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## Inauguration Day! Nazareth Introduces Its First President!

By Chloe Roberts '18

On July 10th, Nazareth Academy welcomed its first ever President, Mrs. Denise LePera. Mrs. LePera is the proud parent of two sons and the grandparent of two girls. She earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Neumann University. For three years, Mrs. LePera served as chief executive at Archbishop Ryan High School, where she worked to promote the school and improve the budget. She also worked in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Roman Catholic High School for Boys. In 2016, Mrs. LePera was awarded the SmartCEO Brava Award for her work in organizational advancement and community impact. On September 22nd, Mrs. LePera was officially inducted as President of Nazareth Academy. As she stood before her family, friends, the CSFN Board, and her new Nazareth family, she vowed to uphold the values and mission of Nazareth. Nazareth's chorale sang a beautiful Irish Blessing as a tribute to our new leader, and guests were invited to a brief reception. The induction was recorded by Channel 6 Action News, as well as Nazareth's own Facebook Live stream. As president, Mrs. LePera maintains the marketing, development, and finance aspects of Nazareth, while Sister Rita Fanning will continue to lead academic and student life aspects as Principal. (President article continued on page 9)



From left to right: Asst. Principal Diane Budd, President Mrs. Denise LePera, Principal S. Rita Fanning, CSFN, Asst. Principal Patricia Quinn

# The Ultimate Freshmen Survival Guide

By: Jaclyn Ricafort '18

To the Class of 2021, welcome to Nazareth! The transition from grade school to high school can be a challenge if you don't know how to utilize your resources properly. Here are some tips for you to have a successful first year of high school!

1. Study. Study. Study. You may not think freshman year matters, but the grades you have this year will determine the classes you take for the next four years.
2. Quizlet will be your best friend. Check up to see if there are study sets made by previous students for your upcoming tests.
3. Go to the after school World Civ review by Mr. Marchese. You won't regret it.
4. Join a new club or sport! High school is a great opportunity to realize what your true passion is.
5. If you are struggling in one or more of your classes, go to NHS for tutoring.
6. Take part in all the Nazareth traditions. Snowball, Spirit Day, Naz-A-Thon, just to name a few. You only get to experience high school once, so make the most out of it!
7. Time management is crucial. Sign up for after school activities that you can invest in, and be dedicated for four years. Don't spread yourself out so thin where you can't balance anything at all.
8. Popularity isn't everything. Always stay true to who you are, and don't change your personality to please others. Believe me, when I say it really isn't worth it.

9. Challenge yourself in the next four years. It is all part of the high school experience, and you'll never know if you don't put yourself out of your comfort zone.
10. Please know the difference between the directions of the stairs. Please!
11. Going to counseling on a bad day could really change your day. The Guidance Department is always open to anybody, and they're always there to listen to you.
12. People will come and go. The friends you have your freshman year may not be there for your senior year, and that is perfectly okay. We all mature and have our different paths, and you'll meet so many more new people within the next four years.
13. Do what makes you happy and do it for yourself. Find out what truly makes you passionate and happy and stick with it. All your hard work will come in full circle in the end.
14. Develop a relationship with at least two of your teachers before the end of junior year. This will come in handy for college recommendation letters.
15. Before you know it, you'll be a senior and wonder where the time has gone. Cherish every memory, and take lots of pictures throughout your four years. Make the most out of your time here, and never take your high school years for granted!



## NAZ-A-THON 2017!

By Natalie Solitario '19

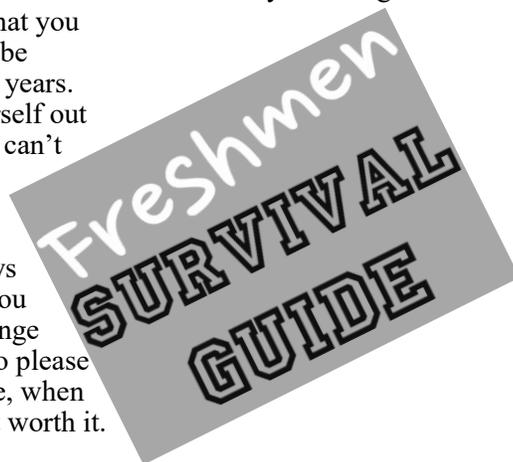
Since it began in 2014, Naz-A-Thon has grown immensely. Then, our goal was just \$5,000. Today, for our fourth year, we join together in hopes to raise \$104,000 for the kids! Our devoted committee has been working very diligently since May to see that our goal is attained by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our first fundraiser of this school year was our first annual Pasta Night. Many people attended and dined on delicious pasta. The night ended up being an enjoyable time and an overall amazing accomplishment as our first fundraiser!

