



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 19, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

This week the teachers read books about “Martin Luther King Jr.”. The children shared how he wanted peace, freedom to change rules and people of all colors to be together.

We continue to practice the Core Value of Justice.

The Sunflower teachers reviewed letter Gg and introduced the lesson on Arctic animals. The children made a snowman name craft and practiced writing their name. They also did an ice painting activity. Today, each child made a cotton ball polar bear. During free play time the children have explored their centers using different Arctic animals.

The Buzzy Bee teachers introduced the letter Ff, number 9 and Martin Luther King Jr.. The children practiced tracing & writing the letter and number. They made a letter collage. The journal page was about peace. On Wednesday, during geography, the children made the Eiffel Tower.

Reminder: No School next Friday, January 26, 2024. It is Professional Learning Day.

BUZZY BEE PARENTS – GESELL ASSESSMENT

Thank you for your quick response in turning in the \$55.00 fee and slip. If you turned everything in, you will receive a notice with your child’s assessment date and a Parent Questionnaire to complete. The questionnaires are due back ASAP! 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. Assessments began this week. You will receive a letter regarding your child’s assessment the day of your Parent-Teacher conference.

NAZARETH NIGHT

As the Nazareth Night Committee is preparing for our Annual Auction Dinner Dance, we need parent volunteers to help with the class projects. We want to thank Mrs. Grubba and Mrs. Najor for signing up to help with the Sunflower class project. We still need two parents for the Buzzy Bee class. Please let me know if you are interested ASAP!

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be the week of January 29 – February 2. **REMINDER:** Grandparents Day is on Friday, February 2. On this day, grandparents will be able to visit the classroom and do a special project with their grandchild. The preschool special activities for the week:

Monday, January 29- Spirit Day (wear Turkey Trot or Spirit shirt)

Tuesday, January 30- Pajama & Movie Day (No slippers)

Wednesday, January 31- Teddy Bear Picnic Day (bring a teddy bear)

Thursday, February 1- Special Craft Day

Friday, February 2- Grandparents Day

MORNING SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Gravino, Duckworth & Koppi) veggies (preschool) and fresh fruit (Way, Mahler & Neimeyer). 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. **As of right now, the only parents that are cleared are: Mrs. Jimenez, Mrs. Duckworth, Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Borowiec.**

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. Your child MUST be tested if their allergy follows with a fever or any other listed symptom other than allergy stated on doctor's note. You will need to bring the completed Attestation Form.

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

Parents, if your child stays home due to being sick, please be sure that you test them twice and complete the Attestation Form. Please report your child's absence and state the reason.

We must continue to follow the Childcare Guide for Covid-19 (August 28, 2023).

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 you are able to obtain from our school website or we can provide you with a copy. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return.

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 email: preschooldir@nazarethschool.org

Important Dates to Remember:

Jan. 26- No School / Professional Learning Day

Jan. 29- Feb. 2- Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 2 – Grandparents Day / Half Day / Close at Noon / No Aftercare

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

Have a blessed weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan

Nazareth Preschool Director