

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

August 21, 2022

Always look at Jesus of Nazareth. What truth there is in His words, in His actions, in His entire conduct.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

IMPORTANT SCHOOL LINKS

[School Calendar](#)

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THIS WEEK

Monday, August 22: Faculty Meeting and Organizational Day, No School for Students; Freshman and New Student Orientation, 6 PM

Tuesday, August 23: New Students and Freshmen Only Report, 1 PM dismissal; Department Meetings, 1:15 PM

Wednesday, August 24: New Students and Freshmen Only Report, 1 PM dismissal; Service Period Meetings, 1:15 PM

Thursday, August 25: All Students Report, Special Schedule, 1 PM dismissal

Friday, August 26: All Students Report, A Schedule, 2:10 dismissal

Sunday, August 28: Mother/Daughter Mass and Tea, 10 AM

SPECIAL SCHEDULES

Tuesday, August 23: New Students and Freshmen Only Report, Special Schedule

7:40-8:00 *Welcome, Chapel*

8:00-12:15 *Orientation Activities*

12:15-1:00 *Lunch (students may purchase or bring their lunch)*

1:00 *Dismissal (reasonable supervision provided for students waiting for 2:10 transportation)*

Wednesday, August 24: New Students and Freshmen Only Report, Special Schedule

7:40-8:00 *Homeroom*

8:05-11:15 *Orientation Activities*

11:25-12:26 *Student Class Schedule*

11:25 – 11:30 *First Block*

11:33-11:46 *Second Block*

11:33 – 11:38 *Second Block A*

11:41 – 11:46 *Second Block B*

11:49 – 11:54 *Activity Period*

11:57-12:10 *Third Block*

11:57 – 12:02 *Third Block A*

12:05 – 12:10 *Third Block B*

12:13-12:26 *Fourth Block*

12:13 – 12:18 *Fourth Block A*

12:21 – 12:26 *Fourth Block B*

12:30-1:00 *Lunch (students are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch)*

1:00 *Dismissal (reasonable supervision provided for students waiting for 2:10 transportation)*

Thursday, August 25: All Students Report, Special Schedule

7:40-8:00 *Homeroom*

8:05-10:00 *Orientation Activities*

10:03-1:00 *Student Class Schedule (students are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch)*

10:03 – 10:40 *First Block*

10:03 – 10:20 *First Block A*

10:23 – 10:40 *First Block B*

10:43-11:20 *Second Block*

10:43 – 11:00 *Second Block A*

11:03 – 11:20 *Second Block B*

11:23 – 11:40 *Activity Period*

11:43-12:20 *Third Block*

11:43 – 12:00 *Third Block A*

12:03 – 12:20 *Third Block B*

12:23-1:00 *Fourth Block*

12:23 – 12:40 *Fourth Block A*

12:43 – 1:00 *Fourth Block B*

1:00 *Dismissal (reasonable supervision provided for students waiting for 2:10 transportation)*

From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

Welcome back! We are thrilled to be welcoming our all of our students back to campus this week, especially our newest students, members of the Class of 2026 and our transfer students! This is going to be a great year!

Reminders for the Opening Week of School

- Students are encouraged to wear Nazareth attire or blue and gold in place of the school uniform this week. The official school uniform begins on Monday, August 29, 2022.
- Lunch will be sold every day this week but students may wish to bring their lunch to account for shortened lunch periods.
- Students traveling home via district bussing may remain on campus under reasonable supervision until the busses arrive at 2:10.

Personnel Announcements

Since the last communication in July, there have been some personnel changes to share. Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Ms. Lynne O'Leary, Mr. John Turner, and Mrs. Emily Wyatt have resigned from Nazareth to pursue other opportunities. We thank them for their years of dedication and service to Nazareth and our students and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Ms. Maria Mannarino has joined the World Language Department as a teacher of Spanish II, Spanish IV, and AP Spanish. Welcome to Nazareth, Ms. Mannarino!

Health and Safety

While we hope and pray the worst of the pandemic is in the rear-view mirror, minimal mitigation strategies remain in place at Nazareth Academy, including cleaning of the facilities, hand sanitizer stations, and available outside seating. Nazareth remains masks optional and anyone who wants to wear a mask is free to do so. Finally, if you're sick, stay home. A revised remote policy for only students who are severely ill will be shared this week in a separate communication. All health and safety regulations are subject to change by the Philadelphia Department of Health.

Back to School Night: September 8, 2022

Based on some recent feedback, Back to School Night on September 8th will be held in person, and not remotely. Schedules and procedures for the evening will follow in next week's edition of the Naz Newsletter.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms. Kate Chmelko, Director of Performing Arts, who was honored with the Centennial Award from Jefferson University on Thursday, August 18. Ms. Chmelko was nominated by Allison Kowalchik '22 and received her award at the opening academic convocation at Jefferson. Congrats, Ms. Chmelko!