Some other fundraisers that we have held so far were our Chipotle Dine Out night, our first ever Zumba and Morale Dance Night, our Pizzeria Uno Dine Out night, and the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast. These events were lots of fun for all who attended and a great success towards our cause. The Naz-A-Thon committee is ecstatic about the exciting things coming up before the big day! We are having bake sales at both the soccer and volleyball games and a paint night in union with the Art Department.

We are also having an Uncle Dave's Ice Cream Night at Shadybrook Farms and a Pajama Tag day. Lastly, for the whole month of October, Shadybrook Farms is donating a percentage of ticket sales from the various Halloween activities they are having. Using the code "naz" when ordering tickets online lets you save 10% and gives Naz-A-Thon 20% of the profit.

This year, the money we raise will be benefitting the Child Life Department, Neurology Department, and Diabetes Center at CHOP. November 10<sup>th</sup> will be an incredible day! The whole Nazareth community joining together as a whole to support such a wonderful cause is an experience so amazing and rewarding it is hard to put into words. We dance for the kids who can't! One day we will dance in celebration, until then, we dance for a cure.



# Nuclear Korea

By: Cianna Choo '18

According to the South Korean military, a ballistic missile was launched from Sunan, in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, and landed 3700 kilometers, approximately 2300 miles, away in the Pacific Ocean. South Korea then had a "live fire drill." They launched a missile from their East Coast, which according to their Joint Chiefs of Staff, would have been able to hit Sunan. This was a show of power to warn North Korea that South Korea will not just stand by. South Korean president Moon Jae-in held a national security meeting the day of the launch to discuss if any further action should be taken.

In Japan there was a J-Alert, a government announcement, informing the public that the missile

had passed over Hokkaido and that people should stay away from any debris. The Japanese Coast Guard has yet to report any damage. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe called the missile "totally unacceptable," and said that it goes against the "international community's will for peace." He called for other countries to help send a message to North Korea that if this behavior does not stop, there will be repercussions.

Kim Jong-un has tested more missiles than his father and grandfather combined. South Korea has been looking to make peace with North Korea. However, they have been carrying out missile tests of their own. President Moon feels that South Korea still needs to develop their military more and does not want to

rush into a nuclear arms race.

President Trump has not made a comment on the North Korean missile launch yet. However, Japan and the United States want the United Nations Security Council to hold "urgent consultations." China accounts for 90% of North Korean imports. U.S. Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson, mentioned that Chinese oil supplies and Russia's use of North Korean migrant workers would be prime areas where those countries can take direct action against North Korea and let Kim Jong-un know that the UN will not stand for his actions. The White House's plan of action is "peaceful pressure," in which they build a global coalition to isolate North Korea



## Upcoming Events

Avery Montano '20

Here at Nazareth Academy the students are always doing some sort of activity. We have a lot of upcoming events during the month of October. PSAT testing for grades 9, 10, & 11 take place on October 11th. Nobody enjoys taking tests, but the good thing about it is our noon dismissal! Speaking of test, Semester midterms will be the week of October 16-20. October 14th is our Open House, which is actually a fun time to volunteer and get some service hours. Yearbook pictures for grades 9, 10, & 11, and faculty and staff are on Tuesday, October 17th. I know I'll actually be doing my hair this day. From Thursday October 26th to Sunday, October 29th, our school will be putting on their annual play. This year's play is *Beauty and the Beast*. It should be a great show. Many people are very excited about seeing it. Monday, October 30th, there is no school. Tuesday, the 31st is Halloween, which means it is Clash Day! If you are new to Nazareth Academy, Clash Day is when everyone comes to school dressed up in a costume. It's a fun way to celebrate Halloween. I hope all you pandas have a wonderful October!

