

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 7, 2025

Dear Preschool Families,

On Tuesday, the preschool celebrated 100 days of school! The children counted by 10's to 100 using different items. (mini marshmallows, pretzel sticks, Goldfish, M & M's, Skittles) They also colored and made a hat. Thank you, parents, for donating the items! We greatly appreciate it!

This week the Sunflower teachers introduced the letter Hh and the heart shape. The children decorated a heart by tearing pink and white construction paper. They also worked on their letter workbook and glued heart shapes onto the letter H. During religion, the teachers read the bible story, "Jesus chooses his Disciples".

Ms. Fitts and Buzzy Bee 1 substitute introduced the letter Rr, number 16 and Community Helpers. The children made a letter collage and puppet. During geography, they introduced the country of Italy. The children colored the Italy flag. The Seeds religion lesson was Jesus wants us to follow him.

Gesell Assessment for Buzzy Bees: You will receive a letter regarding your child's assessment the day of your Parent-Teacher conference. 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.

PRESCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERNCES

The Sunflower class conferences are scheduled to begin next week. The Buzzy Bee conferences will begin Tuesday, February 18 through Friday, February 21.

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.

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 studentacknowledgments 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, Fernandez & Basore), veggies (Ouimette & Grubba) and fresh fruit (Byrne). 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:

<u>Please contact Nazareth Preschool at 619-641-7954 or Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987.</u> <u>You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org</u>

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:

Feb. 10-14 – Sunflower Parent-Teacher Conferences

Feb. 14- Valentine's Day

Feb. 17- Presidents' Day Holiday / No School

Feb. 18-21 – Buzzy Bee Parent-Teacher Conferences

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan Nazareth Preschool Director