



August 1, 2024

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. We 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. We 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.*

Our mission is to educate children in the *Nazareth Way* with gratitude, faith and love of the Lord. As a community, we practice the core values of *respect, hospitality, love, justice, compassion, and patience*. The Nazareth Way encapsulates our values and influences how Nazareth students grow both spiritually and educationally.

We are very excited to welcome our new Nazareth families with a New Family Orientation on Friday, August 16th at 6:30pm in the auditorium. This orientation will be for families with students going into kindergarten through 8th grade. On Saturday, August 17th 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.

Also on Saturday, August 17th, from 10:00am to 11:30am, we are very fortunate to have a special "Meet and Greet" sessions for kindergarten and our new incoming teachers for first grade (Mrs. Thomson), third grade (Mrs. Oelschlager), seventh grade (Ms. Sipe) and for Learning Support (Mrs. Meder). This will provide children and parents an opportunity to say "hello" to their new teacher before school starts. At 11:30am, a tour of the "Big School" will be provided for any parents who are unfamiliar with the elementary school facilities.

As a reminder, kindergarten through eighth grade students have required summer reading and math review packets, due to their homeroom teacher on Monday, August 19th. 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 supply lists for your convenience. Regarding supplies, it is not necessary to buy all new supplies if your child has unused materials from last year. In order to minimize costs of extra art supplies, we have eliminated the large class art supplies list. In lieu of the art supplies, we will be collecting a small \$5.00 fee per students.

As we prepare for the upcoming new school year, please make sure that your child's uniform, school supplies, and grooming are in order, please no extreme haircuts, or dyed hair. You may find the uniform and grooming requirements in our Nazareth School Family Handbook on our website, nazarethschool.org. If you have questions about school preparation, please contact the school office.

Respect
Patience

Hospitality

Love

Justice

Compassion

On the first day of school, Monday, August 19th, 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 Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30pm, we will begin in the auditorium and then parents will go to their oldest child classroom first. 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. Parent leaders will be available to share how you may become more involved in our many fun school events. The PTG Board is looking for parents to help with our many Nazareth School functions. If you are interested in working with the PTG Board to help organize school events, email NazarethSchoolPTG@gmail.com 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. In addition, we welcome all parents and family members to join us for our weekly all school Masses, in St. Frances Chapel. Beginning this year, the start time for Mass will be at 8:15 am. Our first all school Mass will be on Friday, August 23rd. In addition, in partnership with the Mission San Diego de Alcalá and Father Peter McGuine, some Nazareth School students will participate in the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament which takes place on the first Friday of every month in the Mission Church at 11:30 am. It will be a 10-12 minute ceremony, enabling students time to return to their classroom for early dismissal at 11:55 am.

We are looking forward to beginning the new academic year with faith, and fun in a loving learning environment. As we prepare, 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 few days of summer! On Monday, August 19th, a bright new school year begins and as a Nazareth community, we are looking forward to seeing you!

God Bless,

Mrs. René Coons

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