

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

December 4, 2022

*Look at Mary in Nazareth. She performed no miracle, was not ecstatic with love, but worked and lived simply. This is an example of great love.
-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*



THIS WEEK

Monday, December 5: *A Schedule*

Tuesday, December 6: *A Schedule; NAPA General Meeting, 6:30 PM*

Wednesday, December 7: *A Schedule*

Thursday, December 8: *Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Faculty and Staff Retreat, No Classes*

Friday, December 9: *B Schedule; Snowball Dance, 7 PM*

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, December 15: *Christmas Concert, 7 PM*

Friday, December 16: *Christmas Liturgy and In School Christmas Concert, Special Schedule, 2:10 dismissal*

Sunday, December 18: *Candlelight Concert, 4:30 PM*

Monday, December 19 – Wednesday, December 21: *Semester Exams, Special Schedule*

Thursday, December 22: *Faculty Clerical Day, No Classes*

Friday, December 23: *Christmas Holiday Begins, School Closed*

Monday, January 2, 2023: *Faculty Organizational Day, No Classes*

Tuesday, January 3: *Faculty Professional Development Day, No Classes*

Wednesday, January 4: *Classes Resume, A Schedule*

From the Office of the Principal

Mr. James Meredith

Freshman Class Student Council Representatives

Congratulations to freshmen Claire Blanch, Lucy Boyd, Maura Champion, Talia Cherkis, Analiese Dubeck, Breanne Logan, Addison Martin, Natalie Martin, Emily McCollum, Catherine Oniate, Kate Shelinsky and Anna Woltjen, our newly elected student council representatives who were installed at our Thanksgiving Mass. These representatives have already jumped into their new roles, leading the charge with all of Student Council to decorate the school for Christmas. Congrats ladies and thank you to all of Student Council for getting our school into the Christmas Season!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the students and teachers of the Performing Arts Department as many of our talented musicians and singers who were selected as All Catholic this week. The students were selected through a rigorous audition process and will participate in All Catholic Festivals in the second semester. The All Catholic Chorus Festival will be hosted at Nazareth Academy for the first time ever from February 3-5, 2023, capped off with the concert in our Chapel. Congrats to our All Catholic students and thank you to their dedicated and talented instructors!

Congratulations

ALL CATHOLIC STRINGS 2023

Violin
Daria Heletkanycz '24

Viola
Mercedes Calderon '24*
Bailey Boyer '26

String Bass
Alexandria Braddock '25*

*designates 1st chair

ALL CATHOLIC CHORUS 2023

<u>Soprano 1</u> Grace Palermo '24* Kaitlyn Pfeiffer '23 Eva Borkowski '23 Elizabeth Unger '23 Sarah Zdunkiewicz '24 Aria Rooney '25	<u>Alto 1</u> Isabella Chango '24 Catherine Dotchel '24 Tatum McHugh '24 Anna Woltjen '26
<u>Soprano 2</u> Nell Duesler '24* Olivia Lucano '23 Brielle Dilliplane '24 Isha Mankar '23	<u>Alto 2</u> Daria Heletkanycz '24* Mercedes Calderon '24

* Designates 1st Chair

ALL CATHOLIC BAND 2023

<u>Clarinet</u> Susanna Coyle '24* Ciara Garvey '23	<u>Bassoon</u> Sophia DiPrimo '23*
<u>Bass Clarinet</u> Olivia Lucano '23*	<u>Trumpet</u> Belinda Gerz '23
<u>Alto Saxophone</u> Ciara Garvey '23 Susanna Coyle '24	<u>Euphonium</u> Grace Palermo '24* * Designates 1st Chair

Christmas Shopping at the Panda Pit

The Panda Pit will be open for special hours for Christmas shopping on Thursday, December 15th from 10 to 11:30 AM and from 5:30 to 6:45 PM. For your convenience, orders may also be placed [in our online school store](#) by Sunday, December 18th for December 20th pick up between 8 AM and 3 PM.



Holy Family Library

Did you know that Nazareth Academy students have access to the [Holy Family University Library](#)? Sister Maryellen Whitaker reminded our students this week that all Nazareth Academy students can use the services of the [Holy Family University Library](#). All the students need to do is walk up to the library, ring the buzzer, tell them that they are from Nazareth, and they will let you in. Students, be sure to bring along the Nazareth ID. Students are permitted to use any of the databases there, and the librarians will be glad to help you. This could be a great help with research. Also, students may just want to do work there. This is an excellent opportunity for Nazareth students.



