



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 19, 2023

Dear Preschool Families,

We started our week visiting the seniors at Nazareth House. We prayed, sang songs and the children made cards to give to the seniors.

On Thursday, we participated in the "The Great California Shakeout". We practiced to duck, cover & hold on and we evacuated the building. The preschool did an awesome job!

Mrs. Mahler and Ms. Littlefield introduced the letter "Dd". Each child made a dinosaur with the letter cutout and dot painted. On Wednesday, the children practiced cutting straight lines. Today, the teachers concluded their Parent-Teacher conferences. We want to thank all the parents for attending their child's conference.

Mrs. Mendoza and Mrs. Fitts's weekly themes were, Pumpkins, letter "Tt" and number 3. Mrs. Mendoza's class measured pumpkins and Ms. Fitts's class talked about the parts of a pumpkin. The Spanish word of the week was "Calabaza". They continued their geography lesson on Germany. Their journal page was about pumpkins.

On Tuesday, October 31, the children will be able to wear their Halloween costume to school. No toy weapons and children must wear tennis shoes.

PRESCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Sunflower teachers concluded their conferences today. The Buzzy Bee teachers will have conferences next week on Monday, October 23 through Thursday, October 26.

This is a 30-minute conference with your child's teacher, please keep in mind that we will have other parents waiting for their scheduled conference.

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.

It has been brought to my attention that some of our parents are signing their child in and taking them to drop off their upper grade school sibling in the morning. Once your child is signed in, they are under our care. Please DO NOT take them to drop off older siblings. You may drop off older sibling first and then drop off your preschooler.

The same has been happening during pick up in the afternoon. Once your child is signed out, they are no longer under our care. You MUST take your child with you, otherwise, please pick up your older sibling first and then your preschooler.

MORNING SNACKS

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Way, Byrne, Beyk & Dispenza) and veggies (Shelly & Mahler). 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.**

The December Sunflower muffin sign-up sheet is on top of the sign-in table.

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 Tuesday, October 31.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The next carnival meeting will be on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 pm in the staff lounge. If you signed up last month on the sign-up sheet, please attend the meeting. I want to thank the Sunflower and Buzzy Bee parents who are volunteering to help with the preschool booths.

DIOCESAN HALLOWEEN CANDY AND DENTAL SUPPLY COLLECTION

The preschool and upper grade school will participate in collecting candy and dental supplies (toothbrushes & toothpaste) to donate to Casa de los Pobres in Tijuana. The annual candy collection is coordinated by Oma Nwaogwugwu, President of the Notre Dame Alumni Club of San Diego, and Caroline Kelner, volunteer board member of the Casa de los Pobres USA. The

candy and dental donations will be distributed by the Franciscan Sisters as part of the annual Christmas Distribution. A box will be placed at the preschool main entrance for you to place your candy or dental supplies (toothbrushes & toothpaste). The last day for donations will be Monday, November 6.

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 or 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

Important Dates to Remember:

Oct. 20 - Diocesan Professional Growth Day/ No School

Oct. 23 - 26- Buzzy Bee Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 27- Halloween Carnival

Nov. 1- Half Day/ Professional Learning Day / Preschool Close at Noon / NO Aftercare

Nov. 2 & 3- K through 8 Parent-Teacher Conferences / Half Day

Have a fabulous weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director