



September 2, 2022

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

In the month of September, we celebrate the Sisters of Nazareth Core Value of Respect.

As often as you did it to one of these... You did it to me. (Matt 25:40)

As we enjoy the upcoming Labor Day holiday, let us remember and show our respect for all of the hard work, contributions and achievements of all American workers, especially those keeping us safe here and abroad. Please enjoy the beautiful prayer brought to us from Sister Gertrude, a member of our Nazareth Board of Directors and enjoy your wonderful weekend.

Every year we come together as a school and learn about MCA, the Missionary Childhood Association. Sister Eva enlightens all the students about all the wonderful children around the world who need our help. This year we will be supporting the MCA with a monthly fundraiser. Each class will sell a yummy treat, on the second Tuesday of every month. Eighth grade will be the first class to provide the treat on September 14th. Please help support the missions and MCA.



We are very excited to announce the beginning of fall sports, drama, coding enrichment, chess club, handbell choir, and the Paul Effman Music Program. It is wonderful to see the campus come alive again. Please review the Nazareth News for practice times and important updates.

Thank you for your patience, grace and cooperation as we refine and improve the new drop-off and pick-up process with the safety of our students and community always in the for front of our minds. During pick-up, we have had a daily average of 19 minutes with the last car at 3:05pm. We appreciate all of the parent input regarding the new drop-off and pick-up system. With parent input and the consideration of safety, next week the Mission gate will be opened, for **pick-up ONLY, at 2:35pm-3:05pm**. It will be monitored by a Nazareth staff member during that time. As a staff, we are working well together to get students loaded quickly and safely. This week we had “rainy day dismissal”, which has all of the students protected under cover and out of the sun. Please note we have a 2:40pm bell that rings to remind teachers to be out on time. Dismissal of students begins promptly at 2:45pm every day, and 11:55am on minimum days.

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We ask that you try to NOT use the Rancho Mission entrance, as traffic backs up creating a dangerous hazard. For safety, please have your children enter and exit your cars from the right side only. It is extremely scary when children and parents, dart in and out of traffic as cars drive by, please help up keep our community safe.

Last year, Nazareth School performed an internal audit of its Catholic Identity utilizing the ACRE test and Diocesan Religion Prioritized Standards. These results were presented to the Nazareth Community last year and to the faculty, in order to guide instruction and to affirm our Catholic Identity. The faculty assessed a need to adopt the Sadlier religion series, *Christ In Us*, for kindergarten through eighth grade, to better meet the new prioritized religion standards. It was further identified by the faculty that there is a need for an increase in the number of teachers certified as Eucharistic Ministers and students trained as altar servers. Today, 47 students participated in altar server training with Father Raymond Philip. Thank you for permitting your children to personally participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Please save the date for our first PTG General Meeting on Tuesday, September 27, in the auditorium at 6:30pm. As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering an environment of inclusivity and empathy, Nazareth School is bringing back author Jodee Blanco to implement a comprehensive program to students, teachers, staff, and parents on the topic of social media and anti-bullying. She will be speaking to the various classes during the school day, participating in a faculty in-service in the afternoon and then presenting to parents in the evening. We invite all parents to come to see her presentation at the PTG General Meeting at 6:30pm.

During this three-day holiday, we pray you staying safe and healthy. Please contact the front office at 619-641-7987 or email at office@nazarethschool.org, if your child(ren) is ill or going to be absent. Please take a moment to read the Covid-19 Symptoms Decision Tree located at nazarethschool.org.

God Bless,

Mrs. René Coons
Principal
Nazareth School

*Holy Family of Nazareth
Watch over us and protect us.*

Our Mission: Nazareth School, “A school with a Mission,” develops faith-filled learners who are guided by the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth, providing academic excellence rooted in Catholic tradition.

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