



April 1, 2022

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering an environment of inclusivity and empathy, Nazareth School is bringing in author and veteran anti-bullying expert Jodee Blanco to implement a comprehensive program to students, teachers, staff, and parents on Monday, May 2, 2022. She will be speaking to the various classes during the school day, participating in a staff in-service in the afternoon and then presenting to parents in the evening. We invite all parents with their children to come to see her presentation, on May 2nd, in the auditorium.

The program entitled INJJA (It's NOT Just Joking Around!), includes live age-appropriate student presentations with an SEL-based follow-up curriculum, professional development and training for staff, and a parent/family seminar.

Blanco, herself a survivor of school bullying, is the author of the seminal *New York Times* bestseller *Please Stop Laughing at Me...*, that established her as the first voice of the anti-bullying movement. Since the book's release nearly two decades ago, she has been traveling the nation's schools delivering her message of hope and resiliency to thousands of people.

Blanco focuses on the human element of bullying, incorporating the matrix of students, educators and parents into each aspect of her program, and offers a realistic, practical plan of action for achieving sustainable change.

"I'm honored to be working with Nazareth School and deeply inspired by their dedication to the well-being of every student. I cherish their trust and will work hard to exceed expectations," says Blanco.

Jodee Blanco is the author of the seminal *NY Times* bestseller *Please Stop Laughing at Me...* that established her as anti-bullying's first voice. One of education's most trusted experts, she has presented to thousands of students, teachers and parents. Administrators turn to her regularly for professional development and to implement her anti-bullying program in their schools. She also consults on enlightened communication practices and crisis management for schools. In addition to her memoir, she has written multiple other successful books, a series of critically acclaimed white papers on bullying, and taught at The University of Chicago and NYU. The media use her regularly as a resource and her life story has been featured in hundreds of newspapers in the U.S. and abroad. Her work has been credited with saving lives. For more info, visit www.jodeeblanco.com.

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Congratulations for a show well done to everyone who participated in this year's Nazareth School Talent Show, hosted by our 8th graders. A big thank you goes out to our talent show committee, Mrs. Balkowski, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Geist and Mrs. Hardy, for their amazing help coordinating the fabulous show.

Thank you to our fabulous Nazareth community for participating in this year's Nazareth School Golf Tournament. We appreciate the golf committee, Mr. Rieger, Mr. Hollister, Mr. Kent, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Hubbard and Ms. Petix for their amazing teamwork in putting together a fun day on the links at the Rancho Bernardo Inn.

Please note that today Nazareth School will be sending home report cards in the Family Envelope. Please make sure you review them with you child(ren), and return the signed report card envelope.

PTG will be hosting a Family Pizza and Bingo Night on April 28th at 6:00pm in the auditorium. Please see the flyer in today's family envelope for the dinner and dauber reservation form. It will be an evening of fun with many games and prize winners.

We are proud to announce that Grandparent's Day has been rescheduled for Friday, May 6, 2022. We welcome all grandparents to attend Mass in St. Francis Chapel at 8:30am, followed by a breakfast treat and then fun half-day in the classroom and a performance by the students.

Applications are being accepted for Nazareth School Tuition Assistance for the 2021-22 school year. Nazareth School has created an account at FACTS Grant & Aid for Tuition Assistance, this is a financial needs-based program. Please go to the Nazareth School website at nazarethschool.org to log into your account. You may apply online at the link below. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2022.

If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms please keep them home and notify Nazareth School at office@nazarethschool.org immediately.

God watch over our students,
God watch over our parents,
God watch over our teachers and staff!

God Bless,

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Core Value of March – *Compassion*

Be compassionate as your heavenly father is compassionate. Luke 6:36

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