



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 13, 2024

Dear Preschool Families,

This week was filled with many fun and exciting learning activities. Our first visit to Nazareth House was a great success! The children prayed, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang a patriotic song and other songs. We dropped off special cards for the seniors. We were delighted to see them! It was wonderful to see their smiling faces. The children did great walking up and down the hill. When we returned, the children enjoyed an ice pop.

Mrs. Mahler and Mrs. McDowell had a lesson on "Five Senses" and read the book "My Five Senses" by Aiki. The children made a "Mr. Potato Head" using colored construction paper pieces for the eyes, nose, ears and mouth. The religion activity was making heart shaped cards for the seniors by using red, white & blue dot markers in remembrance of 9/11. On Thursday, they did the sense of smell activity. The children got to smell coffee, cinnamon, mint, cocoa mix and vanilla extract. During Spanish, the children counted uno, dos, tres manzanas. They ended the week tasting apples. The children enjoyed the apples.

Ms. Fitts and Ms. Littlefield introduced the letter "li" and "Creation Story". The children colored a creation story picture. Both classes were able to experience the pom, pom with seashells and foam dough sensory activities. On Wednesday, the children practiced their cutting skills to cut out their letter "li" pictures to make a collage. Each child also cut their puppet picture to make a puppet. During geography, the children worked on their USA mini book. The children also made a cross stamp bible bookmark for their religion activity.

ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

For the next 6 weeks you will see employees from First Mark transforming the roof. They will have their crane and trucks located in various positions around the St. Joseph's building as they complete the project. Please be respectful of the safety tape as they work.

SIGN-IN & OUT

Please remember to sign your child in and out 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 (Lengel, Kashou, Velasquez & Borowiec), veggies (Schulte & Ramos) and fresh fruit (Real & Borowiec). Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is on Wednesday, September 25. If your child attends T/Th, you may bring them to take their picture and class group picture. You will have to stay with your child until pictures are taken. If your child is absent, the Make-up day is on Thursday, October 3. Parents, if you are purchasing a class picture, the picture you will receive is the group picture that will be taken on Wednesday, September 25.

FALL FAMILY PICNIC

PTG is hosting the Fall Family Picnic on Friday, October 4 beginning at noon on the lower field. Come and bring a picnic lunch or pre-order from Delish Dogs. See flyer in today's envelope.

GENERAL PTG MEETING

Save the date for our first PTG General Meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. The theme is "High Stakes" Poker Night.

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 will 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 or 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:

Sept. 19- Grotto Day

Sept. 25- Picture Day

Oct. 3- Make-up Picture Day

Oct. 4- Fall Family Picnic / Half Day / Preschool Close At Noon

Have a fabulous weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director