School Safety and Facilities Position

We are currently looking for a part-time person for our School Safety and Facilities Team. If you or someone you know someone might be interested, please have them send resume to HR@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director

In a light conversation about the weather this week, Sister Mary McDevitt referred to the colors of the morning sky as "Advent colors." On your way into school or work this week you might have been able to catch a glimpse of these breathtaking reminders of the artistry of Our Creator, and his majesty revealed in creation.



Like the morning skies, the purple of Advent is more like violet, and has a blue hue to remind us of the preparatory and hopeful nature of the season, which is ordered toward the Blessed Virgin Mary bringing Jesus into the world. Mary allowed the Uncreated God to take flesh in her. We call this great Mystery the Incarnation.



In the Season of Advent reminds us, that like Mary, we are all called to allow Christ to be born in us. Christ desires to become **Reincarnate** in each one of the members of **His Body**, the Church. Like the empty cradle, we empty our hearts of selfishness in the many opportunities Advent affords. We allow Him to be born in us, so that we can bear Him, His Light and His Love, to the world.

During Advent, the students of NAHS have many opportunities to allow Christ to be born in their hearts. Yesterday, Religion classes were able to spend time with Our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration. Throughout the next two weeks, your daughter will be able to bear Jesus with the members of her homeroom, in support of a particular family experiencing the effects of cancer, through a Student Council led program with The Breathing Room Foundation. And every day, your children bear witness to your example, in the kindness they bear to one another.

I wish all NAHS families the Joy, the Hope, the Peace and the Love of this most holy Season of Advent as you continue to bear Christ in your daily lives.



From the Office of Academics

Mrs. Pat Quinn, Assistant Principal

NAHS December Examination Schedule 2022

Monday, December 19 (2–60-minute examinations)

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 and Block 1 Classes meeting M, W, F

9:40-10:40 AM Blocks 2, 2a and Block 2b

Tuesday, December 20 (2–60-minute examinations)

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30-9:30 AM Block 3 and Block 3A

9:40-10:40 AM Block 4 and Block 4 Classes meeting M, W, F

Wednesday, December 21 (3–60-minute examinations)

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 Class meeting T, Th, F

9:40-10:40 AM Block 3B

10:50-11:50 AM Block 4 Class meeting T, Th, F

Thursday, December 22: EXAM MAKE-UP DAY
NO SCHOOL-FACULTY CLERICAL DAY
GRADES DUE BY 2:00 PM

From the Office of Student Life
Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal



Downtown Christmas Trip

“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.” —Buddy the Elf
After exams on Tuesday, December 20th all students are invited to travel with us downtown to go to Reading Terminal Market, Christmas Village, and Macy’s. More information regarding how to sign up will be emailed this week. It is sure to be a fun-filled afternoon!

CSC Christmas Collection

On Wednesday, December 7th students may dress down. The cost for this special Christmas Dress Down Day is either:

- 1) Purchasing an item for your homeroom’s assigned child (children of Breathing Room families)
OR
- 2) Bringing a \$5 minimum donation on Wednesday.

Thank you for your beautiful spirit of kindness and generosity!

Looking ahead to our Christmas uniform add-ons:

- Dec. 12th Christmas hats
- Dec. 13th Christmas socks
- Dec. 14th Cute Christmas Wednesday
- Dec. 15th Ugly Sweater Thursday
- Dec. 16th Christmas Mass/full uniform and blazers

Have a great week! Go Pandas! God bless!

From the Office of School Counseling

Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director

Hello Nazareth Families!

As you are aware, our students had the opportunity to hear a dynamic speaker from 'Minding Your Mind' talk about mental health. The Counseling Department shared the following resources with our students:

- Students can contact their school counselor with any mental health concerns or questions from the presentation
- Students can dial 988 for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline or call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) if they are experiencing a mental health crisis
- As a reminder, students can use [Safe2Say](#) if they have a concern about someone else
- Our students can also access a one-time, free mental health or substance abuse evaluation through our Cora Services provider. This confidential resource can help to determine if further services are recommended and how to access those services. Please call your child's school counselor with any questions about the Student Assistance Program (SAP), or if you would like a Cora SAP brochure sent to you.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Advent!

