

The NAZ Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the parents and families of Nazareth Academy High School

March 2018



February Recap

- ◆ Our Music Department traveled to Europe during mid-winter break for a music tour of Germany and Austria. Stops on the trip included a tour of the famous Sound of Music set, Salzburg Cathedral, Zotter Chocolate Factory, and performances along the way!
- ◆ From February 15th to February 18th twenty of our Nazareth girls took part in our Kairos retreat. Students experienced the power of God's warmth and blessing while strengthening their relationship with Him, their classmates and teachers. As always we thank our girls for their respect and reverence throughout the weekend and we thank our moderators and teachers who volunteered their weekend.
- ◆ Congratulations to our winter sports athletes who concluded their season. Our student athletes represented the school with good sportsmanship and winning attitudes. Thank you to all the parents who came throughout the season to show their support!



Important Dates

Saturday, March 3

Taste of the Town
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
School Gym and Dining Room

Sunday, March 4

Alumnae Communion Mass
10:00 AM
School Chapel

Monday, March 5

Spring Sports Tryouts Begin

Wednesday, March 14

Uniform Measurement Day

Friday, March 16

"B" Schedule
Department Meetings
1:00 PM dismissal

Friday, March 23

Legacy Gala
6:30 PM
Southampton Room

Wednesday, March 28

Special Schedule
1:00 PM dismissal
Easter Break begins

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday
Have a blessed Easter!

Tuesday, April 3

Classes Resume

Embracing Faith, Family, and Education

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President's Report

Mrs. Denise LePera



I hope that your daughters enjoyed the mid-winter break. Often times a break can be a great time to re-energize and focus by doing the visionary work that always seems to escape the day. Sr. Rita and I spent part of the break attending two retreats. We joined together with the board for the first-ever board retreat to discuss in more depth our mission and our vision. In essence, recommitting ourselves to a pursuit of excellence by understanding how an effective board best functions and how we as the leaders of the school along with board members contribute as effective individual members.

Earlier in the week, we also held our first administration retreat to evaluate the new environment under the president/principal model and the new organizational structure. Know that these types of meetings are both goal-oriented and productive. All of us have the best interest of your daughters in our hearts and minds and are fervently committed to excellence in the work we do in service to them.

Diocesan Scholars

Congratulations to Juniors Julia Davis and Emily Keehfuss (pictured above) on being named Nazareth Academy High School Diocesan Scholars! We are so proud of your tremendous work effort and accomplishments!

Taste of the Town Event

This weekend is our first-ever Taste of the Town, where Nazareth alumnae, parents and friends will gather for an evening of food (provided by local vendors), raffle baskets and a great silent auction. Plus, The Heartbeats will keep everyone entertained with great music. What a fun way to raise money... all for the girls! We hope to see you there!

The Advancement Team has shared that for the Taste of the Town Raffle, we will pull a consolation prize for the nights that we did not have a winner. For each night that we do not have a winner, one ticket will be pulled from the purchased tickets to receive a consolation prize: (1) \$150 gift certificate to one of the restaurants listed (winner's choice) and (1) \$100 cash prize!

