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JANUARY 24, 2021

# The Naz Newsletter



*Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update*



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## From the Office of the Principal *Mr. Jim Meredith*

"How I desire to think,  
act, and be united in  
my feelings with Jesus,  
and to be joined in Him  
not simply in words,  
desires, and  
sentiments, but in  
deeds."

***-Blessed Mary of  
Jesus the Good  
Shepherd***

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" On Monday, January 18th, MLK Day, our students answered that call by preparing and delivering over 300 breakfast bags that were donated to Caring for Friends. The response from our students who donated and then volunteered their time was impressive, especially noteworthy was a large number of students from the freshman class. Thanks to all those who contributed to this effort and to Ms. Donnelly who led this project. Please note that the next two service opportunities will take place to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, beginning on February 1st, with details to follow in this update.

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# From the Office of the Principal

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### **PSAT Testing**

As announced, PSAT Testing for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who missed the October test administration will be held in-person on Tuesday, January 26th. In addition to in-class resources, students can prepare for this test by using Khan Academy and the PSAT Student Guide. Additional information, including testing room assignments, about the day and the administration of the test has been emailed to all students and families.

### **Course Selection**

The Course Selection process for the 2021-2022 academic year begins on Wednesday, January 27th with a video presentation for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Information about required courses, pre-requisites, and the overall process will be emailed to all students before the presentation.

For parents, there will be a brief presentation and opportunity to ask questions about course selection at the NAPA General Meeting on February 2nd at 6:30 PM (invitation with link to join the meeting will follow). Mrs. Pat Quinn, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, and Mrs. Carrie Konnovitch, Registrar, will be leading this presentation.

### **Health and Safety**

Please remember to adhere to health and safety protocols, including wearing a mask and social distancing, both in school and at home. Remember to use the established email address, [COVID@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:COVID@nazarethacademyhs.org), to report any Covid-related information to the Pandemic Team, especially testing and results. We are grateful for your diligence and care to keep us all safe and on the road back to normalcy.

May the Holy Family of Nazareth bless us and keep us under the mantle of their Holy Protection.

### **Catholic Schools Week 2021**

- Monday, February 1st – *Celebrating Our Community*: Liturgy, 9 AM, (to be livestreamed to those students who are learning remotely) and the opening of Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday, February 2nd – *Celebrating Our Students*: Dress Down Day, ice cream courtesy of NAPA for all students during lunches (Gold Cohort, February 9)
- Wednesday, February 3rd – *Celebrating Our Nation*: Special morning prayer for our Nation; “Toiletries for the Troops”
- Thursday, February 4th – *Celebrating Vocations*: Video presentation about vocations; Wear a Catholic Parish or NAHS shirt/sweatshirt in place of top-half of uniform; gift for students (Gold Cohort, February 11)
- Friday, February 5th – *Celebrating Our Teachers and Staff*: Special presentation shared with community; Teacher Lunch from NAPA; Student-Faculty Game Show (Gold Cohort, February 12)

# From the Office of the Principal

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## Catholic Schools Week Service Opportunities

- Week of February 1st: Collection of individually wrapped, non-perishable pastries such as Little Debbie's, Tasty-cakes, Oreos and cookies
- Week of February 8th: Collection of 'Toiletries for the Troops': deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, shaving cream, etc.

## Schedule for the Week of January 25th (Gold Cohort In Person/ Blue Cohort Remote, unless noted)

- Monday, January 25th: A Schedule
- Tuesday, January 26th: PSAT Testing
  - Grade 9 and 10 in-person, 12:45 PM dismissal
  - Grade 11 and 12 all remote, A Schedule
- Wednesday, January 27th: C Schedule, Course Selection
- Thursday, January 28th: A Schedule
- Friday, January 29th: B Schedule

### Monday, 1/25; Tuesday 1/26; Thursday 1/28

		A	
		Monday - Thursday	
Warning Bell		7:40	
Prayers and Announcements		7:45 - 7:50	
Block 1	a	7:50 - 9:10	
	b		
Liturgy			
Block 2	a	9:18-10:38	9:18 - 9:56
	b		10:00 - 10:38
Activity Period		10:42 - 11:18	
Block 3	a	11:22 - 12:42	11:22 - 12:00
	b		12:04 - 12:42
Block 4	a	12:50 - 2:10	
	b		

### Wednesday 1/27

		C	
Warning Bell		7:40	
Prayers and Announcements		7:45 - 7:50	
Block 1	a	7:50 - 8:50	
	b		
Presentations		8:50 - 10:10	
Block 2	a	10:18 - 11:18	10:18 - 10:46
	b		10:50 - 11:18
Activity Period		11:22 - 11:58	
Block 3	a	12:02 - 1:02	12:02 - 12:30
	b		12:34 - 1:02
Block 4	a	1:10 - 2:10	
	b		

