



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2023

Dear Preschool Families,

We hope all of you had a blessed and restful Thanksgiving break with your families.

This week we concluded with the month of November, and I cannot believe December is here. We have many festive activities planned as we prepare for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our campus is beautifully decorated with wreaths, garlands, lights and poinsettias.

We introduced and will practice the Core Value of "Love". "Love one another; as I have loved you". (John 13:34)

Mrs. Mahler, Ms. Littlefield and Mrs. McDowell reviewed letters this week. The children practiced tracing their name. During religion, the teachers read the bible story, "Joseph's Colorful Coat" (Genesis 37). Each child glued colored squares onto their coat cut out. They also made a gingerbread man and a candy cane.

This week Ms. Fitts introduced the letter "Dd" and number 7. The children traced and practiced writing the letter and number.

Buzzy Bee 1 with Mrs. Khadija & Mrs. Melissa reviewed letters and numbers. Both Buzzy Bee classes will review letters and numbers this month.

On Wednesday, the Buzzy Bees boarded on Imaginary Airlines and traveled to the United Kingdom. The children had tea cookies on their visit.

On Thursday, after our Christmas program practice, we introduced the season of Advent. I brought an Advent wreath, candles and calendar to share with the children.

PRESCHOOL TURKEY TROTTERS

We also want to congratulate all our Sunflower and Buzzy Bee Turkey Trotters. The children ran between 5 to 18 laps! Fabulous job!

GREATER SCIENCE and ENGINEERING FAIR

Parents, Olivia Spenla, a 7th grade student here at Nazareth, has asked if the preschool children could participate and help with her science project hypothesis. Her project title is "How Effective are Child Proof Containers? In today's envelope you will find a consent form to be completed, giving your child permission to participate. Please return by Friday, December 8.

TOY DRIVE

In the spirit of giving and sharing, the preschool along with the upper grade school will participate in the Toys for Tots, toy drive. Please bring a new, unwrapped game or toy that will not need batteries.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROCESSION

On Tuesday, December 12 at 10:00 am, we will sing "Las Mañanitas" and "La Guadalupana" to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. On this day, please have your child bring one flower for our altar.

POSADA PROCESSION TO NAZARETH HOUSE

On Wednesday, December 13, the preschool will walk together to Nazareth House. We will sing our Posada song "Mary and Joseph Came to Town". When we return, we will have a celebration in the music room. The children will have warm cocoa and Mexican sweet bread (Pan dulce). Before the children return to class, they will break a pinata. We will have a sign-up sheet for this event on the Sunflower and Buzzy Bee sign-in table.

BUZZY BEE CLASS GINGERBREAD HOUSE ACTIVITY

On Monday, December 18, the Buzzy Bees will make their very own gingerbread house in the music room. We are in need of a few items for this special activity. You will find a sign-up sheet for both classes on top of the sign-in table. Your help is greatly appreciated!

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We started the week practicing for our Christmas Program. The program will be on Wednesday, December 20th at 9:30 am in the school auditorium. The children will reenact the journey of Mary and Joseph through the town of Bethlehem by singing songs. Following the program, each class will have a "Happy Birthday Jesus" celebration out on their playground. We will continue our celebration of the birth of Jesus with a visit from the Three Wise Men.

Please send a small wrapped gift for your child, labeled with their name and the gift must be acceptable for school (ex. coloring books/crayons, books, dolls, stuffed animals etc..) Please NO toy weapons. The teachers will be discreetly collecting the wrapped gifts, so that it will be a surprise for the children. Please send the gift no later than Monday, December 18.

We will need a few volunteers to set-up and clean up on this day. A sign-up sheet for the Sunflowers and Buzzy Bees will be on top of the sign-in table.

MORNING SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Borowiec, Shelly, Santiago, Jimenez & Neimeyer), veggies (Velasquez, Santiago & Soares) and fresh fruit (Velasquez, Appel & Koppi). 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! Some signatures are overlapping into other assigned spaces and parents are not able to sign their child in or out. 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, with the Halloween carnival coming up in a few weeks, please be sure to turn in all your volunteer requirements. You **MUST** also complete the CMG training. **As of right now, the only parents that are cleared are: Mrs. Jimenez, Mrs. Duckworth and Mrs. Byrne.**

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:

Please contact Nazareth Preschool at 619-641-7954 or Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987. You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org

Parents, if your child stays home due to being sick, please be sure that you test them twice and complete the Attestation Form. Please report your child's absence and state the reason. We have had a few children absent and parents are not stating the reason and when they return, they have a runny nose or cough.

We must continue to follow the Childcare Guide for Covid-19 (August 28, 2023).

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 you are able to obtain from our school website or we can provide you with a copy. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return.

Parents, please keep your child home if she/he is sick and presenting any of the following Covid-19 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. Your child MUST be tested if their allergy follows with a fever or any other listed symptom other than allergy stated on doctor's note. You will need to bring the completed Attestation Form.

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 email: preschooldir@nazarethschool.org

Important Dates to Remember:

Dec. 1 – Half Day/ Preschool close at Noon / No Aftercare

Dec. 6- St. Nicholas Day

Dec. 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession at 10:00 am

Dec. 13- Senior Visit to Nazareth House / Posada

Have a blessed weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director