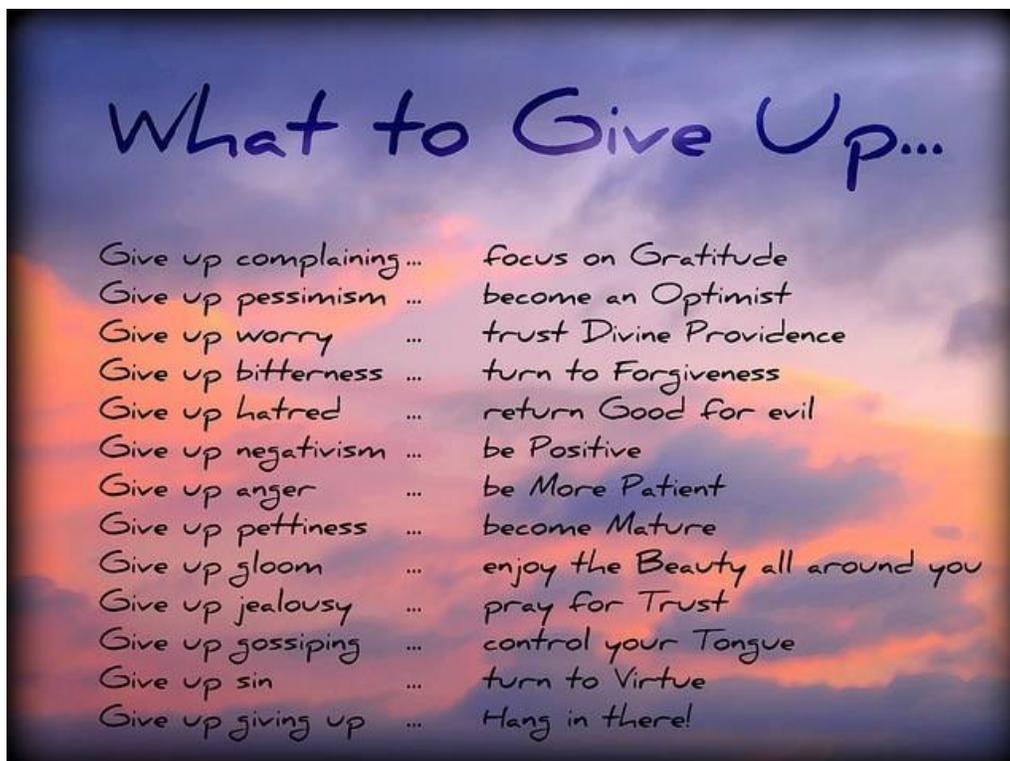
We did not have a winner for the raffle on Tuesday, February 27th, but we do send our congratulations to Peggy Stock who was the winner for the raffle on Wednesday, February 28th. Peggy is the winner of eight \$150 gift certificates and \$800 in spending cash. Her ticket was sold to her by freshman Kaylee Wynne.

Pandas in the News

Below are links of stories that featured our Nazareth girls in both the local media and national media! Check it out and read their story:

- [Rocket Science by the Northeast Times](#)
- [Senior Liz Greubel and Her Family Enjoy Olympic Success](#)

Finally, as we continue to move through lent, I would like to share my favorite reflection on lent and what we should really be giving up.



Principal's Message

Sister Rita Fanning, CSFN

As we continue our journey through this Lenten season we remember to take some time each day to sit quietly with Jesus and contemplate all He has done for us and all He continues to do for us.

Please know that I keep each of your families in my daily prayers.

The Month of March at Nazareth

1	A schedule
2	A schedule; CSC Food Tag Day
5	A schedule; CSC Food Drive begins; Spring Sports Tryouts
6	A schedule
7	A schedule; Blood Drive in gym from 7am to 1pm
8	A Schedule
9	A Schedule; Athletes Helping Athletes Event 6pm in gym
12	A Schedule
13	A Schedule
14	A Schedule; Commitment Day and Uniform Measurement 2:45pm to 5pm
15	A Schedule; CSC Food Drive ends
16	B Schedule; 1pm dismissal for Department meetings; Junior Dinner Dance monies due
19	A Schedule; Hershey Park money due this week
20	A Schedule; Black and White Tea #2 at 7pm
21	A Schedule: Lenten Confessions; Novacare Presentation for Sports Parents at 6pm
22	A Schedule; Mid-Semester Report cards posted on-line
23	A Schedule; Legacy Gala Tag Day
26	A Schedule
27	A Schedule; Student Council Nominations
28	Retreat Day for 9th-10th-11th Grades; Operation Resurrection and 1pm dismissal
29	Holy Thursday – NO SCHOOL
30	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

*****Please Note ~ Classes for Easter Break will Resume on Tuesday April 3rd*****

Due to the many snow days this winter our Easter break will run from March 29th to April 2nd. School reopens and everyone returns on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Survey

Thank you to all who completed the confidential survey distributed a few weeks ago. If anyone has not mailed the survey to my attention please send them in by March 2nd.



School Safety and Security

Please know that the safety of everyone present in our school each day is a priority. I continue to cooperate with Law Enforcement procedures.

