



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 15, 2023

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 Ms. Littlefield 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 cards for the seniors by stamping crosses and making an American flag in remembrance of 911. On Thursday, they did the sense of smell activity. The children got to smell coffee, cinnamon, mint, cocoa mix, vanilla frosting, rosemary, a rose and Jasmine. They ended the week tasting apples. The children enjoyed the apples.

Mrs. Mendoza introduced her lesson on "All About Me". The children colored a worksheet and answered a questionnaire. At the sensory table the children threaded beads onto pipe cleaners. This is a great way to reinforce fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. On Wednesday, during geography, the children made a suitcase and passport. The journal page title was "When I Grow Up.....". The children drew a picture and the teacher dictated.

Mrs. Fitts's lesson this week was "The Creation Story". The children colored a book. They also painted a circle using different colors. During geography, each child worked on their mini USA book. The journal page was "God created...." The children drew a picture and the teacher dictated. Each child explored the water and sand sensory activity. It was a fun hands on activity.

On Thursday, we visited the Grotto. We prayed and sang songs. I read the book “God’s Rules for Me” by Virginia Helen Richards, FSP and D. Thomas Halpin, FSP. We talked about rules and the Core Value of “Respect”. The children shared their answers about being kind, respect one another and listening.

Please be sure to sign your child in and out every day! Full signature **NO** initials! This is a State Licensing Regulation.

Children **MUST** bring a reusable water bottle. If your child needs a refill, we have bottled water and a water dispenser with cold filtered & purified water. Please include an ice pack in your child’s lunch box.

I want to thank the families who brought the muffins (Way, Tovar, Santiago, Beyk, Soares & Giordano-Darling), veggies (Way, Santiago & Koppi) and fresh fruit (Ho, Mahler & Neimeyer). We greatly appreciate all your help. Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

Be sure to check your child’s folder every day for any class announcements.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Mrs. Koppi will be helping us with Scholastic book orders. She will be sending the code to purchase books. We truly appreciate all your help. Please keep in mind that when you purchase books, the preschool receives free books and points.

PARENT VOLUNTEER IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Parents, with the Halloween carnival coming up next month, please be sure to turn in all your volunteer requirements. You **MUST** also complete the CMG training.

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 in to 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 a **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 through 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 the 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:

Sept. 18- No Go Tell

Sept. 27- Picture Day

Oct. 6- Half Day / Preschool Close at Noon / No Aftercare

Oct. 9- No School / Columbus Day

Have a fabulous weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director