This summer, *The Northeast Times* published a series of stories written by Joe Mason highlighting the area's best coaches over the last 25 years. Congratulations to current Naz coaches, [Danielle Vittitow \(softball\)](#) and [Ed Roussel \(swimming\)](#) and former basketball coach [Kathy Costello](#) who were featured among the honorees!

Service and Employment Opportunities

St. Christopher Parish Oktoberfest

For any students who need service hours, St. Christopher Parish is holding its annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 18th. Volunteers are needed for face painting, set up and clean up. Any interested students may contact the Parish Office at 215.673.5177 and ask for Peggy.

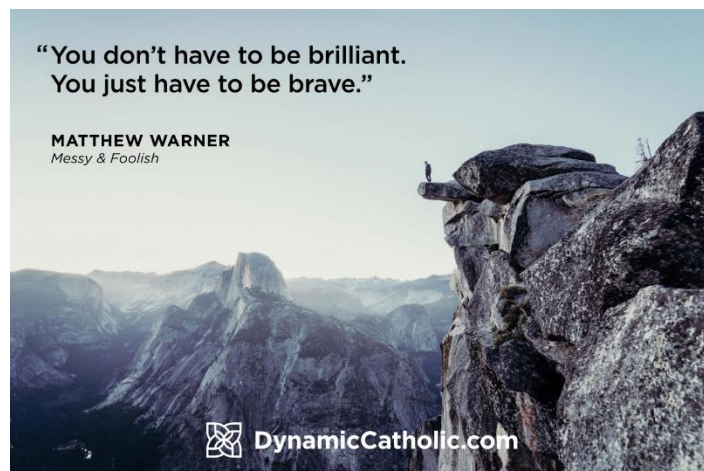
Alpha House Kids Club

Alpha House Kids Club (after-cares) is looking for a few students to work after school from 2:45-6:00 PM a few days a week. It is a paid position through Holy Family University. Students must be at least 16 years of age with a valid ID/working papers. Interested candidates can contact Mrs. Maribeth Kane at mkane@nazarethacademy.net.

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

Welcome to the newest members of Nazareth Academy High School!



Safety and Security

The Attendance and Security Office will be open every school day from the first bell to the dismissal bell. Visitors and vendors will need to provide a driver's license or state-issued ID to enter the building. Visitors will be greeted by a member of the administrative assistant team.

We will also have a member of the Facilities/security staff in the parking lot from 7:15 until the 1st bell and again from 20 minutes before the dismissal bell until 2:30.

As in the past, Facilities will perform daily walkthroughs multiple times during the day. Our security cameras are now located on each floor of the school building.

Admissions

As parents you are one of our biggest champions. You know the value of a Nazareth education, the uniqueness of the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, and the life-long impact of being a Panda. We are thrilled to welcome 6 transfer students and 74 freshmen along with their families to the Nazareth sisterhood!

Recruitment for the next class of Pandas has begun. If you would be willing to put an Open House lawn sign on your property or business, please have your daughter see Ms. D on the second floor.

Who to Contact?

As you know from experience, Ms. D is hard at work recruiting the next class and is often out of the office during the fall months, so please [click here](#) for the guide of Nazareth staff to call with specific questions. General questions should be directed to Michele Konicki in the Main Office at mkonicki@NazarethAcademyHs.org or 215.637.7676, ext. 1100.

Drop-off and Pick-Up

If you drop your daughter off at Nazareth in the morning, please pull up past the main staircase to allow for multiple cars to drop off.

At dismissal, please turn right at the first row, then follow the arrows making a left at the soccer field and driving to the last row making a left. You will then make a left to proceed back to the first row. Parents should not be parked in the center aisles. Having parents' cars line the perimeter of the lot is a safer process to exit.

Advancement Office

Mrs. Terri Evans

The annual Taste of the Town featuring the Heartbeats will be Friday, November 18, 2022. Mark your calendars for this great night of food, music, and raffles. We are asking if anyone has any items or a basket that they would like to donate please contact tevans@NazarethAcademyHS.org or drop it off in the Main Office marked Taste of the Town. Tickets for the event will go on sale at the beginning of the school year. We hope to see you there!

NAPA

Mrs. Denise Kowalski P '23

Mother Daughter Mass and Breakfast

Mother Daughter Mass & Breakfast will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022. Mass begins at 10:00 AM and the breakfast will immediately follow in the gym. We hope that you will join us for this great tradition at Nazareth. To purchase your tickets please [click here](#).

