



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 22, 2023

Dear Preschool Families,

We began our week introducing and presenting “No Go Tell” in each classroom.

On Monday, we also celebrated Ms. Littlefield’s birthday! The children and teachers enjoyed a special treat and we had a dance party in the music room!

Mrs. Mahler and Ms. Littlefield introduced letter “Bb”. The children made a butterfly using the letter B cutout. During religion, the teachers read the bible story “Adam and Eve”. Each child colored the picture of the “Garden of Eden”. On Wednesday, the children Q-tip painted the letter of the week. They also introduced scissors and had the children practice cutting.

Mrs. Mendoza and Ms. Fitts had a lesson on “Apples”. The children got to taste different apples and the teachers made a graph to share their tasting experience. On Thursday, they read the Johnny Appleseed story and the children made hats. The journal page this week was about apples. They ended the week introducing the Seeds curriculum activity during religion.

On Thursday, at the Grotto, we continued going over “God’s Rules for Me” by Virginia Helen Richards, FSP and D. Thomas Halpin, FSP. We prayed the Hail Mary to our blessed Mother Mary.

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 (Najor, Borowiec, Beyk, Jimenez & Giordano-Darling), veggies (Ho, Martin & Soares) and fresh fruit (Byrne, Appel & Velasquez). We greatly appreciate all your help. Remember to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The preschool parent-teacher conferences are coming up next month. The sign-up sheets will be on top of the sign-in clip boards on Monday. Please be sure to sign-up.

Sunflower Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of October 16-19.

Buzzy Bee Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of October 23-26.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Mrs. Koppi will be sending an email to all preschool families regarding Scholastic book orders. We truly appreciate all her help. Please keep in mind that when you purchase books, the preschool receives free books and points.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL MEETING

If you signed up to volunteer for the Halloween Carnival, the first planning meeting is on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 pm in the staff lounge.

FALL FAMILY PICNIC

PTG is hosting the Fall Family Picnic on Friday, October 6 beginning at noon on the lower field. Come and bring a picnic lunch or pre-order a BBQ lunch. More information to come.

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. 27- Picture Day

Sept. 27- First Halloween Carnival Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the staff lounge

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

Oct. 9- No School / Columbus Day

Have a fabulous weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director