From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum, Director

Class of 2023 Acceptances/Scholarships

Seniors should send acceptances and scholarships to their college counselor. They can bring physical papers in for us to copy, but they can also email us documents or send pictures of their letters if necessary. This information is used for the Graduation Program!

Class of 2023 Transcript Request Form

Seniors should submit any Regular Decision deadline transcript requests no later than December 15, 2022. Please follow this [link](#) for the transcript request form.

Class of 2024 Authorization to Release Information Form

This [FORM](#) needs to be digitally signed by each student and their parent or guardian by February 1, 2023. Signing this form grants the college counseling team permission to send your students' transcript, letters of recommendation, and other pertinent documents to colleges when they start applying next fall.

PSAT Results

PSAT scores should be available in student College Board accounts on December 5th. Please follow this [link](#) for resources related to understanding your PSAT score and using your PSAT score. For personalized practice moving forward, students can link their College Board accounts to their Khan Academy accounts if they have not already done so by following this [link](#). The college counselors are in the process of meeting with freshman students to help them set up College Board accounts.

Princeton Review Resources

The Princeton Review is hosting free webinars from December 4th-8th. Please view this [flyer](#) or follow the links below:

[SAT, ACT or Both? | Online Classroom | December 4, 2022 | 507357 | The Princeton Review](#) 8:00 pm-9:30 pm

[SAT Strategy Session | Online Classroom | December 5, 2022 | 507358 | The Princeton Review](#) 10:00 pm-11:30 pm

[ACT Strategy Session | Online Classroom | December 6, 2022 | 507359 | The Princeton Review](#) 8:00 pm-9:30 pm

[PSAT Scores...Now What? | Online Classroom | December 7, 2022 | 507489 | The Princeton Review](#) 8:00 pm-9:30 pm

[AP Strategy Session | Online Classroom | December 8, 2022 | 507360 | The Princeton Review](#) 8:00pm-9:30 pm

From the Office of Athletics

Mr. Dan Bradley, Director

Weekly Athletic Schedule December 5, 2022 – December 11, 2022

Monday, December 5, 2022

3:00 – 4:30 V Track Practice-Nazareth
4:00 – 6:00 JV & V Basketball Practice-Nazareth Gym
5:00 – 7:00 Swim Practice-Bensalem HS
6:00 – 7:15 Lacrosse Open Gym-Nazareth Gym
7:30 – 9:00 VB Open Gym-Nazareth Gym

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

3:00 – 5:00 V Track Practice-Nazareth
3:45 – JV Basketball vs. St. Hubert's-Home-Nazareth Gym
5:00 – 7:00 Swim Practice-Bensalem HS
5:15 – V Basketball vs. St. Hubert's-Home-Nazareth Gym
6:30 – 9:30 V Cheerleading Practice-Nazareth Gym

Wednesday, December 7, 2022-No Gym

3:00 – 5:00 V Track Practice-Nazareth
4:00 – 6:00 JV & V Basketball Practice-TBD
5:00 – 7:00 Swim Practice-Bensalem HS

Thursday, December 8, 2022

3:00 – 4:30 V Track Practice-Nazareth
3:45 – JV Basketball vs. Lansdale Catholic-Home-Nazareth Gym
5:00 – 7:00 Swim Practice-Bensalem HS
5:15 – V Basketball vs. Lansdale Catholic-Home-Nazareth Gym
6:30 – 9:30 V Cheerleading Practice-Nazareth Gym

Friday, December 9, 2022

4:00 – 6:00 JV & V Basketball Practice-Nazareth Gym
5:00 – 7:00 Swim Practice-Bensalem HS

Saturday, December 10, 2022

9:00 – Cheer Competition-Archbishop Carroll HS-Away

12:00 – JV Basketball vs. Little Flower-Home-Nazareth Gym

1:30 – V Basketball vs. Little Flower-Home-Nazareth Gym

Sunday, December 11, 2022

6:30 – 9:30 V Cheerleading Practice-Nazareth Gym

Prayer Intentions

Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, please intercede for us as we pray for all intentions, including the following:

- The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, and all of their intentions
- Mrs. Denise LePera (*Office of the President*) and all who are battling cancer
- Kate and Sarah, for their continued healing and speedy recovery