- Our school safety officers are present on-site to monitor the day to day happenings.
- Anyone who is not a student or an employee here at the school must check in before being escorted anywhere in the building. Limited access is granted to our vendors.
- School ID badges are utilized to gain access to the building.
- Safety drills are conducted each semester.

One of our School Safety and Security officers is going for an instructor certification on school violence and lockdown procedures this month. Faculty and staff will then receive a training in these updated procedures. We will then have the students participate in an assembly where they will be made aware of current school violence and lockdown procedures. Any new procedures for our lockdown drill will be practiced with the students. A general meeting for parents/guardians will be held to bring you up to date on school violence and lockdown procedures followed here at Nazareth.

School administration is asking that any parent or guardian coming to the school report first to the attendance office to sign in and receive a visitor's badge. I have been advised by law enforcement personnel that it is critical in this day and age of unexpected violence in schools that we know who is in the building at all times so that everyone can be accounted for in the case of an emergency.

Faculty and Staff Update

We wish Mr. Peters success as he returns to practicing law. We welcome back Mr. Joseph Casey, Esq. who will be teaching the Criminal Justice course. Special thanks to Ms. Ennis who will teach the Financial Management course. We also welcome Ms. Maria Kulczytzky to Nazareth Academy High School. Maria will serve as our school district nurse.



Parent Assistance

Please feel free to contact the class teacher at any time with questions that you may have since he/she would be the best resource to address any concerns. If further issues need to be clarified, please feel free to contact me at 215-268-1056 or email me at quinn@nazarethacademyhs.org.

Junior AP Testing

Juniors who are currently enrolled in either AP English or AP Social Studies will receive testing prior to the close of this academic year for placement into senior level AP English or AP Social Studies. Students will receive results prior to the close of this academic year.

Deficiency Reports

Deficiency Reports were issued on Tuesday, February 27th and are due returned with parent signatures to the issuing teacher by Tuesday, March 6th.

Report Cards

Mid-Spring semester report cards will be available online on Thursday, March 22. GPA and Honors will be calculated on a semester basis.

Tentative Course List

At the end of March, a tentative course list for 2018-19 academic year will be sent home with each student for parental review and signature. If a student does not acquire the prerequisites for a specific course, she will be placed on a wait list and then permitted into the desired class once the prerequisite(s) have been met.



Updated Cell Phone Policy

As we struggle to integrate technology like cell phones into existing instructional routines we strive to help students and coach them in the complex task of focus, self-regulation, and responsibility. Students are permitted to use cell phones for instructional purposes ONLY and for this reason they will be permitted to carry their cell phones in their backpacks during the school day. Inappropriate use of cell phones or Personal Electronic Communication Devices (PECD's) will result in a detention and a 15-point demerit. Any type of cyber bullying, posting, or commenting on social media during school hours, or use of inappropriate websites will result in a phone call to the parent/guardian and a suspension. Faculty, staff and administration have the right to confiscate any device used inappropriately. **This policy goes into effect on March 1, 2018.**

Uniform Update

This school year is almost over, where did the months go! Just a friendly reminder that Uniform Measurement is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 2:45 PM - 5:00 PM. There are changes in the uniform requirements for the 2018-19 school year. These changes will not be enforced for 2019 graduating class (seniors). Flynn O'Hara is our uniform store. Parents of current freshmen and sophomores please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit Flynn O'Hara's online shop to acquaint yourself with these changes in shoes, socks, shirts, and new summer uniform requirement.

Junior Dinner Dance

Just a reminder that the Junior Dinner Dance is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Black Lake Room from 6:00 PM –10:00 PM. I want to thank all the parents for their support and guidance in helping our young ladies choose gowns that are not only beautiful but tasteful and appropriate.

