



March 31, 2023

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Community,

We look forward to the upcoming Holy Week, let us live our core values and help others through the act of alms giving, praying and fasting. In preparation of Easter, 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be leading us in praying the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in their annual tradition of the Shadow Play. Please come pray with Nazareth School at 9am or 11am.

*Lord, look at me, accept my prayer as you accepted Peter's prayer, and let me not run away from you in the night as Judas did. Bless me, Lord, in this Holy Week, and give me the grace to know your loving presence more intimately. Amen.*

We are excited to announce the final element to our safety gates will be installed next week. At that time, we will be a completely gated community. Parents, please note that you will need to buzz into campus from the ramp gate. During drop-off and pick-up, the gates will be open and monitored by staff.

In the hopes of keeping the entire Nazareth School community safe, next week we will send home a COVID-19 testing box for each child. The tests were provided by the State of California, please feel free to use it as needed. We encourage you, but it is not a requirement, to test your child before returning to campus after Easter break. Per the guidance for COVID-19 symptoms, a child may return to school in 24 hours with a negative PCR Covid-19 test in response to an onset of symptoms. Child must stay home until symptoms have improved according to existing school policy, typically 24 hours without fever and no use of fever-reducing medicine. Please see the updated Decision Tree attachment for further information on testing and visit <https://www.nazarethschool.org/COVID-19-Resources> for testing sites.

Thank you for continuing to use the front driveway entrance, entering from San Diego Mission Road, for both drop off and pick up. Please do not exit down the hill to San Diego Mission Road, drive around to the parking lot and exit up the hill via Rancho Mission Road. We welcome parents to park and then walk your children into school, or drop them off at the carport parking lot. Thank you for your help with posting your child's name and grade on your windshields. The signs are a significant help to move traffic along and get students loaded in their card in an expedited manner. As a reminder, please use the Rancho Mission entrance, as traffic backs up creating a dangerous hazard, when parents enter from Rancho Mission Road. 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

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community safe. We appreciate all of your patience in line, as we move cars all the way forward to the garages, to service as many cars as possible.

Our mission at Nazareth School is to provide all of our students with an exceptional Catholic education and prepare them to be excellent stewards in the future, by living the Sisters of Nazareth Core Values. With this mission in our hearts, the Sisters of Nazareth Foundation will continue to offer tuition assistance through the use of the FACTS Grant and Aid qualification process. This is a financial needs-based program and the Nazareth Foundation will work with all families needing assistance. Applications are currently being accepted for Nazareth School Tuition Assistance for the 2023-24 school year and all applicants must be enrolled in Nazareth School. The deadline to apply for financial assistance is April 30, 2023.

Thank you for entrusting Nazareth School with the Catholic education of your children. With all of us working together as partners and with God's blessings, all things are possible.

God Bless,

Mrs. René Coons  
Principal  
Nazareth School

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

**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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