



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 6, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

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

We 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 and garlands.

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

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Mahler introduced the season of Advent and read the story of St. Nicholas. The children made an Advent wreath, they glued 3 purple and one pink candle cut out on their wreath. They also made a gingerbread boy/girl out of construction paper and dot painted a Christmas tree. The children also decorated a shoe cut out for the feast of St. Nicholas Day.

Ms. Fitts and Ms. Littlefield introduced the season of Advent, number 9 and reviewed letters. The children practiced tracing and writing the number 9. They also made an Advent wreath and stocking. The children colored a St. Nicholas notecard and decorated a shoe cut out.

We ended our week watching the Veggie Tales St. Nicholas Story of Joyful Giving. St. Nicholas stopped by the preschool and left special treats for the children while they were watching the movie.

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, a box will be in our front entrance.

POSADA PROCESSION TO NAZARETH HOUSE

On Wednesday, December 11, 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 piñata. We want to thank you for your quick response in signing up to volunteer and donate items needed for this special day. We greatly appreciate it!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROCESSION

On Thursday, 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 rose or flower for our altar.

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.

We want to thank you for your quick response in signing up to volunteer and donate items needed for this special day. We greatly appreciate it!

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 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 fresh fruit. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Jimenez, Brisco & Byrne), veggies (Wilson & Olla) and fruit (Schulte & Borowiec). 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. 8- Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 9- Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 11- Senior Visit to Nazareth House / Posada

Dec. 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession in the preschool

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