



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 15, 2023

Dear Preschool Families,

We started our week participating in Olivia Spenla's seventh grade Science project hypothesis. On behalf of Olivia Spenla, she thanks all the families that allowed their child to participate.

This week the Sunflower and Buzzy Bee teachers continued with the fun and festive activities in their classroom. The children colored an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each class was given a nativity scene Advent calendar for the children to make.

The Sunflowers won the Christmas Tree decorating contest in the category of preschool and Kindergarten! Way to go Sunflowers!

On Tuesday, the preschool honored Our Lady of Guadalupe. During the procession, the children wore their tilma just like Juan Diego. Teachers and children prayed and sang, Las Mañanitas and La Guadalupana. Each child placed a flower on the altar. The altar is in the hallway and it looks beautiful.

To continue the festive activities, we were excited to celebrate our "Preschool Posada" with the seniors 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 senior nativity scene and we were welcomed by 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 Sister Rose, Sister Madonna and Mrs. Crowley for helping us organize this special event with Nazareth House. It was a wonderful spiritual experience!

TOY DRIVE

The toy drive ended on December 13. Thank you to all who donated.

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 want to thank you for your quick response! Your help is greatly appreciated!

PRESCHOOL 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. We want to thank you for your quick response! Your help is greatly appreciated.

MORNING SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (last week: Grubba, Najor, Jimenez & Giordano-Darling and this week: Byrne, Santiago, Mahler, Koppi & Giordano-Darling) veggies (last week: Huruy & Kopp and this week: Santiago & Soares) and fresh fruit (last week: Nehmitz, Mahler & Dispenza and this week: Huruy, Appel & Dispenza). 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. 19 – Preschool Pajama & Movie Day

Dec. 20 – Preschool Christmas Program at 9:30 am in the auditorium

Dec. 20 - Half Day / Close at Noon / No Aftercare

Dec. 21 – Jan. 5- Christmas Break

Jan. 8- Classes Resume

Have a blessed weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director