



August 23, 2024

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

Welcome back to Nazareth School! We had an awesome first week of school! We thank you for entrusting Nazareth School with your children, as we work together to ensure our mission is carried out through the Holy Spirit, and with Sisters of Nazareth guiding us every day.

The entire faculty and staff are excited to begin the 2024-2025 academic school year! As we begin the year with joy in our hearts, 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.

As a school community, we will be celebrating the theme from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
“*Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God...*” As a community devoted to the spirituality, health and growth of your children, we practice the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth: respect, hospitality, love, justice, compassion, and patience. The Nazareth Way encapsulates these values and influences how children develop.

### **Pick-up and Drop-off**

Thank you for continuing to access campus via the primary entrance on the west side of the Mission on San Diego Mission Road, for both drop off and pick up. Please do not enter campus from Rancho Mission Road during morning and afternoon pick-up and drop-off. For safety concerns, we request you please do not exit via San Diego Mission Road, as it is a one-way entrance. We request you please exit campus via Rancho Mission Road.

The main school gate and fire road gate from the Mission San Diego will be closed daily from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm. We appreciate all of your patience in line, and request that cars move all the way forward to the garages, to service as many students as possible.

### **Back-To-School-Night**

We enjoyed seeing so many of you at Back-to-School-Night this past Thursday. Our annual Back-to-School-Night is a wonderful introduction to the school year which allows you the opportunity to meet the teachers and learn what the year will bring. The PTG hosted information tables on the courtyard for you

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to meet with our parent leaders who shared with you how to become involved in our many fun school events.

### **All School Mass**

We welcome all parents and family members to join us for our weekly all-school masses, in St. Francis Chapel, at 8:15 am. Father Raymond Philip Napuli served as our first school Mass for the year and was led by the wonderful faculty and staff. The Mass highlighted our theme of joy and prayer for this academic school year.

### **Nazareth News**

Please take a moment every week to read our awesome Nazareth News in the family envelope. It will have reminders, important dates, and a comprehensive list of all the exciting activities Nazareth School offers including information about volunteering, scrip, extra-curricular activities, monthly hot lunch forms, school picture day, food drive Fridays, catch of the week, and used uniform sales.

### **Halloween Carnival and More Volunteer Opportunities**

Nazareth School is looking for parent volunteers to come together to help with our Halloween Carnival. There is no experience needed and it is a wonderful opportunity to earn your service hours while having a blast meeting new friends. Please email the front office at [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto:office@nazarethschool.org) if you are interested in volunteering. Also, if you are interested in working with the PTG 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.

### **Family Handbook**

Parents, please take a moment to update yourself on the Family Handbook. We have added important information for the benefit of the Nazareth community.

Staying safe and healthy are critical to ensuring Nazareth School is a wonderful place to learn and grow. We cannot do this without your vigilance and support. Please contact the front office at 619-641-7987 or email at [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto:office@nazarethschool.org), if your children are going to be absent.

God Bless,

*Mrs. René Coons*  
Principal  
Nazareth School

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*Watch over us and protect us.*

**Our Mission:** 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.

**Core Values of August** – Respect, Hospitality, Love, Justice, Compassion and Patience

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