## North Korean missile over Japan





# Panda

## Artist of the Quarter

Keely Gallagher '21

If there is one thing I wish I were good at, it would be art. I am not fortunate to have any artistic talent, but Bronwyn Kearney is certainly a talented artist. I had the privilege of interviewing her and her artwork.

### When did you start doing art?

-I don't remember, but I do know I was little. I kind of just started.

### What inspires you to do art?

-Nothing really inspires me, I just really love art so it comes naturally.

### What is your favorite type of art?

-It would have to be mixed media. I like it because it combines painting and photographs into one art form

### Who's your favorite artist and why?

-Jean M. Basquiat because I just really like his art style.  
Yeah, it's very cool.

### How does doing art make you feel?

-It's fulfilling honestly.

### Do you plan to continue art in college?

-As a hobby, definitely, but as a career, no.



## Musician of the Quarter

by Isabella McMahon '21

Every quarter Ms. Lafferty chooses one musician to be "musician of the quarter". Ms. Lafferty chose Chloe Roberts to be musician of the quarter. She is an amazing violinist, who is just an all-around great person. I had the privilege to ask her a couple questions about her music and how much it means to her!

### How are you involved with the music program at Naz?

I take violin lessons with Dr. Nocella and drum lessons with Ms. Lafferty. I am involved in chorus, chorale, Pandamonium, orchestra, chamber ensemble, and pit orchestra for the fall show. I am also President of Nazareth's Chapter of Tri-M, the National Music Honor Society.

### When did you start to have an interest in music?

I began taking lessons when I was four, but I began taking a real interest when I started participating in orchestra in fourth grade. Since then, I've grown to understand and appreciate music even more, and music has greatly affected my life for the better.

### Is your music supported by others, such as your family and friends?

My family and friends fully support my interest in music. Music is a huge part of who I am, and my friends and family recognize that. I can attribute my involvement in music to my parents, as they allowed me to take lessons and join ensembles. I can also attribute my love of music to my sister. We grew up taking violin lessons, practicing, and playing duets together. Also, my sister is willing to give me constructive criticism to better my playing.

### Who are some famous artists you aspire to be like?

I aspire to be like Itzhak Perlman, a famous violinist who tours around the world. He has been playing for his whole life, and he has performed songs ranging from classical concertos to movie soundtracks. My favorite piece he has played is the "Schindler's List Theme." Last year, I was able to play with him and the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center. (musician continued on p.5)

# PRIDE



Musician of the Quarter (Continued from p.4)

I also aspire to be like Alan Menken, who has composed the scores for many Disney movies, including *Beauty and the Beast* and *the Little Mermaid*.

### **Is it always easy? What are some difficulties?**

Music is not easy, but becomes less difficult with practice both in theory and in performance. As with sports or with school, the only way to improve in music is through practice. One of the biggest challenges in music is performing. No matter how many times a musician practices a piece, something may still go wrong during a performance. For many people, it is hard to overcome stage fright. I have been able to be comfortable while performing after many years of various types of performances. Even now, things can go wrong. Once, I was playing a hymn during mass with an organist, and the organist played in a different key!

### **What is your favorite part about being involved in music?**

Music has opened so many doors for me. Because of music, I have been able to go to amazing places and experience extraordinary things. With Nazareth's music department, I have had the chance to perform at the Lincoln Center in New York, St. Mary's College in Cambridge, and Southwark Cathedral in London. Outside of school, I have had the chance to perform at the Kimmel Center and the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

### **Would you like to make music a main priority in your college and adult life? Why or why not?**

Music will always be a priority for me, but I do not plan to have music as a career. I do not plan to major in music in college, but I intend to be a part of my college's orchestra or choir. I will always love music, and I will continue to play recreationally.



### **Do you have any advice to give to people who want to pursue music at Nazareth?**

Anyone thinking about participating in music should absolutely pursue it! There are so many opportunities at Nazareth for musicians of all levels. Not everyone has to be fully committed to music in order to be involved. There is a place for everyone interested. To anyone already involved: continue to practice and push yourself. Music is not always easy, but there is a huge support system ready to help you.

