

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 25, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

We want to thank you for all that you do for our school! All of your help and support is greatly appreciated. (volunteering in school events, bringing in the morning snacks, donating items for the classroom and taking projects home).

This week the Sunflower teachers introduced the letter Ii and continued their lesson on Arctic animals. During religion the teachers read the bible story, "Jesus is Lost". The children made an igloo out of construction paper. They also made a penguin and a penguin counting book. On Wednesday, the teachers read a book about animal footprints and the children made a matching Arctic animal footprint activity.

The Buzzy Bee teachers introduced the letter Ss, number 10 and Transportation. The children practiced tracing & writing the letter and number. They made a letter collage. The children painted car tracks. The teachers talked about the different transportation vehicles. (cars, trucks, garbage and dump trucks, etc..) During geography the children continued coloring their France facts book.

BUZZY BEE PARENTS – GESELL ASSESSMENT

I have completed the second week of Gesell assessments. 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 CONFERNCES

The Parent-Teacher Conference schedules will be on the sign-in sheet on Tuesday, January 30. 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.

NAZARETH NIGHT

As the Nazareth Night Committee is preparing for our Annual Auction Dinner Dance, we want to thank Mrs. Grubba, Mrs. Najor Mrs. Shelly, Mrs. Jimenez, Mrs. Mahler and Mrs. Kirk for signing up to help with the Sunflower & Buzzy Bee class projects!

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is next week 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 – see last page for schedule

MORNING SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Grubba, Najor, Santiago, Beyk, Dispenza & Neimeyer) and veggies (Nehmitz, Santiago & Dispenza). 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 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:

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

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 three-day weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan Nazareth Preschool Director



Grandparents Day

Friday, February 2, 2024

Preschool Schedule for the Day

8:30am- Mass at St. Francis Chapel

(preschool does not attend Mass, however you may take your grandchild. Please let the teachers know.)

9:30-10:00- Reception in Courtyard

(Grandparents only)

10:00-10:50- Visit classroom (Preschool)

11:00-11:55- School Performance (Auditorium)

Noon Dismissal