



January 12, 2023

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Community,

Last Sunday, our Catholic community celebrated the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus' baptism demonstrates His great humility and is an example for us to all to follow. The Epiphany is celebrated each January 6 and is a day dedicated to the birth of Christ, which includes a nod toward the three Kings who came to visit Him. "According to Dictionary.com, the word "epiphany" means "an appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity. Appearance is correct, as Christ revealed himself in the form of a newborn babe to the Three Wise Men, who traveled from their countries to pay tribute to the Son of God. It is also a reference to the baptism of Christ by John the Baptist. The six Sundays following Epiphany are known as the time of manifestation." - Catholic Online. In the month of January, let us celebrate the Core Value of Justice and follow Christ' example to treat everyone with kindness and love.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Nazareth School is proud to present our wonderful school to the WCEA/WASC Accreditation Team on February 8 through the 10. The reading of the final report to the entire faculty and staff will occur on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for parent volunteers to supervise students at Extended Care beginning at 12 noon for lunch and playtime. We anticipate the presentation to last approximately an hour. Please email Mrs. Nancy at [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto:office@nazarethschool.org) if you are able to answer our call for help. If we do not receive enough volunteer help, we will have to cancel Extended Care.

### **Grandparent's Day**

Please save the date for the upcoming Grandparents Day celebration on February 3, 2023. It is a day filled with joy as we share our beautiful Mass, campus and classrooms with our loved ones.

### **Security Gates**

We are happy to announce that the emergency gates on the Mission side of the campus are completed and installed. In addition, the St. Joseph's fence and gates are nearing completion of fabrication and will be installed in the coming weeks.

### **Upper Court Renovation**

The upper court renovation is nearly complete with the installation of hitting wall this week and shade being installed later this month. Please keep a look out in the Nazareth News for the date of the ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony.

*Respect*

*Hospitality*

*Love*

*Justice*

*Compassion*

*Patience*

### **End of Second Semester**

The end of the second quarter is approaching quick, on January 20, 2023. Please work with your child's teacher regarding absent and make-up work. The entire staff at Nazareth School is working diligently to help those students who have been out of class due to COVID-19.

### **Drop-off and Pick-up**

Thank you for continuing to use the front driveway entrance, entering from San Diego Mission Road, for both drop off and pick up. **Please note, for safety concerns the back gate and fire road gate from the Mission San Diego will be locked from 7:00am to 4:30pm every school day.** We welcome parents to park and then walk your children into school, or drop them off at the carport parking lot. We ask for your *patience* and *grace* on rainy days, as drop-off and pick-up does take longer. In addition, please pull all the way forward to the garages, so we may facilitate a faster process. We have created a template for you to use during the pick-up line, we respectfully ask that you utilize the form, a copy will be re-emailed today and a copy will be uploaded to our website this weekend. Please complete the form, print and display it in your front windshield. It will be a great help to faculty and staff during pick-up.

In addition, we ask that you do not use the Rancho Mission entrance, as traffic backs up creating a dangerous hazard. For safety, please have your children enter and exit your cars from the right side only. It is extremely scary when children and parents, dart in and out of traffic as cars drive by, please help up keep our community safe. Teachers and staff will assist your children with their books and backpacks. We appreciate all of your assistance in line, by pulling all of way forward to the carport. Thank you for your patience and respect.

### **COVID 19, RSV, Flu**

Nazareth School asks for your support and vigilance in continuing to keep our community safe. Thank you for keeping your child(ren) home if they are sick or experience any COVID-19 symptoms. We appreciate your open communication about potential exposures and positive results. If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive, please keep them home and notify Nazareth School at [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto:office@nazarethschool.org) or call immediately.

God Bless,

*Mrs. René Coons*  
Principal  
Nazareth School

*Holy Family of Nazareth*  
*Watch over us and protect us.*

### **Core Value of January – Justice**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Justice for they shall be satisfied. Matt 5:6

**Our Mission:** Nazareth School, “A school with a Mission,” develops faith-filled learners who are guided by the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth, providing academic excellence rooted in Catholic tradition.

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