



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 15, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

This week the Sunflower teachers reviewed letter Kk and continued their lesson on Lent. On Monday, the children made St. Patrick's Day cards for the seniors. The teachers talked about the Holy Trinity and each child made a Holy Trinity Cross. The children glued the symbols on the cross. They also colored a picture. On Thursday, the children Q-tip painted a rainbow. The Sunflowers ended the week making their St. Patrick's Day hats for Monday's celebration.

The Buzzy Bee teachers introduced the letter Hh, number 17 and St. Patrick's Day. The children made a letter craft and collage. Each child stamp painted shamrocks with glitter. The Buzzy Bees continue working on their leprechaun trap. During religion, the teachers read "God makes food for us" and talked about Loving and Unloving Actions. The Seeds word of the week is Holy Communion.

On Wednesday, we went to visit the seniors at Nazareth House. The children prayed, sang songs and distributed cards.

When we returned, our school mascot visited each class so that we could think of a name. The children were happy and excited to see our Nazareth School eagle mascot. Each class submitted their names.

During my visits to each class I introduced the sign of the cross in Spanish. La Señal De la cruz. En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espirito Santo. Amen.

On Monday, the preschool will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please have your child wear green.

Reminders: Parents, we ask that you please arrive on time. We lock the preschool door at 8:15 am. The teachers begin circle time or outside play at 8:30 am. Please say your goodbyes at the door and allow your child to continue practicing their self-help skills by letting them put

their lunch box and water bottle away. Coming into the classroom to drop off once circle time has begun causes distraction to the class and the teachers, as they are transitioning into quiet learning time. If you arrive after 8:15 am, please ring the doorbell and a staff member will come to the door. **Please Do Not pull on the door when locked as the door latch from the other door will break.**

We ask that if you are going to pick up your child early, please pick up by 12:30 pm or between 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

Never leave a child unattended in your car.

Kaitlyn's Law

It's against California law to leave a child who is 6 years of age or younger alone in the car without the supervision of a person at least 12 years old if: 1. The keys are in the ignition or the car is running, or 2. There is a significant risk to the child.

SUNFLOWER PARENTS

In preparation for 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, math & science, music & movement, early literacy.

REGISTRATION 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

If you were not able to register your child last week, please be sure to do so ASAP. We are now registering new families. Please let us know if your child will not be returning. **Late Registration Fee is \$100 per student.**

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our Annual Nazareth Golf Tournament will be on Friday, March 22, 2024. It will be at Carlton Oaks Golf Club in Santee. If you would like to participate, please be sure to register.

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

We will offer 6 weeks of Summer Camp fun! You may register now through the school website. You will also find the link for the enrollment packet. Children must be 3 years old through incoming kindergarten and fully potty trained to attend. Limited spaces only.

MORNING SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Borowiec, Beyk, Dispenza & Soares), veggies (Way & Santiago) and fresh fruit (Way & Mahler). 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:

Mar. 17- St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 18- Preschool St. Patrick's Day Celebration / Wear green

Mar. 22- Nazareth Golf Tournament

Mar. 25- Golf Ball Drop

Mar. 27 & 28- Preschool Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

Mar. 28- Holy Thursday / Half Day / Close at Noon / No Aftercare

Mar. 29 – Apr. 5- Spring Break

Apr. 8- Classes resume

Have a blessed weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director