

Dear Nazareth Families,

We've always known that the Nazareth community is amazing, but this year with all of the challenges that faced us, this was even more apparent. Together as a community we have all done the best we can to provide our children with as many close-to-traditional experiences as possible. Here is an update from the PTG Board.

We kicked the school year off with a Town Hall meeting to meet Mrs. Coons and allow the community an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. The PTG Board also introduced the New Family Mentor Program. Throughout the year our thoughtful mentor families have been connecting with our new families and providing support. This program has been a hit and we hope to continue this in future years!

One role of the Board is supporting our teachers and staff. We have been working to fulfill the "Teacher Wishlists", providing items for the garden, iPad covers, furniture, and more. We have also had the opportunity to treat our teachers and staff to lunch and we are planning to spoil them during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7. Shhh, don't tell!

Another role that the Board plays is allocating the funds that are raised throughout the year. This year our major expenditures have included:

- Supporting the 1:1 Technology Initiative, committing \$25,000 to purchasing iPads and Chromebooks.
- Yearly donation of \$10,000 to the Nazareth Tuition Assistance Program.

And, as you know, the PTG sponsors four major events each year:

- The Halloween Carnival was reimaged by Melissa Hubbard and her committee into a Trunk or Treat, which involved many creative minds coming together, including the Haunted Drive Through brought to us by the Eighth grade students and parents.
- In November, Turkey Trot Chair Christy Conway and her hard-working committee reimaged the Turkey Trot, allowing students to "trot" while also keeping the competition alive between the classrooms and individual students. The Turkey Trot raised a record-breaking \$48,000!
- The Golf Tournament committee led by Bob Rieger is ready to go for next year as the decision was made to hold off for one more year. Look for the tournament in 2022!
- And finally, Nazareth Night. As you know we will not be gathering for our typical event, however the committee, led by Cynthia Graham and Elizabeth "Booey" Jordan are re-imagining the event into a Spring Giving Campaign.

The Spring Giving Campaign has been created in an effort to recognize that many Nazareth families are struggling financially this year due to unforeseen circumstances associated with COVID. Now is your chance to help fellow Nazareth families through the Spring Giving Campaign. Thanks to the support already received for this campaign, the PTG will be matching the \$10,000 already donated to the Nazareth Tuition Assistance Program (thank you, families!). Any additional monies raised above and beyond that amount will go directly toward the purchase of new iPads for students. We encourage you to help out however you can by donating between now and May 7, 2021, if you haven't done so already.

Save the date - Thursday, June 10, 2021 - join Nazareth families at the Santee Drive-In for our first in person event of the year! More details to come.

We appreciate the opportunity to represent you and to support Nazareth School!

Sincerely,

Polly Sipper, Incoming President, and Aimee Sage, Outgoing President