



## **PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

November 17, 2023

Dear Preschool Families,

This month we continue to practice our Core Values of Respect and Hospitality. Our focus this month is being thankful each day and giving to others.

The preschool started the week visiting the seniors at Nazareth House. We shared prayers, sang and dropped off special Thanksgiving cards that the children made.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Harvest Day out in the garden before the storm. The children were able to go through the corn maze, rake leaves, have a broom race, do the ring toss and find sparkly leaf treasures. We ended our celebration in the music room. The children colored Thanksgiving table clothes, decorated a pumpkin cutout and made a scarecrow craft. They had lunch and enjoyed a slice of pumpkin pie with whip cream. We want to thank the parents who donated the festive items & pumpkin pies for our special event and Mrs. Jimenez, for setting up the corn maze and decorating the garden!

It was great seeing all the children participate in the Turkey Trot! The children and teachers did a fabulous job! If you paid the required fee or made donations online, your child received a colored bracelet. We want to thank you, your family and friends for all your support.

The Sisters of Nazareth gifted a special bag with the Core Values to all the students. Each bag also included a name tag. Thank you, Sisters of Nazareth!

Mrs. Mahler and Ms. Littlefield had a lesson on "Thanksgiving". The children made a thankful tree, cornucopia and turkey hat. The teachers read Thanksgiving books and sang songs. They also introduced the letter Ff.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Mrs. McDowell. She will come on Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Mrs. McDowell got to meet all the Sunflowers and the Buzzy Bee children were so happy to see her.

Monday, we welcomed Mrs. Khadija who was here to sub in Mrs. Mendoza's class. She introduced the letter Dd and number 7. The children traced and wrote the letter and number. She read the story "Stone Soup". The children colored a picture. Ms. Fitts's introduced letter Aa and number 6. The children traced and wrote the letter and number. The children also made a letter collage and practiced their cutting skills. Mrs. Fitts's class made a cornucopia. During geography Buzzy Bee 1 made a Double Decker bus and Buzzy Bee 2 water colored a castle scene. The Spanish word of the week was Dia de Accion de Gracia.

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

We will definitely make many families happy with all the canned goods that were donated for the food drive. This was a great way of practicing our Core Value of Hospitality and the meaning of giving. Thank you to all the families that donated canned food!

### **MORNING SNACKS**

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Borowiec, Velasquez, Beyk, Appel & Dispenza), veggies (Nehmitz) and fresh fruit (Tovar, Appel & Dispenza). 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, with the Halloween carnival coming up in a few weeks, please be sure to turn in all your volunteer requirements. You **MUST** also complete the CMG training. **As of right now, the only parents that are cleared are: Mrs. Jimenez, Mrs. Duckworth and Mrs. Byrne.**

**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:**

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)

Parents, if your child stays home due to being sick, please be sure that you test them twice and complete the Attestation Form. Please report your child's absence and state the reason. We have had a few children absent and parents are not stating the reason and when they return, they have a runny nose or cough.

We must continue to follow the Childcare Guide for Covid-19 (August 28, 2023).

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 you are able to obtain from our school website or we can provide you with a copy. You MUST test your child twice before they are able to return.

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. Your child MUST be tested if their allergy follows with a fever or any other listed symptom other than allergy stated on doctor's note. You will need to bring the completed Attestation Form.

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 email: [preschooldir@nazarethschool.org](mailto:preschooldir@nazarethschool.org)

**Important Dates to Remember:**

Nov. 20 – 24 – Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27- Classes will resume

Dec. 1 – Half Day/ Preschool close at Noon / No Aftercare

Dec. 6- St. Nicholas Day

Dec. 11- Senior Visit to Nazareth House / Posada

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and restful week off!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan

Nazareth Preschool Director