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Ellen Annas  
Sylvanne Braganza  
Chloe Roberts

# Getting to Know

When I say “Newbies” I’m not talking about the freshmen. This school year we not only have our first ever president, Ms. Schroeder. It is always very exciting to welcome new people to our school; however many of us don’t know too many teachers.

MR. BAXTER



*Mr. Baxter teaches Spanish 1 and Spanish 3. He also is the homeroom moderator for 4C.*

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?**

A: I like to do yoga, and I also like to take an occasional nap.

**Q: If you could travel to any place in the world where would it be and why?**

A: This question is so hard! If I had to pick one place, it would be Peru to see the Incan town of Machu Picchu.

**Q: What is your favorite song/band and why?**

A: My favorite song is “Somewhere over the Rainbow”. It has special meaning for me because my father’s favorite movie was *The Wizard of Oz*, and whenever I listen to it, I feel happy.

MR. SEVERINO



*Mr. Severino teaches Freshman Biology & Algebra 1.*

**Q: Do you have any pets?**

A: I have a black Labrador Retriever named Frankie. She is a great friend and follows me everywhere! I’ve always had pets throughout my life because they’re fantastic companions.

**Q: What is your favorite food/s?**

A: Tough call – Italian or Mexican!

**Q: If you could travel to any place in the world where would it be and why?**

A: I visited Alaska years ago and never forgot just how pristine the wilderness was. At night, the landscape was a surreal snowfield that glittered under the stars and moonlight. The Northern Lights would cascade across the sky. I never forgot those sights, and I would love to return there someday.

Thank you to all four of these teachers for taking the time to be interviewed and having excellent answers. Speaking for you at Nazareth this year, and can’t wait to make some everlasting memories.

If you’re in the hallway don’t be shy. Say ‘hi’ to all these new teachers!

# the Newbies

By: Rachel Pellegrino '18

out also some new teachers as well. The new teachers this year are Mr. Baxter, Mr. Severino, Ms. Raymond, and much about them. In order for everyone to get to know them a little better, I took some time to interview these



MS. RAYMOND

*Ms. Raymond is a Guidance Counselor responsible for 1/3 of each grade. She supports each individual on her roster academically, emotionally, and socially.*

**Q: What is your favorite song/band and why?**

A: I love any 90's music...particularly Alanis Morissette and No Doubt. The music reminds me of a very happy, carefree time in High School.

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?**

A: My free time is mainly taken up by my 6-year-old daughter! I am also in the middle of renovating a new home. I enjoy exercising, spending time with my parents, siblings and extended family and reading true crime novels.

**Q: What is your favorite food/s?**

A: My favorite food is Pad Thai.



MS. SCHROEDER

*Ms. Schroeder teaches all four levels of Latin.*

**Q: Why did you decide to teach the subject that you do?**

A: I had thought about being a teacher since age 10. I loved school and learning and helping other people learn and do well in school. When I was 14, I started studying Latin and I loved it. I was in the honor society, tutored, and formed a bond with my Latin teacher. By 16, I decided I should apply my unique skill set in Latin to a career.

**Q: What is your favorite food/s?**

A: I eat eggs and turkey bacon almost every day without getting tired of it, so that must be my favorite food.

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?**

A: I love playing video games. I spent a good part of my summer playing Persona 5, and I've been an avid follower of the Assassin's Creed series for the last few years.

er the whole school - we are extremely excited to have all four of

# Athlete of the Quarter by Haley Heisley '20

The beginning of the school year means that it is not only time for homework, teachers, friends, and hiding our NetClassRoom accounts from our parents- but all of the school's activities, events, and sports! The Athlete of the Quarter is a senior on the Cross Country and Track team who has improved so much over the years. She is also a role model and influence for everyone looking up to her on her team and in everyday life. This athlete is *Rachel Pellegrino*. Rachel has shared her experience of these sports since she was in grade school, and opened up to us about all of her priorities and goals in her life right now.



## What sport(s) are you involved in here at Naz?

I've been running cross country and indoor/outdoor track at Nazareth for three years now - this will be my fourth. I basically run a lot and am constantly getting new sneakers. It sounds bad, but I get to spend every day after school with some pretty awesome people.

