



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

This week we celebrated our wonderful tradition of Catholic Schools Week! On Monday, we celebrated our school and wore our spirit/turkey trot t-shirt. The children drew and colored pictures of our school. Pajama Day was on Tuesday and each class watched a special movie and had popcorn. On Wednesday, we had our Teddy Bear Picnic in the garden and the children enjoyed their lunch with their friends and teddy bears. Thursday was craft day and each child made a rosary with special beads and a special card thanking the Sisters of Nazareth and the Mission of Alcala clergy. We ended the week celebrating our wonderful grandparents! We were delighted to see many grandparents come and visit our preschool. Each class had a special activity for the child and grandparent to make together.

This week the Sunflower teachers reviewed the letter li and continued their lesson on Arctic animals. During religion the teachers read the bible story, "Jonah and the Whale" and watched "Big Ideas Jonah" a VeggieTales Movie. The journal page this week was about the child's favorite Arctic animal. On Wednesday, the children practiced their cutting skills.

The Buzzy Bee teachers reviewed letters G, F & Ss and numbers 8, 9, 10 & 11. They celebrated the 100th day of school. The children counted objects to 100. Each child colored a hat and wore it throughout the day. On Wednesday, the class traveled to France on Imaginary Airlines. The children had a croissant and sparkling grape juice.

BUZZY BEE PARENTS – GESELL ASSESSMENT

If you have not returned your Gesell permission slip and \$55.00 fee, your child will not be assessed. The last day for Buzzy Bee assessments is Thursday, February 8. Please let us know if your child will not be returning to Nazareth, however, if your child will be attending Kindergarten here at Nazareth, they MUST be assessed. I will administer the assessment in the

morning during the school day. The only preparation your child needs is to get plenty of rest and eat a well-balanced breakfast. You will receive a letter regarding your child's assessment the day of your Parent-Teacher conference.

PRESCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you for your quick response in signing up for your Parent-Teacher Conference. It is important that you sign-up to meet with your child's teacher. We will have morning and afternoon appointments. If the scheduled days don't work for you, please talk to your child's teacher.

MORNING SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Bulti, Olut, Jimenez & Soares), veggies (Grubba) and fresh fruit (Borowiec & Appel). 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, please be sure to turn in all your volunteer requirements. You **MUST** also complete the CMG training.

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:

- 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.

We must continue to follow the Covid-19 Decision Table for K-12 schools and Childcare Settings. (January 22, 2024).

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 we can provide for you. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return. Child **MUST** be 24-hour fever free with NO medication and symptoms are improving.

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 Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987.

You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org

Important Dates to Remember:

Feb. 7 – Half Day / Preschool will close at noon / No Aftercare

Feb. 12-15 – Sunflower Parent-Teacher Conferences

Feb. 13- Fat Tuesday / Mardi Gras Day

Feb. 14- Ash Wednesday / Valentine's Day / Senior Visit

Feb. 19- Presidents' Holiday / No School

Feb. 20-23 – Buzzy Bee Parent-Teacher Conferences

Have a blessed weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director