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming school year. We would love to have you volunteer for as many events as possible. It is a great way to meet other parents and be a part of your daughter's Nazareth experience. Without your assistance many of the events we have would not be possible. An email will be going out soon with the link to volunteer. If you have any questions, please feel free to email NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

Volunteer Clearances Required

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires that any volunteer who has possible contact with children must obtain clearances. If you will be volunteering for one of our many Admissions events, field trips or chaperoning/attending a trip, please [click here](#) for instructions. You should submit your clearances to Mrs. Teresa Miller at tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

While Pennsylvania mandates that volunteers 18 or older obtain clearances, the Archdiocese requires volunteers 14 or older to have clearances. If your daughter will be volunteering at one of our Admissions events, she will need to obtain clearances as well. Those students who worked summer camps and obtained clearances will NOT need to obtain them again.

Business Office

Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03

Reminder Regarding ID Cards and Lunch Accounts

As a reminder, all students must wear their ID cards on a visible Nazareth Academy High School lanyard. Students must swipe into the building every day.

Students will use their ID cards to make purchases in the Student Dining Room. This will help lines move more quickly. If your daughter needs a replacement ID, please complete this [form](#) and have your daughter report to the Attendance/Security Office.

You can load your card and check balances through [MyKidsSpending](#). All outstanding lunch balances will be billed to FACTS. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Miller at tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org or 215.268.1070.

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Welcome back NAHS students and families! We look forward to your positive energy and contagious enthusiasm filling the building! We will begin the school year with New Student Orientation this week

and the Welcome Back Block Party next week! Freshman Week kicks off on September 12th. We are excited about the many fun events that we have planned for this year. Best wishes for a wonderful school year!

God bless! Go Pandas!

From the Office of College Counseling

Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director

Class of 2023

Welcome to senior year! Ms. Kaloudis and I are excited to help your students on their post-secondary adventures! Students should complete this transcript request [FORM](#) to request their transcripts and letters of recommendation be sent to the schools of their choice. Read the form for important information.

Your students will hear from me very soon about the next steps in their post-secondary process. There will be a parent night in September for you to hear similar information as well! Don't hesitate to reach out to your student's college counselor if you have any questions about post-secondary options. Please encourage your student to reach out to their college counselor as well!

Class of 2024

Welcome to junior year! Your students will hear from Ms. Kaloudis about standardized testing and post-secondary options very soon! There will be a parent night this fall for you to hear similar information as well! Don't hesitate to reach out to your student's college counselor if you have any questions about post-secondary options. Please encourage your student to reach out to their college counselor as well!

Class of 2025

Welcome to sophomore year! Don't hesitate to reach out to your student's college counselor if you have any questions about post-secondary options. Please encourage your student to reach out to their college counselor as well!

Class of 2026

Welcome to freshman year! We are excited to get to know you and your students! We'll send the college counseling assignments for the freshman class to you via the parent update this fall.

From the Office of the Athletic Department

Mr. Dan Bradley, Athletic Director

Weekly Athletic Schedule August 22 – August 28, 2022

Monday, August 22

6:00-8:00-Varsity XC Practice-Nazareth
10:00-12:00-Varsity Tennis Practice-Torresdale Playground
12:00-2:00-JV Soccer Practice-Nazareth
3:00-5:00-Varsity Golf Practice-John Byrne Golf Course
2:00-4:00-Varsity Soccer Practice-Nazareth
4:00-JV & V VB Scrimmage vs. New-Hope Solebury-Away-Scrimmage

Tuesday, August 23

2:30-4:00-Varsity XC Practice-Nazareth
2:30-4:30-Varsity Tennis Practice-Torresdale Playground
3:30-Varsity Golf vs. MSJ-Away-Van
3:45-Varsity Soccer vs. Pope John Paul-Away-Scrimmage
4:00-7:00-JV & V VB Practice-Nazareth
5:30-JV Soccer vs. Pope John Paul-Away-Scrimmage

Wednesday, August 24

2:30-4:00-Varsity XC Practice-Nazareth
2:30-4:30-Varsity Tennis Practice-Torresdale Playground
3:00-5:00-Varsity Golf Practice-Burholme Driving Range
3:45-Varsity Soccer vs. Carroll-Away-Scrimmage
3:45-JV Soccer vs. Carroll-Away-Scrimmage
3:45-JV VB vs. Collegium Charter-Home-Nazareth
5:00-Varsity VB vs. Collegium Charter-Home-Nazareth

Thursday, August 25

2:30-4:00-Varsity XC Practice-Nazareth
2:30-4:00-JV Soccer Practice-Nazareth
2:30-4:30-Varsity Tennis Practice-Torresdale Playground
4:00-6:00-Varsity Soccer Practice-Nazareth
4:00-7:00-JV & V VB Practice-Nazareth

Friday, August 26

2:30-4:30-Varsity Tennis Practice-Torresdale Playground
2:30-4:00-JV Soccer Practice-Nazareth
4:00-6:00-Varsity Soccer Practice-Nazareth
4:00-7:00-JV & V VB Practice-Nazareth

Saturday, August 27

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Sunday, August 28

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