College Planning Informational Sessions

Mrs. Deborah Glasson, our school counselor will be conducting College Planning Informational sessions. These informational sessions are in addition to the individual College Planning Meetings that the counselors offer to the juniors. The sessions will be held during the Activity Periods in order to give students added information as well as answer any questions regarding college planning and the college application process. The sessions are optional for the students and very informal. The first session will be on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in Room 33. The location and dates of subsequent sessions will be announced on Naz News. The informational topics will include:

1. SAT/ACT: Differences between the tests, how to sign up, and a resource for determining which test would be best for the student
2. College and Career Search: How to utilize Naviance and College Board to search for colleges
3. Activity Resume: Developing and editing resumes
4. Common Application and Coalition Application: Making accounts and entering basic information
5. College Essays: Providing students with the 2017-2018 prompts and brainstorming

College Representatives Panel

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Performing Arts Center, the Counseling Department will host their annual College Representatives Panel. So far this year we have twelve colleges and universities committed. It is always informal, informative and a pleasant evening for all. Parents can attend solo or they can bring their daughters along for the evening. All are welcome.

Winter Sports Accomplishments

Congratulations to our Indoor Track, Swimming, and Basketball athletes who successfully competed throughout the winter sports season. We are proud of all our student athletes on and off the field. Here is the list of some of their accomplishments:

- Sophomore Kayla Lichtner won first place at the AACA Championships in the 200 m Freestyle for Swimming
- The Medley Relay team of Victoria Hendricks '18, Kayla Lichtner '20, Madeline Doucette '19, and Madyson McSorely '19 earned 2nd place at the AACA Championships
- The basketball team advanced to the semi-finals of the District One playoffs
- Junior Emily Keehfuss earned 2nd Team AACA honors for basketball
- The Nazareth Academy High School Cheerleading squad earned an invitation to nationals in Florida
- Seniors Ellen Annas and Lauren Powell qualified for the Meet of Champions at Lehigh University for Indoor Track



SAT Prep Courses

Math

The Math Department will be offering **after school non-credit SAT Prep courses** during the Spring Semester of 2018. This course will provide further opportunity for our students to sharpen their math skills on the topics covered by the math sections of College Board's SAT. Please register your daughter for an SAT exam through College Board before signing up for our Math SAT Prep Course.

The course involves ten 1-hour sessions, held 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM on the dates designated below. The cost of the course is \$115 which includes the book that will be used.

Class dates for the course prior to the May 6th SAT:

April 4, 5(Thurs), 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, and May 2 (mostly Mondays and Wednesdays)

Classes will also be offered in the fall of 2018. If you have any questions and/or would like to register your daughter for this course, please feel free to contact Mrs. Carrie Konnovitch, Math Department Chair at ckonnovitch@NazarethAcademyHS.org or 215-268-1031.

Verbal

The English Department will be offering after school non-credit SAT Prep courses during the Spring Semester of 2018. This course will provide further opportunity for our students to sharpen their verbal skills and to perform better on the SAT's.

The course involves ten 1-hour sessions, held 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM on the dates designated below. The cost of the course is \$115 which includes the book that will be used.

Class dates for the course prior to the May 6th SAT:

April 6 (Friday), 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, May 1, 3, 4 (May 4 is a Friday)

Classes will also be offered in the fall of 2018. If you have any questions and/or would like to register your daughter for this course, please feel free to email John Turner, English Department Chair at JohnTurner@NazarethAcademyHS.org.



Nazareth Academy High School's

Taste of the Town

Featuring a sampling of the area's finest cuisine

Saturday, March 3, 2018

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

NAHS School Gym, Dining Area & Performing Arts Center

Live music and entertainment featuring:

The Heartbeats

New to Alumnae and Family Weekend this year is Nazareth Academy High School's Taste of the Town!

The night will feature food and drinks from the area's finest restaurants, bars, and caterers.

**** This year's Silent Auction will take place at the Taste of the Town! ****

Items include Premier Commencement Seating for the Class of 2018, Premier Baccalaureate Seating for the Class of 2018, NAHS #1 Parking Spot, Premier Seating and Parking for the Class of 2020 Ring Mass.

Also, Included in the festivities will be a live band, DJ, dancing, raffle baskets, 50/50 and a great night out!

[Click Here To Purchase Tickets!](#)



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2018 Legacy Gala*

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and

Ms. Margaret Lafferty

Music Department, Chairperson and Teacher

Friday, March 23, 2018

6:30 PM

The Southampton Room

Philadelphia, PA 19154

[Click Here For Ticket Information](#)