early all year long to serve up some delicious brews!



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.](#)



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.

From the Office of Academics

Ms. Theresa Ennis, Assistant Principal

Deficiency Notices

Final Spring Deficiency Notices were mailed home on Tuesday, April 16th. These will need to be signed and returned to the issuing teacher on Tuesday, April 23rd.

Spring Exam Schedule

Monday, May 20th | Two 60 minute examinations

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 and Block 1 Classes meeting M, W, F

9:40-10:40 AM Blocks 2 and Block 2A

Tuesday, May 21st | Two 60 minute examinations

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30-9:30 AM Block 3 and Block 3A

9:40-10:40 Block 4 and Block 4 Classes meeting M, W, F

Wednesday, May 22nd | Three 60-minute examinations

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 Class meeting T, Th, F and 2B class

9:40-10:40 AM Block 3B

10:50-11:50 AM Block 4 Class meeting T, Th, F

EXAM MAKE UP DAY

Thursday, May 23rd

NO SCHOOL FACULTY CLERICAL DAY

GRADES DUE BY 2:00 PM

From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum '12, Director

If you would like to schedule a meeting with a college counselor before the end of the year, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Mrs. Scheerbaum: ascheerbaum@nazarethacademyhs.org & Ms. Kaloudis: mkaloudis@nazarethacademyhs.org

Class of 2024

Mrs. Scheerbaum: Acevedo - Heletkanycz; Rachuba - Ruddick; Zdunkiewicz

Ms. Kaloudis: Hogan - Pizzo; Santiago - Winning

Class of 2025

Mrs. Scheerbaum: Albert, Alvarez, Brazukas, Brow, Cancellier - McCaffery

Ms. Kaloudis: Braddock, Burke, McColgan - Wnek

Class of 2026

Mrs. Scheerbaum: Adamchak - Martin; Thornton

Ms. Kaloudis: Mastrosante - Stratton; Tomes - Woltjen

Class of 2027

Mrs. Scheerbaum: Altieri - Mastil

Ms. Kaloudis: McCann - Zhang

Class of 2024

Graduation surveys are due on April 26th!

Class of 2025: College Recommendation Letters

Juniors need to ask two teachers for letters of recommendation and add the teachers to their Scoir accounts by May 1st. They should ask their college counselor for assistance with this if needed. Surveys for each teacher and their college counselor are due in Scoir by May 15th.

Opportunities

FELS Camp Woodlight in Northeast Philadelphia is looking to hire camp counselors and lifeguards. Please reach out to Hannah Mann at hmann@felskids.org for more information.

Medicine and Research Summer Program at Columbia University. This is both a virtual and in person opportunity. Students will hear from professionals in the field and receive mentorship from current students. Follow this link to learn more information.

Exploring College Options is a special informational program sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five of the country's leading universities: *Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford University*. Representatives from each university will present information about their institution, discuss the application process, and answer questions on how to put together a strong and reflective application. Each program will end with breakout sessions where representatives will answer questions about their specific school and the application process. They are offering both in-person and virtual programs, with each program featuring the same content. Find a program here: [Exploring College Options](#)

SoFi Webinars

Topic: Financing Your Student's Education

When: May 22nd at 8:00 PM

[Register here.](#)

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director

Congratulations to our 4x800m track relay who finished 3rd and qualified for District 12 Championships in the Bensalem Invitational.

Here is a brief recap track's PCL meet at Father Judge.

- Delaney Glynn finished 1st in the mile and qualified for District 12 Championships.
- Annalise Dubeck finished 1st in the 800m and qualified for District 12 Championships.
- Freshman Reagan O'Neill showed great range and finished 2nd in the 400m and 2nd in the 3200m.
- Senior Grace Lawall had a career best in the triple jump finishing 2nd and just narrowly missed the District 12 Qualifying standard.

Good luck to our track team as they prepare for PCL Meet #3 at Father Judge tomorrow, April 22nd. Good luck to our track athletes who are competing in the Penn Relays on April 25th. We know you will represent us well!

Congratulations to varsity softball for their victories over Gwynedd Mercy and Lansdale Catholic.

Good luck to our softball team against Saints John Neumann and Maria Goretti tomorrow, April 22nd at home, Cardinal O'Hara on April 23rd away, and Archbishop Carroll on April 25th at home.

Congratulations to varsity lacrosse for their victory over Sacred Heart Academy.

Good luck to our lacrosse team against St. Hubert on April 23rd at home and against Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast on April 25th at home.

There has been a change to the PIAA Physical Evaluation form for 24-25 school year and will be uploaded on the athletics portion of the website. Please note the change: **The form may not be authorized earlier than May 1st.**