



## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 10, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

We would like to share a few preschool highlights that took place this week.

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Mahler's weekly themes were "Fall & Leaves". The teachers took the children out to collect leaves. The children made leaf prints using paint and ink pads. On Wednesday, they mixed red and yellow paint to make orange. Each child painted a picture using orange paint. During religion, the teachers read "The Sneaky Snake" and the children colored a picture. They ended the week raking leaves out in the garden .

Ms. Fitts and Ms. Littlefield's weekly themes were Fire Safety, letter Cc and number 2. The teachers read the AlphaTales Cc book and talked about fire safety. The children tore and glued red, yellow & orange construction paper for their 911 activity. They also made a firefighter collage. The children practiced tracing and writing the letter Cc and number 2.

On Wednesday, we went to visit the seniors at Nazareth House. The children prayed the Johnny Appleseed prayer and sang Fall is Here. Each child passed out the fall cards that they made in class.

Parents, just a reminder, that if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. You **MUST** test your child twice before they are able to return to school. If you need an Attestation Form, please let us know. Please read our Sick/Covid Symptoms section down below.

Picture proofs were sent home this week. If you would like your child to take their picture, please contact Gerardy and they will gladly assist you. A flyer went home in last week's family envelope.

## **SOCKTOBER**

The preschool along with the upper grade school is participating in collecting new white ADULT socks for the homeless during the month of October. Last day to donate is Thursday, October 31.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS**

If you placed a book order, your books were placed in your child's file folder. Thank you for your support. A big thank you to Mrs. Olla for all her help. The October flyers were placed in your child's folder last week.

## **HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

The next carnival meeting will be on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm in the staff lounge. I want to thank the Sunflower and Buzzy Bee parents who are volunteering to help with the preschool booths.

## **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 forgetting to sign-in and out. Please remember to sign your child in and put the time you arrive as you come to drop off & pick up your child every day! Full signature **NO** initials! This is a State Licensing Regulation.

## **SNACKS**

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins, veggies and fresh fruit. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Wyckoff, MacManus, Najor & Gravino) and veggies (Quach & Velasquez). 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.

## **GENERAL PTG MEETING**

Our first PTG General Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. The theme is "High Stakes" Poker Night.

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

If you are not able to meet with your child's teacher on scheduled days, please contact teacher to schedule a conference. Parents, please keep in mind that this is **ONLY** a 30 minute conference with your child's teacher and other parents will be waiting too.

Sunflower Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of October 15-18.

Buzzy Bee Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of October 21-25.

## **HALLOWEEN COSTUMES**

Preschool children may wear their Halloween costume on Thursday, October 31. No inflatable costumes, slippers or weapons! Costumes must be comfortable for the children to wear during the school day. They must wear tennis shoes.

## **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.

### **PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

Parents, if you are planning to volunteer in any of the upcoming school events, please be sure to turn 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.

### **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 (July 12, 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:**

Oct. 11- Diocesan Professional Learning Day / No School

Oct. 14- Columbus Day / School Closed

Oct. 15-18- Sunflower Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 17- Visit the Grotto at 9:30 am

Oct. 21-25- Buzzy Bee Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 25- Halloween Carnival

Have a fabulous 4-day weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan  
Nazareth Preschool Director