## Over the years, do you think you have improved a lot in these activities?

I've been doing track since fourth grade and cross country since seventh. Since coming to Nazareth I have definitely improved a lot in my times because I've become a lot more serious about running. Also, through the years, I've learned what kind of runner I am. I've learned that even though I ran sprints all grade school. I'm definitely a mid-distance runner in track and I love long runs (8-10 miles) - I'm actually planning on doing the Rocky 10 mile run in November.

## What would you say is your favorite part about being involved with this sport at Naz?

My favorite part about track and cross country is meeting new people at meets and running camps. I don't know what it is about runners, but it's so easy to make friends with them. We're all friendly people and can bond over our running problems.

## Are you involved with other things here at Naz?

At Nazareth I am a senior editor of Highlights, Vice President of Chemistry Club, President of Mu Alpha Theta, participate in Mathletes, play the clarinet in orchestra and jazz band, committee member of Nazathon, and I'm part of NHS and Student Council.

## What would your advice be to girls who are struggling with balancing sports, activities, and their academics?

My advice would be to not stress or freak out. Sometimes it can be overwhelming, but you just need to take a step back and breathe. With long weekday meets, it's hard to get your homework and studying done by the early hours of the night. But I usually try and finish most of my homework in school before going to a meet, so I don't have to worry about it while I'm there. Also when being involved with a lot, time management skills are key to surviving. To help with this, I usually make a list of what I need to do, and prioritize for what needs to get done now and what can get done later. In the end, you need to realize ten years from now you're most likely not going to remember that test you cried over.

## When you go into college, do you plan on trying out for any of their sports teams?

Yes, I'm actually looking to run cross country and track in college. I think getting an education is the utmost importance of going to college, so I'm planning on going to a DIII school. I still want to be serious about running; however, I don't want my whole college experience to just be about running and competing.

Varsity Cross Country (Girls) 2017-2018			
Date	W/L	Opponent	Time
Aug. 31		(Ryan, Little Flower, SBA)	6:00PM
Sep. 09		@ (Quad X XC Relay/Belmont Plateau)	10:00AM
Sep. 13		* @ Saint Basil Academy	4:00PM
Sep. 16		@ George School Invite)	9:00AM
Sep. 20		* Mount Saint Joseph Academy	4:00PM
Sep. 23		@ (Council Rock Invite)	9:00AM
Sep. 27		Merion Mercy Academy	4:00PM
Sep. 30		@ (Six Flags Safari 5k)	TBA
Oct. 04		* (SH & VJM)	4:00PM
Oct. 07		@ (William Tennent Invite)	1:00PM
Oct. 11		* @ Gwynedd Mercy Academy	4:00PM
Oct. 17		* @ (JV/V AACA CHAMPIONSHIP@Tyler State Park)	3:00PM
Oct. 27		@ (District One Championship/Lehigh University)	9:00AM
Nov. 03		@ (PIAA AA State Championship/Hershey Pa)	9:00AM
Nov. 04		@ (PIAA AA State Championship/Hershey Pa)	9:00AM

(Players continued from back page)

You might know Taylor Hinds as an active member of NHS, and Mu Alpha Theta, but what we know her best for is captain of the cheer team! Taylor has high hopes for her last season, and hopefully the girls can make it a magical year, especially finishing the year out at Walt Disney World!

**How long have you been a cheerleader?**

I have been cheering for 9 years, but I have cheered all four years at Naz!

**What other clubs and activities are you in?**

Freshman and Sophomore year, I played Lacrosse. It was really fun but time consuming, so I just stuck with Cheer! I'm also a part of Mu Alpha Theta, Panda Pals, Photography Club, and Cancer Awareness Club.

**Describe how you balance homework, cheer, and other activities like NHS.**

I keep a planner to write down my practices, meetings times, and homework to keep me organized so that I know what needs to get done every day.

**Are you thinking about cheering in college? Where are you thinking about going?**

I really love Pitt and Penn State! I would definitely cheer in college. It would be a lot, but I've been doing it for so long, I can't imagine not doing it!

**What is one of your favorite memories being on cheer?**

Going to nationals for the first time was definitely my favorite memory! It was so much fun, I hope we can go back again this year!

