



September 30, 2022

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

As a community, in October we are focusing on the Nazareth Core Value of Hospitality.

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:37.

Thank you to the fourth grade and Mrs. Walthall for their wonderful participation in today’s Liturgy of the Word and remembrance of St. Jerome. He is known for his translation of the Scriptures into Latin, and is an inspired writer of letters and commentaries. St. Jerome is the Patron Saint of archaeologists, Biblical scholars, librarians, students and translators.

We appreciate all of the parents that attended the PTG General Meeting this past Tuesday. The meeting began with a quick 20-minute introduction and PTG update, followed by a wonderful presentation by Jodee Blanco, on inclusivity, hospitality and digital citizenship. Her presentation was in response to many parents request for assistance to addressing the social and emotional effects of the past few years on students. In my Principal’s Update, I discussed the creation of updated Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs): Students will practice their faith through prayer, reflection, active participation in the Liturgy and service to others. Students will achieve academic excellence by using creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills to demonstrate competency in all subjects. Students will practice the ethical use and integration of technology to support learning. Students will take responsibility for their actions and know choices have consequences. Students will practice and model the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth. Each lesson taught is connected to the Schoolwide Learning Expectations.

As you know, this year the faculty has been hard at work preparing for Nazareth Schools’ upcoming accreditation process by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC). Both are Catholic accreditation agencies who inspire excellence in Catholic education. WCEA’s mission is to advance quality Catholic education for all students in member schools and arch/dioceses through an accrediting process that promotes the primacy of faith formation, the rigor of educational excellence, and the vitality that comes through continuous school improvement. ACS WASC advances and validates quality ongoing school improvement by supporting its private and public elementary, secondary and postsecondary member institutions to engage in a rigorous and relevant self-evaluation and peer review process that focuses on student learning. The faculty has been working diligently on our accreditation document and have identified five critical goals:

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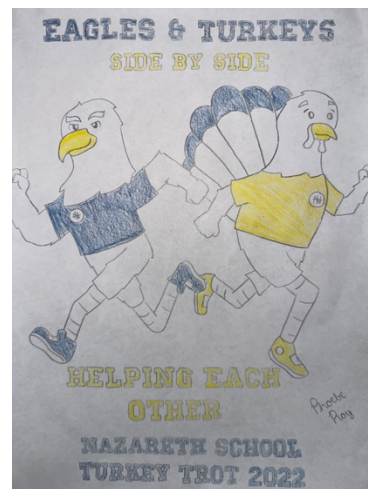
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- To fully incorporate the new San Diego and Imperial Valley Catholic Schools Religion Prioritized Standards
- To integrate the Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs) into all aspects of physical and spiritual student life
- To adopt and implement the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for kindergarten through eighth grade
- To implement the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
- To utilize the ACRE data to improve the Catholic identity for the high achievement of all students

We are excited to announce that we have received our official accreditation dates for WCEA/ACS WASC. The visitation team will be visiting Nazareth School on Wednesday, February 8 through Friday, February, 10th.

Thank you to all of the children who submitted their amazing drawings for the Turkey Trot T-Shirt design contest, over fifty students participated. It is amazing to see how many of our students are blessed with the special gift drawing. Please help me congratulate Phoebe Roy in 7<sup>th</sup> grade for her wonderful illustration and theme of “Side by Side, Helping Each Other.” It truly is an inspired message from the charisms of the Sisters of Nazareth Core Values.



Congratulations to our Nazareth alumni, Alyssa Mossuto, for winner second place in the Creation Care Art Contest with the theme of "For the Beauty of the Earth." We are so blessed to have so many artists in our midst.

On Wednesday, October 5th, Nazareth School will be officially kicking off our Turkey Trot Fundraiser. Please join us between 4-8pm at Rubio's, 10460 Friars Road, for a delicious meal and start to the fundraiser. Rubio's will donate 30% of all proceeds to Nazareth School, simply show the enclosed flyer at your purchase. They also allow you to purchase online at [rubios.com](http://rubios.com)

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or through their mobile app, and enter coupon code “Donate” at checkout or present the enclosed flyer for all orders placed in the restaurant.

PTG is very excited to announce that the Halloween Carnival will be on Friday, October 28th from 5:30pm-8:30pm. It will be an evening full of fun including a mechanical bull, jumpy obstacle course, carnival games, face painting and food. We thank all of the wonderful room parents and parent volunteers who are coordinating the carnival games for their classes. PTG is still looking for parents to come and help make this a fabulous and fun event.

We will be continuing our new tradition of dressing up for Halloween at Nazareth School. Students may come to school on Monday, October 31st in their Halloween Costumes, if they wish not to participate in the extravaganza, then they should wear their school uniform. The costumes must be Catholic School appropriate, no fake gooey, scary blood, no blow-up costumes, no weapons, no costume masks allowed. Students' costumes must be comfortable and allow the students to learn during class.

Thank you to all of the parents who have already returned your child's signed progress reports. Communication is vital as we progress through this year, if you have not signed the progress report please do, and return it to your child's teacher. Please note that teachers update their grades weekly. If your child is missing work or if you notice a discrepancy, please feel free to contact your child's teacher for assistance. If you are unsure of their email address, we have them listed on our website at [nazarethschool.org](http://nazarethschool.org). As a reminder, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter parent conferences are as follows:

- Sunflowers - October 17-20<sup>th</sup>,
- Buzzy Bees Conferences - October 24-27<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade - November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck to our varsity flag football team for their first game this Saturday against Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Please join us at Mater Dei Catholic High School at 12:00pm, and root our team to victory. Let's Go Nazareth Eagles!

Thank you to all the parents and families who have purchased scrip. We are offering scrip purchase before and after school in front of the office. Please park your car, use the crosswalk, and purchase as much scrip as your budget will allow!

We appreciate all of the parents who continue to use the San Diego Mission Road front driveway entrance, for both drop off and pick up. This week it has been difficult to exit at Rancho Mission Road, due to the additional cars utilizing the exit as a short cut to the line. We ask that you please enter at San Diego Mission Road, so we may continue to have a smooth pickup and drop off. In addition, please drive slowly as we have many parents and students using the crosswalks.

We are blessed to introduce Parents in Prayer for our Nazareth community. They meet weekly in the St. Francis Chapel on Wednesdays, at 2:15pm. The members pray for our children, families, friends, teachers, school staff, priests and the Sisters of Nazareth. All members of the Nazareth community are invited to attend, including children. Please feel free to park near the chapel and know back access gate is available prior to dismissal. Please reach out with any special intentions

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and questions to Sunny Jimenez at nazarethpip@gmail.com. *For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.* Matthew 18:20

As Fall continues, we know that the flu and cold season is upon us all in San Diego and we ask that you continue to help keep our Nazareth community safe by following the health guidance of keeping all of your children home if one child is affected by one of the COVID-19 symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, nasal congestion, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, headache, muscle or body aches, poor feeding, poor appetite, or knowledge of close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19. Please keep your child home if they have the flu or a cold with a fever. If you are interested, the annual flu shot is now available in San Diego, please contact your child's doctor for more details.

Please contact the Nazareth School office 619-641-7987 or [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto: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 test, symptoms resolving, no fever and no use of medication.

Take a moment to read the Nazareth News for all of the upcoming events and important Nazareth School information.

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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