

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 22, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

We began our week celebrating St. Patrick's Day! A special visitor traveled all the way from Ireland to visit us! We were delighted to see Miss Molly. She read a story, danced to Irish music with the children and gave them each a pencil, jewel and a shamrock sticker. We also had special guests join us in our celebration (Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Coons & Mrs. Horning). We had a great time!

This week the Sunflower teachers introduced the letter Ll and read the bible story "The True King". The children made a ladybug with the letter L cutout. They also made an Easter egg name basket. The children glued the egg cutouts with the letters of their name on the basket. On Wednesday, the children made a palm leaf by cutting on the lines.

The Buzzy Bee teachers introduced the letter Mm, number 18 and Spring. The children made a letter craft and collage. Each child painted a butterfly cutout. They also made a palm leaf. On Thursday, the children made a letter of the week puppet and the journal title was "In the spring we....". The Spanish word of the week was "Primavera". (Spring) On Tuesday, during garden, the children planted seeds.

On Thursday, during Grotto time, we talked about Palm Sunday and learned about the word "Hosanna", which means "Pray and Save Us". Together we sang, Easter songs and sang "Wave Your Palms" by Sunday School Buddies. As we listened to the song, we paraded back to class waving our palms.

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, Olut, Santiago, Beyk, Koppi & Soares), veggies (Gravino & Santiago) and fresh fruit (Nehmitz, Abel & Appel). 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: <u>State licensing requires that all volunteers have the following immunization</u> 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).

<u>It is very important that you call and report your child's absence. If you are using a home test</u> <u>kit, you must complete the Attestation Form that we can provide for you. You MUST test your</u>

<u>child twice before they are able to return. Child **MUST** be 24-hour fever free with NO medication and symptoms are improving.</u>

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 <u>or Nazareth School</u> <u>office at 619-641-7987.</u>

You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org

Important Dates to Remember:

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 Apr. 8 -16- 2024-2025 Preschool Registration Apr. 12- Half Day / Close At Noon / No Aftercare Apr. 17- Professional Learning Day / Close At Noon / No Aftercare

Have a blessed weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan Nazareth Preschool Director