

December 17, 2021

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

Our Catholic faith encourages us to remain hopeful, especially during this season of Advent as we await and prepare for Jesus' birth. As we near the Christmas season, in this time of COVID-19, we are especially called to live the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth. It is with joy in my heart that I express how grateful I am for the entire Nazareth family. The grace with which our community has come together is a testament to our practice of the Core Values. Let us reflect on the December core value of Love.

## **Christmas Prayer**

Loving God, on this Christmas Day, We praise the new born child, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We open our eyes to see the mystery of faith. We claim the promise of Emmanuel "God with us."

We remember that our Savior was born in a manger And walked as a humble suffering savior. Lord, help us to share the love of God With everyone we encounter, To feed the hungry, cloth the naked, And stand against injustice and oppression. We pray for the ending of war And rumors of war. We pray for peace upon the Earth. We thank you for our families and friends And for the many blessings we have received. We rejoice today with the best gifts Of hope, peace, joy And the love of God in Jesus Christ. Amen. --By Rev. Lia Icaza Willetts

Last night, we enjoyed the wonderful tradition of the Nazareth Christmas Program. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Horning, all of the teachers, and students for their amazing performance and hard work to bring the Advent season to life.

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I wanted to extend my great appreciation to all of the students and Mrs. Valenti who came together in celebration of Mass and the O Antiphons. The advent theme of "Be Ready, and Prepare the Way" enables us to ready our hearts and mind in anticipation of His coming.

We need to keep the safety of our students and staff of the utmost importance. Nazareth School would appreciate open communication about potential exposure to COVID-19 to keep everyone safe during this time. I ask that you please have the respect and integrity to be forthright about this in reporting back to me as principal of the school. Please contact the Nazareth School office 619-641-7987 or office@nazarethschool.org, if your child is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. According to the HHSA, any person with these symptoms must remain home for a minimum of 24 hours. Students may return to Nazareth School, after 24 hours, with a negative PCR COVID-19 test, symptoms resolving, no fever and no use of medication.

Please take a moment to read the Nazareth News for all of the upcoming fun holiday events and activities. Thank you in advance for all of your tremendous support of Nazareth School.

God watch over our students, God watch over our parents, God watch over our teachers and staff!

God Bless, *Mrs. René Coons* Principal Nazareth School

**Nazareth School Mission:** "It is the mission of Nazareth School to teach and guide students from various backgrounds in their spiritual, academic, physical, and social development. As a Catholic institution, Nazareth School community members integrate the charism and core values of the Sisters of Nazareth into the educational experience. It is the school's aim to nurture mind, body, and spirit in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust in God and to contribute to the larger community through service, worship, and spreading the Gospel message."

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