



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 6, 2025

Dear Preschool Families,

On Tuesday, we celebrated Mardi Gras / Pancake Tuesday! The children had mini pancakes. They had different toppings and syrup. The children enjoyed the pancakes, while watching a short video about the meaning of "Pancake Tuesday". The children also colored a pancake picture. We ended the celebration by dancing to Mardi Gras music. Thank you, Mrs. McDowell, for bringing and preparing the pancake activity!

In preparation for the season of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, Mrs. Coons came to the preschool to offer ashes to the children and teachers. This was a wonderful religious experience.

On Monday, the Sunflower teachers began the week celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. The teachers shared the video, "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish". Each child made a handprint activity and the hands turned into fish to go with the story. On Wednesday, they introduced the season of Lent. The children colored an Ash Wednesday self-portrait and made a Lenten cross.

The Buzzy Bee teachers introduced the season of Lent, letter Pp, number 20 and Dr. Seuss' birthday. On Monday, the teachers read Dr. Seuss books and had activities. The children traced and wrote the letter and number. They also made a letter collage and puppet. During geography the teachers introduced the country of Ireland. Each child colored the flag of Ireland. The children colored an Ash Wednesday self-portrait.

Parents, just a reminder, when ringing the doorbell, please be sure to stand in front of the doorbell so that we are able to see you on the camera. When you ring the bell and we buzz you in, you have 5 seconds to open the door. Pull down on the handle and pull the door open.

SUNFLOWER PARENTS

In preparation for registration and 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, Spanish, geography, math & science, music & movement and early literacy.

REGISTRATION FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

Today, we concluded with day 3 of registration. Please let us know if your child will not be returning as we will begin registering new families the week of March 10. Starting next week, there is a late registration fee of \$100 per student.

GOLF BALL DROP & GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Golf Ball Drop will be on Friday, March 14.

Our Nazareth Golf Scramble will be on Friday, April 11, 2025. It will be at Carlton Oaks Golf Club in Santee. If you would like to participate, please be sure to register.

NAZARETH NIGHT

As the Nazareth Night Committee is preparing for our Annual Auction Dinner Dance, we want to thank the parents that signed up to volunteer and help with the Sunflower & Buzzy Bee class projects! We greatly appreciate it! Please be sure to turn in your required immunizations to volunteer with class projects if you will be working with the children. The

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

We are excited to announce that we will offer 6 weeks of Summer Camp fun! You may now register 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.

PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Due to the health and safety of the children and staff, State Licensing requires that all volunteers submit required immunizations. Parents, anytime you sign-up to volunteer or be present in any of the preschool events, you MUST be sure that you have turned in a copy of your current TB test, Tdap, MMR, flu shot and Covid card. You must also complete the CMG

Connect training that you may find on our school website. The fee for the training is \$25.00. Please fill out the Statement of Good Health form too. We want to thank all of the parents who have submitted the required immunizations.

NAZARETH SCHOOL PARENT HANDBOOK (Preschool – Grade Eight)

Please see the attached link to our 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](#)

SIGN-IN & OUT

Parents, please sign in and out as you enter the building. Full signature **NO** initials! This is a State Licensing Regulation. Just a reminder: When you sign your child out, your child is no longer under our care and you **MUST** take your child with you.

SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought muffins, veggies and fruit. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Ludwig, Fernandez, Bulti & Way) and veggies (Brisco & Way). Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts to attach to your Service Hour sheet and return in your white envelope. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged. If you sign -up for your child's class, please make sure that the snack is enough for both classes.

PRESCHOOL OPERATING HOURS

The preschool operating hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm. An email was sent on Wednesday, February 5, regarding the new door system. Our preschool main entrance door is locked all day. You **MUST** ring the doorbell to come into the building during drop off and pick up. Each classroom has a monitor and we are able to see and communicate with parents. Once we click the button to let you in, you have about 5 seconds to pull and open the door.

AFTERCARE

We provide aftercare from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (\$4.50 per hour). Aftercare pick-up is on the Northeast side of the preschool building (Sunflower Playground or Preschool Aftercare room).

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ROUTE

We want to remind you that our drop off and pick up route is a **ONE WAY ONLY!** You **MUST** drive up Nazareth Drive off of San Diego Mission Road. 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 through the school road and drive out onto Rancho Mission Road. 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 signs 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:

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

We must continue to follow the K-12 & Childcare Guide for Covid-19 (August 1, 2024)

It is very important that you call and report your child's absence. Please test your child and complete the Attestation Form that you are able to obtain from us. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return. The first test is done when child has symptoms and the second test is 12-24 hours after first test. Your child may return when they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication AND other non-fever symptoms are mild and improving.

Parents, please keep your child home if she/he is sick and presenting any of the following Covid-19 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.

Please remember to return your family envelope by Thursday each week. Place it in your child's file folder.

A Prayer for Guidance

Heavenly Father, as we journey through this Lenten season, we come to You as a family seeking Your light and wisdom. In moments of uncertainty, guide our steps towards Your love and truth. Help us to understand the lessons You place before us, growing in faith and compassion. Teach us to love more deeply, reflecting Your boundless love in our daily actions. May this season of reflection bring us closer to You and to each other, as we learn to walk in Your ways with grateful hearts. Amen.

Caroline King

Have a blessed weekend!

Important Dates to Remember:

Mar. 7- Diocesan Professional Learning Day / School Closed

Mar. 12- Senior Visit

Mar.14- Golf Ball Drop

Mar. 21- Local Holiday / School Closed

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan

Nazareth Preschool Director

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