



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 6, 2023

Dear Preschool Families,

This week the teachers introduced the core value of Hospitality.

We welcomed Parker Nehmitz and family to our Nazareth School community. The children are recognized when they are caught practicing our core values. Our hallway and classrooms are decorated with the children's fall art. Each child's art piece is creative and unique. We continue to learn new songs, "Come into My Heart", "Happy Day" and fun fall songs. It brings joy to my heart seeing and listening to all the children pray, sing, laugh, smile and enjoy all of the fun learning activities!

Mrs. Mahler and Ms. Littlefield introduced the themes Fall, letter "Cc", color orange and triangle. The children glued colored pom poms on a letter C cutout and turned it into a caterpillar. During religion, the teachers read "The Sneaky Snake" and the children colored a picture. On Wednesday, the children counted "Cheerios" and put them in numbered boxes. The sensory activities this week were fall leaves and slime.

Mrs. Mendoza and Ms. Fitts's weekly themes were Farm, letter li and number 1. The teachers read the letter book and the children made an iguana with the letter cut out. They also colored, cut and glued their ice cream puppet. During geography, they introduced Germany, and the children colored the flag. The sensory activities were washing the farm animals in the bin and farm animals in the wet sand. The Seeds religion curriculum introduces Sunday's Gospel story. The teachers read, "Jesus wants us to grow" and sang "There's a Seed in My Heart".

FALL FAMILY PICNIC

It was great seeing many of you at the family picnic!

PRESCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents, if you have not signed up for your conference, please sign up as soon as possible. If the scheduled dates do not work for you, please let your child's teacher know.

Sunflower Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of October 16-19.

Buzzy Bee Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of October 23-26.

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.

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 \$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 (Bulti, Tovar, Mahler, Jimenez, Koppi & Soares), veggies (Grubba & Duckworth) and fresh fruit (Appel & Giordano-Darling). 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.**

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 11 at 6:30 pm in the staff lounge. If you signed up last month on the sign-up sheet, please attend the meeting. We only had one Buzzy Bee parent attend the first meet in September.

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, we Do Not have any parents cleared to volunteer.**

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 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

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. 9 - Columbus Day / No School

Oct. 16- Preschool visits Nazareth House

Oct. 16 - 19- Sunflower Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 20 - Diocesan Professional Growth Day/ No School

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

Have a fabulous three-day weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director