



## **PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

November 15, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

We would like to share some preschool highlights of our fun filled week!

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Mahler introduced the letter "Ff & the Five Food Groups". On Tuesday, the teachers talked about the different food groups and showed the children pictures. The children made their own food group plate and glued pictures/stickers on the plate. Each child also worked on their letter workbook. They traced their name and drew a picture of something that begins with letter Ff.

Ms. Fitts and Ms. Littlefield introduced the letter Ff, number 7 and being thankful. The children practiced tracing and writing the letter & number. They also made a letter F collage and puppet. During geography, the children colored their United Kingdom mini book.

On Wednesday, we went to visit the seniors at Nazareth House. The children prayed, sang songs and distributed cards to the seniors. The children also sang patriotic songs in observance of Veterans Day. It is always great to bring smiles and laughter to the seniors.

We want to thank you for your quick response with our Harvest Day & Thanksgiving celebration sign-ups.

Congratulations to our preschool top Turkey Trotters! This week the following children received pins:

Enzo Fernandez, Keira MacManus, Owen Schulte & Maggie Way.

## **TURKEY TROT**

Our annual Turkey Trot is next Friday, November 22. The preschool will be on the upper field from 9am-10am. Each child will receive a Turkey Trot t-shirt on Friday morning. The Rubio's Turkey Trot Fundraiser will be on Wednesday, November 20. If you are planning to volunteer, please turn in the required immunizations and complete the CMG training!

**This is an updated list of parents who are cleared to volunteer in any of the preschool events:**

**Sunflower Class:** Mr. & Mrs. Tran, Mrs. Jimenez, Mr. & Mrs. Schulte, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Lengel, Mrs. Senter, Mrs. Fernandez & Mrs. Real

**Buzzy Bee Class:** Mrs. Borowiec, Mrs. Gravino, Mrs. Byrne & Mrs. Real

**If you have NOT turned in any of the immunization requirements, you may NOT volunteer!**

## **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 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 submitted the required immunizations.

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

We want to thank you for your quick response in donating canned soup & vegetables. The last day to donate is Thursday, November 21. Please place your cans in the box that is in the main entrance.

**Sunflower:** Canned Soup

**Buzzy Bees:** Canned Vegetables

## **Nazareth School Family Handbook (Preschool – Grade Eight)**

Parents, please be sure to take a moment and read our Parent Handbook.

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](#)

## **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 fresh fruit. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Owen & Olut), veggies (Owen) and fruit (Quach & Byrne). 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.

## **PRESCHOOL OPERATING HOURS**

The preschool operating hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm. The main entrance door will be open from 7:00am to 8:15am for drop off. We ask that you please arrive on time. If you arrive after 8:15am, please ring the doorbell and a preschool staff member will come to the door as soon as we are able to. In the afternoon for pick-up, the door will be open from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Parents, please keep in mind that if you arrive late, it may take a few minutes to get to the door as teachers are taking their morning breaks. If you are picking up early, please pick up at 12:30 pm, as this is also a time when it may take a few minutes to come to the door, as teachers are taking their lunch breaks.

## **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). We lock the main entrance door promptly at 4:00 pm and transition the children to aftercare.

## **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.

## **TEACHER CLOSING DAYS**

Please know that your child's teacher will be arriving late on the following day (at 9am):

Monday- Mrs. Mahler

Tuesday- Mrs. McDowell

Wednesday- Ms. Littlefield

Thursday- Ms. Fitts

Friday- Mrs. Barragan

Between 7:00 am – 7:30 am, drop off for all children is in the Sunflower class. Between 7:30 am – 8:00 am, the Buzzy Bee drop off will be in Ms. Fitts's class. If there are any changes, we will place a note on the sign - in clipboard so that you know where to drop off.

**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](mailto:preschooldir@nazarethschool.org) or [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto: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.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

Nov. 20- Harvest Day in the Garden

Nov. 21- Visit the Grotto 9:30 am / Preschool Thanksgiving Celebration

Nov. 22- Turkey Trot / Preschool 9am-10am on the upper field

Nov. 25 – 29 – Thanksgiving Break / School Closed

Dec. 2- Classes Resume

Dec. 6- St. Nicholas Day / Half Day / Preschool Close at Noon

Have a fabulous weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan  
Nazareth Preschool Director