



December 10, 2021

**Core Value for December: Love**

*Let your love for each be real and from the heart.*

1 Peter 1:22

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

Our Catholic faith encourages us to remain hopeful, especially during this season of Advent as we await and prepare for Jesus' birth. Let us reflect on the December core value of Love. On this second week of Advent, may we open our hearts to the coming of the Lord this Christmas season, with Peace, Faith, Love, and Hope guiding all of our actions.

“Dear God, You are my light and Salvation. You are my Hope. Please come into my heart, forgive all my wrongs, and give me Your wonderful gift of eternal life. Help me to be an instrument of Your Love and cause Your light to shine in others through me. Amen”

As we near the Christmas season, in this time of COVID-19, we are especially called to live the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth. It is with joy in my heart that I express how grateful I am for the entire Nazareth family. The grace with which our community has united during these unprecedented times is a testament to our practice of the Core Values.

Thank you Nazareth families for your tremendous support of the Toys for Tots Toy Drive this year. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the San Diego community. Your donations are a wonderful example of the Nazareth Way in action and will bring great joy to many needy children.

I want to extend my appreciation to our amazing teachers and staff for their hard work in making Nazareth School a loving community to learn and grow in our Catholic faith. The Nazareth family is truly a gift from God! Also, parents, as your children's primary educator, thank you for partnering with us to help them at home. I have faith that together, as the Nazareth community, we will get through this pandemic.

We are at the mid-point of the second quarter, please look for your child's Second Quarter Progress Report. Please feel free to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher if you would like a conference.

On Tuesday, December 14, our third through eighth grader students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is an opportunity to assist the students prepare their hearts and minds to welcome the birth of Jesus during Advent.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Horning for bringing music into every classroom this year. It is so wonderful to hear Christmas come alive through the voices of our students. Nazareth Christmas Program for kindergarteners through 8th grader will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, with an encore performance on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Preschool Sunflowers and Buzzy Bees will be held on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. All performances will take place outside on the basketball courts. Please join Nazareth School in prayer that the skies stay clear and remain dry.

Thank you to all of the families who have already placed their Scrip order for the Christmas season. Make sure to place special and online orders by Tuesday, December 14 by 8:30 A.M., to ensure delivery for Christmas. We will be selling the Scrip we have in stock in the office from 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., until Christmas break.

We need to keep the safety of our students and staff of the utmost importance. Nazareth School would appreciate open communication about potential exposure to Covid-19 to keep everyone safe during this time. I ask that you please have the respect and integrity to be forthright about this in reporting back to me as principal of the school. Please contact the Nazareth School office 619-641-7987 or [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto:office@nazarethschool.org), if your child is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms. According to the HHS, any person with these symptoms must remain home for a minimum of 24 hours. Students may return to Nazareth School, after 24 hours, with a negative PCR Covid test, symptoms resolving, no fever and no use of medication.

Please take a moment to read the Nazareth News for all of the upcoming fun holiday events and activities. Thank you in advance for all of your tremendous support of Nazareth School.

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

God Bless,  
*Mrs. René Coons*  
Principal Nazareth School

**Nazareth School Mission:** "It is the mission of Nazareth School to teach and guide students from various backgrounds in their spiritual, academic, physical, and social development. As a Catholic institution, Nazareth School community members integrate the charism and core values of the Sisters of Nazareth into the educational experience. It is the school's aim to nurture mind, body, and spirit in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust in God and to contribute to the larger community through service, worship, and spreading the Gospel message."