



August, 2022

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Parents,

Our summer is passing quickly and it won't be long before we are embracing the beginning of a new school year. I hope this letter finds you and your families enjoying a relaxing summer filled with many special activities that will create fond family memories. As we prepare for a new year, and all of the opportunities it will bring, know that all of us at Nazareth School have made a heartfelt commitment to provide the best experiences possible for all of our students and their families. The teachers, staff members and I look forward to working in partnership with you to celebrate the gifts of Nazareth School, our Mission and all of the members of its community.

Nazareth School, "A school with a Mission," develops faith-filled learners who are guided by the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth, providing academic excellence rooted in Catholic tradition.

We are very excited to welcome our new Nazareth Families with a New Family Orientation on Friday, August 12 at 6:30pm in the auditorium. This orientation will be for families with students going into kindergarten through 8th grade. On Saturday, August 13 at 9am, Nazareth Preschool will be welcoming all preschool parents to an informative Parent's Only orientation with their respective Sunflower or Buzzy Bee Teacher. We can't wait to welcome all of the new students to our wonderful campus.

On Saturday, August 13, at 10:00-11:30am, we are very fortunate to have a special "Meet and Greet" session for kindergarten students and parents to see their new classroom. This will provide the children and their parents with an opportunity to find their cubbies and their seats, and a chance to say "hello" to Mrs. Rosenberger before school starts. At 11:30am, I will provide a tour of the "Big School" for parents who are unfamiliar with the elementary school facilities.

As a reminder, all students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade have required summer homework packets. We are happy to provide you with an extra packet, please drop by the office to pick one up. We also have extra copies of the classroom and art supply lists, for your convenience, or you may go to: nazarethschool.org/academics. As we prepare for the upcoming new school year, please make sure that your children have completed their summer reading and math review activities, and that their uniforms, grooming (no extreme haircuts or unnatural colors, please) and supplies are in order. Regarding supplies, it is not necessary to buy all new supplies if your child has unused materials from last year. Please see the Nazareth School News for details about the Used Uniform Sale on Tuesday, August 23. If you have questions about school preparation, please contact the school office.

On the first day of school, Wednesday, August 17th, the PTG will be hosting a Welcome Back Meet-and-Greet at the lower field picnic tables. Coffee and morning treats will be provided. Back-to-School Night will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30pm. Our annual Back-to-School Night is a wonderful introduction to the school year which allows you the opportunity to meet with your children's teachers. The PTG will host information tables on the courtyard for you to meet with parent leaders who will elaborate on how you may become more involved in our many fun school events.

Nazareth School is blessed to introduce our new seventh grade middle school teacher, Mr. Keith Enterante. "Mr. E" will be teaching English Language Arts and Writing//Computers to 6th, 7th and 8th grade. He comes to us with a Masters in Fine Arts, Fiction Writing from San Diego State, and a Bachelors of Arts, English from California Polytechnic State University. In his spare time, he is an accomplished fictional author with a passion to teach writing.

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Our art program is excited to announce our new Art Teacher Mrs. Victoria Orihuela. She has an extensive art teaching background with over 15 years of experience and a Bachelors of Arts in Visual Arts. Nazareth is fortunate to have a dedicated art teacher for kindergarten through eighth grade.

The PTG Board is looking for parents to help with our many Nazareth School functions. If you are interested in working with the Board to help organize school events, please contact the office for more information. Our successful PTG fundraisers make a significant contribution to the enhancement of the school's environment and resources, please plan to participate actively in the PTG events and programs.

Please know the entire faculty and staff at Nazareth School are here to support all of our students and families. In that light, we will be offering Extended Care beginning the first day of school, opening at 7am, and closing promptly at 6pm.

We are working hard this summer to ensure Nazareth School is ready for a great year full of learning, faith and fun. The fifth grade classrooms have been relocated back to Upper Campus and we are excited that Nazareth will be able to return to a normal in-person school schedule and routine. As of July, masks are optional indoor and outdoors for all Preschool-12 school settings. The COVID-19 Decision Tree was also updated on 06/28/2022, and is available on our website at nazarethschool.org. Simply click on the COVID-19 button located in the upper right-hand corner and you will have all of the latest updates and guidance's for Covid-19. May God watch over us this year and keep all of our Nazareth community safe.

As we prepare for the beginning of the school year, let us come together and pray our beautiful Nazareth School Prayer:

Lord Jesus,
You were once a child in the Holy Family of Nazareth.
We are gathered as a family at Nazareth School.
Bless San Diego, our city.
Preserve it from violence and hatred.
Bless our school and all who come here.
Guide and strengthen the teachers and all who work here.
Help us to be kind to one another and cheerful each day.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may grow in your
love, and learn to love one another.
Amen

Holy Family of Nazareth,
Watch over us and protect us.



Enjoy these last days of summer! On Wednesday, August 17th, a new school year will begin and we are looking forward to seeing you then!

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

God Bless,

Mrs. René Coons
Principal

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