



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 22, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

We would like to share our fun and festive preschool highlights of the week!

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Mahler's lesson for the week was Thanksgiving. The children made placemats and turkey hats. The teachers also read Thanksgiving books and sang songs.

Ms. Fitts and Ms. Littlefield introduced the letter Ss, number 8 and the theme was "In Everything We Give Thanks". The children practiced tracing and writing the letter & number. They also made a snake with the letter cutout and a placemat.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Harvest Day in the garden. The children made a scarecrow craft. They enjoyed a slice of pumpkin pie with whipped cream. After their treat, they were able to go through the corn maze, have a broom race and do the bean bag toss. We ended our celebration with a dance party and a Thanksgiving story. We want to thank the parents who donated the festive items, pumpkin pies and whipped cream. We also want to thank Mrs. Lengel, Mrs. Real and Mrs. Borowiec for setting up, putting the corn maze together, decorating the garden and cleaning up! We truly appreciate your assistance.

Thursday, we continued our Thanksgiving celebration in the music room. We gathered together to watch A Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving. The children enjoyed a special treat while watching the movie. They had popcorn, pretzels, jelly beans, toast and a juice box. They also made a craft and ended the celebration by having lunch together in the music room. We want to thank all the parents who donated all of the special treats for this celebration. We appreciate your help.

We ended our festive week with our Annual Turkey Trot. 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 their Turkey Trot pins. We want to thank you, your family and friends for all your support. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered.

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 submitted the required immunizations.

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, Mr. & Mrs. Quach, Mrs. Real & Mrs. Zaborowska.

Buzzy Bee Class: Mrs. Borowiec, Mrs. Gravino, Mrs. Byrne, Ms. Nehmitz, Mrs. Real, Mrs. Olla & Mrs. Bulti.

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!

NAZARETH SCHOOL PARENT 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 (Jimenez, Wilson, Nehmitz & Olut), veggies (Tran, Grubba & Huruy) and fruit (Tran & Lam). 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.

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

Please be sure to save the dates:

We will have our Annual Posada with the seniors at Nazareth House on Wednesday, December 11th at 10:30am followed by Posada celebration in the music room. We will need parent volunteers on this day.

On Thursday, December 19th, is our Preschool Christmas Program at 9:30 am in the auditorium. After the program we will continue with the "Happy Birthday Jesus" celebration in the Sunflower & Buzzy Bee playground. We will need volunteers on this day too. We will have two sign-up sheets when we return from Thanksgiving break. This day is a half day. We will close at noon. No aftercare. Please make pick-up arrangements.

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 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 Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen. - **Debbie McDaniel**

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and restful week off!

Important Dates to Remember:

Nov. 25 – 29 – Thanksgiving Break / School Closed

Dec. 2- Classes Resume

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

Dec. 11- Senior Visit to Nazareth House / Posada

Dec. 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession in the preschool

Dec. 19- Preschool Christmas Program at 9:30 am in the auditorium / Half Day /
Close at Noon

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director