



## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 8, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

We hope that all of you have adjusted well to the time change.

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.

We would like to welcome the Ludwig family. Ivy has joined Mrs. Mahler's Sunflower class.

This week Keira practiced the core value of Hospitality, as she welcomed her friend Ivy and showed her around the classroom.

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Mahler introduced the letter "Ee". The children drew a picture in their letter workbook. On Monday, the class watched the movie "Coco". The bible story read this week was "Joseph's Colorful Robe" (Genesis 37). Each child glued colored squares on a robe cutout. The class ended the week making a thankful tree and pinecone turkey.

Ms. Fitts and Ms. Littlefield introduced the letter Gg, number 6 and family. The children practiced tracing and writing the letter & number. The children decorated a house cutout and glued pictures of who is in their family. On Wednesday, the children made a London bus (double decker bus) for their geography lesson. The sensory activity this week was pinecone weaving. Today, during religion, the teachers read the Seeds Sunday's Gospel "Everyone's gift is important."

The Buzzy Bee class won the door decorating contest. They celebrated today with an ice cream party! Teddy Fitzpatrick & Xander Najor won the costume contest and received a candy apple.

During aftercare, as it begins to get dark early, we will bring the children inside the aftercare room for pick up. Please remember to bring a jacket/sweater to wear outside.

**REMINDER:** No School on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day

### **TURKEY TROT**

We cannot believe that our annual Turkey Trot is coming up soon! On Friday, November 22, the preschool will be on the upper field from 9am-10am. The Rubio's Turkey Trot Fundraiser will be on Wednesday, November 20. Don't forget to purchase your Encouragement Posters for your child. If you are planning to volunteer, please turn in the required immunizations and complete the CMG training!

**The following parents 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. 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.

### **DIOCESAN HALLOWEEN CANDY AND DENTAL SUPPLY COLLECTION**

Thank you to all the families who donated candy to the Notre Dame Club.

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

We will participate in the food drive from now through November 21. Please place your cans in the boxes that are 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, some of you are still forgetting to sign your child in and out. 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. Some parents are still forgetting to sign their child in and out. Please sign in and out as you enter the building.

### **SNACKS**

I want to thank the families who brought muffins, veggies and fresh fruit. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Tran, Gravino & Way), veggies (Brisco & Way) and fruit (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.

### **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. 11- Veteran's Day Holiday / No School

Nov. 13- Preschool Senior Visit

Nov. 20- Harvest Day in the Garden

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

Nov. 22- Turkey Trot

Have a fabulous three-day weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan  
Nazareth Preschool Director