



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 12, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

We hope that all of you had a blessed and restful Easter break.

We were excited to begin our week experiencing the Solar Eclipse out in the garden. Each child and teacher received a pair of safety glasses to see the eclipse. After viewing the eclipse, the children went back to class and drew a picture of what they saw and colored a picture.

The Sunflower teachers introduced the letter Mm, oval shape and read the bible story "Jesus is Risen". The children made an Easter sequence cross. They continued with the letter Mm activities. Each child turned their letter M cutout into a moose by using their hand cut outs as antlers. The journal page title was "On Easter break..." the teacher dictated the sentence and the child drew a picture. On Thursday the children colored and cut out a spring mobile.

The Buzzy Bee teachers introduced the letter Pp, number 20 and Solar Eclipse. The children made a letter craft and collage. Each child made a solar eclipse craft. At the science table, each child was able to draw a picture of what they saw during the eclipse. On Wednesday, during geography the teachers introduced the country of Poland and colored their flag. The Spanish words of the week were "Eclipse Solar and Abril ". The children in Ms. Littlefield's class did an activity about "Constellations" and a child told me it means, "a group of stars connecting to make shapes. (Wesley)"

Before spring break along with the Easter bunny visit, we had a surprise visit from Mrs. Mendoza and baby Gael. We were happy to see her and meet Gael. They are both doing great!

SAVE THE DATES AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MAY CROWNING

Our preschool May Crowning celebration will be on Friday, May 3 at 9:30 am in the garden. Please have your children wear their Sunday's best and bring a flower for our Blessed Mother Mary. The children will begin to practice the prayers and songs.

PRESCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY TEA

We cordially invite all preschool mothers to our traditional Mother's Day Tea on Wednesday, May 8, in the music room from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. You **MUST** sign up to attend this special event. The sign-up sheet will be on the table near the music room. This is a 30-minute one-on-one mother and child experience. No siblings please, seating is limited. Please plan ahead to attend.

PRESCHOOL FATHER'S DAY WORKSHOP

The preschool Father's Day Workshop will be on Wednesday, June 5, in the music room from 7:00 am to 9:00 am.

NAZARETH NIGHT

We want to thank Mrs. Najor, Mrs. Grubba, Mrs. Shelly, Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Mahler for helping and putting together the Sunflower and Buzzy Bee class projects.

Nazareth Night will be on Saturday, May 11 starting at 6pm. This year's theme is Mardi Gras-Beads and Bling! We look forward to seeing all of you there! You will be able to RSVP using a QR code.

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

You still have time to register for our 6-week fun-filled themed summer camp! Register now through the school website. You will also find the link to the enrollment packet. Children must be 3 years old through incoming kindergarten and fully potty trained to attend. Limited spaces available. Summer camp begins on Monday, June 17 and ends Friday, August 2. The camp will be closed from Monday, July 1 through Friday, July 5.

MORNING SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Real, Beyk & Dispenza), veggies (No veggies) and fresh fruit (Velasquez, Appel & Dispenza). We greatly appreciate all your help. Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged. **Just a reminder, that if you bring grapes, please cut them in half.**

MORNING DROP-OFF

Parents, if you have a preschooler and an upper grade school student, you may enter through the preschool building. If you DO NOT have a preschooler, you must drive or walk around the preschool building to drop -off your child.

SIGN-IN & OUT

It is very important that you sign your child in and out every day on your assigned space! Full signature **NO** initials! Signing your child in and out is a State Licensing Regulation. During a licensing visit, we can be cited up to \$250 per missing signature.

PARENT VOLUNTEER IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Parents, please be sure to turn in all your volunteer requirements. You MUST also complete the CMG training.

Reminder: State licensing requires that all volunteers have the following immunization requirements on file: a copy of a current TB test, MMR, Tdap, current Flu shot (You may decline the flu shot, write a note and sign) and Covid vaccination card. If you do not have a Covid vaccination card, you must test before you come into volunteer. If you are not cleared before the scheduled events, you will **NOT** be able to volunteer.

NAZARETH SCHOOL FAMILY HANDBOOK (Preschool – Grade Eight)

Please see the attached link to our new Nazareth School Family Handbook. To view and read the Family Handbook digitally please go on the school website and click on the following link:

[Nazareth School Family Handbook](#)

After reviewing the handbook, we ask you to please digitally sign the Parent/Guardian and student acknowledgments via the link below:

[Family Handbook Acknowledgment Form](#)

PRESCHOOL OPERATING HOURS

The preschool operating hours are 7:00am to 4:00pm. The main entrance door will be open from 7:00am to 8:15am for drop off. If you arrive after 8:15am, please ring the doorbell and a preschool staff member will come to the door. In the afternoon for pick-up, the door will be open from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Please use the middle door to enter and exit the building, **DO NOT** exit through the side doors.

AFTERCARE

We provide aftercare from 4:00pm to 6:00pm (\$4.50 per hour). Aftercare pick-up is on the NE side of the preschool building (Sunflower Playground or Preschool Aftercare room).

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ROUTE

Thank you for your patience and understanding with our drop off and pick up route. We want to remind you that our drop off and pick up route is **ONE WAY ONLY!** You **MUST** drive up Nazareth Drive off of San Diego Mission Rd.. You may park in the parking lot to your right or pull

up front to the main entrance roundabout in front of the St. Joseph's building. **Please be sure to sign your child in and walk them to class.**

After drop off or pick up, you **MUST** merge and continue along the school road and drive out onto Rancho Mission Rd. You may **NOT** exit back down Nazareth Drive!

During pick-up, if you do not have an upper grade school student, you may merge into the exit lane to your left and drive towards the parking lot and between the cones to exit. You do not have to wait in line.

If you have a preschooler and an upper grade school student, please drop off preschooler first and then upper grade student. If you exit through the door next to the Sunflower classroom, you may **NOT** come back in through that door. You **MUST** go around the building.

Our preschool main entrance and exit door is located on the SW side of the St. Joseph building.

STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

- Fever with or without chills
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Nasal Congestion
- Sore Throat
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor feeding or poor appetite
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

If your child presents any of the symptoms stated above during school time, we will have to send your child home. Please keep in mind that we continue to follow the school protocols to keep children and staff safe.

If your child has allergies, please be sure to bring in a doctor's note, otherwise we will send your child home.

We must continue to follow the Covid-19 Decision Table for K-12 schools and Childcare Settings. (January 22, 2024).

It is very important that you call and report your child's absence. If you are using a home test kit, you must complete the Attestation Form that we can provide for you. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return. Child MUST be 24-hour fever free with NO medication and symptoms are improving.

Please remember to check your child's file folder and return your family envelope by Thursday each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 619-641-7954 or or Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987.

You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org

Important Dates to Remember:

Apr. 17- Professional Learning Day / Close At Noon / No Aftercare

Apr. 27- Nazareth School First Communion

May 3- May Crowning in the garden at 9:30 am / Half Day / Close at noon / No aftercare

May 8- Mother's Day Tea in the music room 7am-9am

May 11- Nazareth Night

May 13- Local Holiday / No School

May 27- Memorial Day Holiday / No School

Have a blessed & restful weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director