### Friday, 1/29

		B	
		Friday	
Warning Bell		7:40	
Prayers and Announcements		7:45 - 7:50	
Block 1	a	7:50 - 8:42	
	b		
Liturgy			
Block 2	a	8:50 - 9:42	8:50 - 9:14
	b		9:18 - 9:42
Activity Period		9:46 - 10:14	
Block 3	a	10:18 - 11:10	10:18 - 10:42
	b		10:46 - 11:10
Block 4	a	11:18 - 12:10	
	b		

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# From the Office of the Principal

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## Calendar Reminders

- Tuesday, January 26th: PSAT Testing for Freshmen & Sophomores; Grades 9-10 In-Person and Grades 11-12 Remote
- Wednesday, January 27th: Course Selection, C Schedule
- Monday, February 1st: Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, C Schedule
- Tuesday, February 2nd: NAPA General Meeting, 6:30 PM, Information Regarding Course Selection

# From the Office of the President

*Mrs. Denise LePera*

## Thought for the Day

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.” -St. Teresa of Calcutta

## Virtual Gift Card Bingo

Back by popular demand...Virtual Gift Card Bingo will be January 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM. 12 rounds of gift card bingo and 3 rounds of 50/50 games will be played.

[Click here](#) to purchase your tickets or visit [www.NazarethAcademyHS.org/BINGO](http://www.NazarethAcademyHS.org/BINGO)

If you have any questions, please email [tevans@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:tevans@nazarethacademyhs.org).

# From the Office of Campus Ministry

*Ms. Shannon Donnelly*

*The Holy Family of Nazareth did not receive protection, support, or aid from anyone in Bethlehem or on the journey to Egypt. Our little Nazareth finds its support only in God, trusting Him and relying upon Him for support, strength, and power. -Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

Like the Holy Family, we are in circumstances where nothing makes sense and we cannot rely on normalcies or aid like we used to for comfort. God has so much support for us, and is doing what He can in our lives to give us strength and power, in our hearts, to move forward in the suffering.

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# From the Office of the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs

*Mrs. Pat Quinn*

## Reminders:

- On Tuesday, January 26th, report cards can be viewed online. GPA and honors are calculated on the semester grades.
- On Wednesday, January 27th, students will follow a C Schedule and will receive information on Course Selection presented by the Assistant Principal for Academics, Registrar, and Department Chairpersons. Course information will be presented virtually.
- On Thursday, February 4th, online course selection closes.

# From the Office of the Assistant Principal for Student Life

*Mrs. Maura Hope*

## Uniform and Attendance Reminders

The following reminders regarding uniform has been shared with the students:

### Uniform

Winter Uniform must be worn properly every day. Please see Page 21 of the [Student Handbook](#) for specifics but reminders are as follows:

- Pajama pants or sweat pants cannot be worn under the skirt and if worn to school, must be removed before First Block
- Please be mindful of the proper skirt length
- No non-Nazareth sweatshirts may be worn unless students are notified of a special uniform day
- Students must wear navy crew socks (without labels) or navy tights
- When virtual, students are to be dressed in school uniform or in Naz gear when on camera

### Attendance (*Please read carefully*)

For students who are part of the Blue or Gold Cohort, a parent/guardian must call or email the Attendance Office before 8 AM if the student is going to remain home and attend class remotely for the day.

The school is responsible for the status of students for every block, every day and teachers and staff need to be notified by the Attendance Office when a student is not in the building.

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# From the Office of the Assistant Principal for Student Life

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If the Attendance Office is not notified from a parent that the student is remote for the day and the student is not in the building, the student is subject to demerits for non-compliance.

## Senior College Sweatshirt Privilege

Beginning on January 25th until April when the Spring Uniform resumes, Seniors may wear the college sweatshirt of one of their accepted schools.

## Clubs & Activities

An email went out to the girls last week informing them of the Clubs & Activities meeting dates and times in January. The February list of meetings will be sent out next week.

# From the Office of NAPA

*Grace Pirolli P'22*

## NAPA Super Bowl Pool

Because you made our Playoff Pool so successful, we decided to do a Super Bowl Pool! Buy your blocks now and have a chance to win over \$5,000 in prizes while supporting our Naz girls! #DoltForOurNazGirls [Click here to purchase your block!](#)

## Craft Fair

Calling all crafters! Please join us for NAPA's first outdoor Craft Fair & Food Truck Festival taking place on Saturday, March 13th on our beautiful school grounds.

## Girls Night Out

Please join us for a GNO/Mother Daughter craft night at Newtown's AR Workshop. Space is limited. There will be two nights: Wednesday, February 3rd and Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM. Bring your own snacks. Masks must be worn. When registering you will select your wood project and have the opportunity to customize your project with your choice of designer paints and non-toxic stain colors. AR Workshop will be donating a portion of the ticket sales to Nazareth Academy.

[Click here to purchase your space for February 3rd](#)

[Click here to purchase your space for February 10th](#)

## NAPA Easter Flower & Easter Candy Presale

Begins Monday, March 1st, so please be on the lookout for our fliers.

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# Prayer Intentions

Please also remember the following in your prayers:

- Those impacted by the coronavirus, the victims and the first responders on the front lines fighting this virus
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, Director of Counseling
- All Intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community