



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 13, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

We would like to share some of our festive highlights of the week.

This week the Sunflower teachers read the bible story "The Very Special Night" by Ruth Shannon Odor. The children water colored an angel cutout and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They ended the week dot painting a Christmas tree.

The Buzzy Bee class water colored an image of the Holy Family. The journal page title was "I love...", the teacher dictated the sentence and the children drew the picture. They ended the week with their class Christmas Party.

During practice, we watched the story of Las Posadas and Our Lady of Guadalupe & Juan Diego.

To continue the festive activities, we were excited to celebrate our "Preschool Posada" with the residents at Nazareth House. The Posada has been a preschool tradition for many years. The children reenacted Mary and Joseph's journey through Bethlehem. They sang "Mary and Joseph Came to Town", while knocking on doors looking for a place at the inn. We ended the posada by the nativity scene, where we were welcomed by the residents. The children passed out the Christmas cards that they made to the residents. Mrs. McDowell read the bible story, "Baby Jesus is Born". (Luke 2: 1-7) When we returned to the preschool, we continued the celebration in the music room. The children had warm cocoa and pan dulce. After they had their treat, they got to hit and break the piñata. We want to thank all of the parents that donated items and volunteered for this special event. Your help is greatly appreciated!

We want to thank Sister Rose, Sister Madonna, Mrs. Crowley and Miss Ariana for helping us organize this special event with Nazareth House. It was a wonderful spiritual experience!

On Thursday, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we had a procession to honor her. During the procession, the children wore their tilma just like Juan Diego. Teachers and children prayed the "Hail Mary" and sang, "Las Mañanitas" & "La Guadalupana". Each child placed a flower on the altar. The altar is in the hallway and it looks beautiful.

TOY DRIVE

The toy drive ended today. Thank you to all who donated.

BUZZY BEE CLASS GINGERBREAD HOUSE ACTIVITY

On Monday, December 16, the Buzzy Bees will make their very own gingerbread house in the music room. We want to thank you for your quick response! Your help is greatly appreciated!

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We continue to practice for our Christmas Program. The program will be on Thursday, December 19th 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 (\$10-\$15 limit, 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 16.

PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Due to the health and safety of the children and staff, State Licensing requires that all volunteers submit required immunizations. Parents, anytime you sign-up to volunteer or be present in any of the preschool events, you MUST be sure that you have turned in a copy of your current TB test, Tdap, MMR, flu shot and Covid card. You must also complete the CMG Connect training that you may find on our school website. The fee for the training is \$25.00. Please fill out the Statement of Good Health form too. We want to thank all of the parents who have submitted the required immunizations.

NAZARETH SCHOOL PARENT HANDBOOK (Preschool – Grade Eight)

Please see the attached link to our 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](#)

SIGN-IN & OUT

Parents, please sign in and out as you enter the building. Full signature **NO** initials! This is a State Licensing Regulation. Just a reminder: When you sign your child out, your child is no longer under our care and you **MUST** take your child with you.

SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought muffins, veggies and fruit. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Brisco, Wilson & Olut), veggies (Fernandez) and fruit (Wilson & Way). Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts to attach to your Service Hour sheet and return in your white envelope. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged. If you sign -up for your child's class, please make sure that the snack is enough for both classes.

PRESCHOOL OPERATING HOURS

The preschool operating hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm. The main entrance door will be open from 7:00am to 8:15am for drop off. We ask that you please arrive on time. If you arrive after 8:15am, please ring the doorbell and a preschool staff member will come to the door as soon as we are able to. In the afternoon for pick-up, the door will be open from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Parents, please keep in mind that if you arrive late, it may take a few minutes to get to the door as teachers are taking their morning breaks. If you are picking up early, please pick up at 12:30 pm, as this is also a time when it may take a few minutes to come to the door, as teachers are taking their lunch breaks.

AFTERCARE

We provide aftercare from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (\$4.50 per hour). Aftercare pick-up is on the Northeast side of the preschool building (Sunflower Playground or Preschool Aftercare room). We lock the main entrance door promptly at 4:00 pm and transition the children to aftercare.

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ROUTE

We want to remind you that our drop off and pick up route is a **ONE WAY ONLY!** You **MUST** drive up Nazareth Drive off of San Diego Mission Road. 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 through the school road and drive out onto Rancho Mission Road. 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 signs 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

We must continue to follow the K-12 & Childcare Guide for Covid-19 (August 1, 2024)

It is very important that you call and report your child's absence. Please test your child and complete the Attestation Form that you are able to obtain from us. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return. The first test is done when child has symptoms and the second test is 12-24 hours after first test. Your child may return when they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication AND other non-fever symptoms are mild and improving.

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.

Please remember to return your family envelope by Thursday each week. Place it in your child's file folder.

Have a blessed & restful weekend!

Important Dates to Remember:

Dec. 15- Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 19- Preschool Christmas Program at 9:30 am in the auditorium / Half Day / Close at Noon

Dec. 20 - Jan. 3- Christmas Break

Jan. 6- Classes Resume / Feast of the Epiphany

Jan. 10- Half Day / Close at noon / No Aftercare

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director