



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 21, 2025

Dear Preschool Families,

This week the Sunflower teachers introduced the letter Jj and Community Helpers. The children practiced tracing and writing the letter in their alphabet book. They also drew a picture that begins with letter J. On Wednesday, the children made a community helper flip book that included each child's picture and different community helper pictures.

Ms. Fitts and Ms. Sandy introduced letter Hh and number 18. The children traced and wrote the letter and number. During geography the children worked on their Italy facts book. The Buzzy Bees explored the sensory pizza table activity. Each child was able to roll playdough on a pizza pan and add different items as toppings (pasta & buttons).

On Thursday, during Grotto time, I read the story "Angels Among Us" by Carol A. Lund. We prayed our morning prayer and the Hail Mary. We also sang the "Happy Day" song.

Parents, when ringing the doorbell, please be sure to stand in front of the doorbell so that we are able to see you on the camera. When you ring the bell and we buzz you in, you have 5 seconds to open the door. Pull down on the handle and pull the door open.

We are happy and excited to welcome Mrs. Sebring back as our Buzzy Bee 1 teacher and to our Nazareth Community! She is very excited to be back and is ready to provide a fun & loving learning environment for the children! Mrs. Sebring will start on Wednesday, February 26.

PRESCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Buzzy Bee teachers concluded their conferences today. If you were not able to meet with your child's teacher during the scheduled times, please make arrangements with your child's teacher. Thank you for meeting with us to discuss your child's growth and progress.

SUNFLOWER PARENTS

In preparation for registration and the upcoming school year, the Buzzy Bee program is a 5-day program. This will enable our Pre-K students to take full advantage of our well-rounded curriculum. We are confident that this will benefit all of our students and give each one every opportunity to be prepared for Kindergarten. We believe that preschool is the first educational experience for children. Here at Nazareth Preschool, we begin in the Sunflower class by focusing on the children's social/emotional development, early literacy, religion, self-help skills, transition, hands on activities, music & movement, math & science, creative art, Spanish and exploring the environment.

In the Buzzy Bee class the focus is to prepare the children for Kindergarten. We emphasize an introduction to structure and academics, religion, phonological awareness, Spanish, geography, math & science, music & movement and early literacy.

REGISTRATION FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

Registration for current families Preschool - 8th grade will begin Tuesday, March 4 through Thursday, March 6 from 3:00pm – 5:30pm in the school auditorium. Please let us know if your child will not be returning as we will begin registering new families the week of March 10. If you register after March 6, there is a late registration fee of \$100 per student.

GOLF BALL DROP & GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Golf Ball Drop will be on Friday, March 14.

Our Nazareth Golf Scramble will be on Friday, April 11, 2025. It will be at Carlton Oaks Golf Club in Santee. If you would like to participate, please be sure to register.

NAZARETH NIGHT

As the Nazareth Night Committee is preparing for our Annual Auction Dinner Dance, we want to thank the parents that signed up to volunteer and help with the Sunflower & Buzzy Bee class projects! We greatly appreciate it! Please be sure to turn in your required immunizations to volunteer with class projects if you will be working with the children. The

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

In today's family envelope, you will find the Summer Camp flyer. Space is limited! Registration is online. Children MUST be 3 and fully potty trained through Incoming Kindergarteners to enroll.

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 (Wilso & Najor), veggies (Brisco & Ramos) and fresh fruit (Tran & Grubba). 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. An email was sent on Wednesday, February 5, regarding the new door system. Our preschool main entrance door is locked all day. You **MUST** ring the doorbell to come into the building during drop off and pick up. Each classroom has a monitor and we are able to see and communicate with parents. Once we click the button to let you in, you have about 5 seconds to pull and open the door.

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).

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 weekend!

Important Dates to Remember:

Mar. 4 – 6- Registration 3pm-5:30pm in the auditorium

Mar. 7- Diocesan Professional Learning Day / School Closed

Mar. 12- Senior Visit

Mar.14- Golf Ball Drop

Mar. 21- Local Holiday / School Closed

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director

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