(President continued from front cover)

Mrs. LePera will work closely with the Advancement Office to promote Nazareth and raise funds for the school. Along with Sister Rita, Mrs. LePera will foster the unique sisterhood present at Nazareth. This school is one of a kind, and Mrs. LePera now has the opportunity to fully experience all the love that the students and faculty have to offer. We are all excited to welcome Mrs. LePera, and we wish her the best of luck as she embarks on her new journey!



From left to right: Student Council Treasurer- Dana Glavin, Student Council President-Bernadette Breslin, Student Council Moderator-S. Boguslawa Cofala, CSFN, President- Mrs. Denise LePera, Principal-Sister Rita Fanning, CSFN, Student Council Vice President Ruby Malak, Student Council Secretary-Ellen Annas

# Introducing The 2017-20

## 1. What is/are your favorite school subject(s)?

**Bernadette:** Latin and Music!

**Ruby:** Definitely English!

**Ellen:** My favorite school subject has to be AP Gov - shout out to the six other girls in the class, and of course Mr. Clark.

**Dana:** Absolutely positively Anatomy/Physiology with Miss Wiz.

## 2. What is your favorite aspect of Nazareth?

**Bernadette:** My favorite aspect of Naz is the people that make up the school.

**Ruby:** I love that Naz is a small school because everyone knows everyone!

**Ellen:** My favorite aspect of Nazareth has to be the fact that you can have a conversation with literally anyone. I feel like we're all so close that once I'm out in the "real world", I'll get confused when I get weird looks after asking people how they feel about the kind of fries that are being served that day.

**Dana:** My favorite aspect of Naz is that I am excited to go to school every single morning, even on the most stressful of days. Every time you have a problem going on in your life, there is always a classmate or teacher available to talk to. Naz is truly a sisterhood where I have made so many lifelong friendships that I wouldn't trade for the world. There's also always free food somewhere in the school in case you ever crave a cookie or cupcake.

## 3. What's your favorite quote?

**Bernadette:** "Always stay humble and kind." ~ Tim McGraw

**Ruby:** My favorite quote is "The best is yet to come."

**Ellen:** "Time is money, money is power, power is pizza, and pizza is knowledge; let's go." – April Ludgate, Parks and Recreation

**Dana:** "Put your hair up in a bun, drink some coffee and handle it." I Post-it everywhere I can.

## 4. What is the most important thing you hope to accomplish this school year?

**Bernadette:** I hope to have the student body permitted to eat lunch outside this year.

**Ruby:** To have a fun and positive senior year, and to get into the college of my choice.

**Ellen:** The most important thing I hope to accomplish is to leave Nazareth better than I found it, and to reach every goal that we set our sights on as the L team. But I also hope to get into college and maybe spend some more quality time with my turtle.

**Dana:** At this point, I would say my goal is to go through senior year with the least amount of stress possible. College apps plus extracurricular activities plus a social life plus senior year classwork can be overwhelming at times, but it is important to realize that it will all get done and life is all about stopping to smell the roses when it feels like you're constantly in a rush.



From left to right: President-Bernadette Breslin, Vice President-I

# 18 Leadership Team!

By: Sylvanne Braganza '18

## 5. What is one thing you want the students to know about you?

**Bernadette:** I love this school and it is my number one priority.

**Ruby:** I would like the students to know that I am approachable and to never be afraid to talk to me!!!! I love making new friends!

**Ellen:** I want everyone at Naz to know that I'm very approachable, and am willing to talk about anything; whether it be school, life, French fries, or music.

**Dana:** Any time you hear a Spanish song come on, you know I'll be the first one to start Salsa dancing for the next hour at least.

## 6. What song do you want to describe this school year with?

**Bernadette:** *Here I am* by Bryan Adams

**Ruby:** *Pumping Blood (Acoustic)*

**Ellen:** *Dog Days Are Over* by Florence and the Machine

**Dana:** *"Praying"* by Kesha

## 7. What is one of your favorite things to do at Nazareth?

**Bernadette:** I love to talk to everyone I see and occasionally rant on NazNews.

**Ruby:** Naz News!!!! I love going on NazNews on Tuesdays with Liv!

**Ellen:** One of my favorite things to do at Naz is just to get involved, especially with Naz-A-Thon. This is Naz-A-Thon's fourth year and I wish it wasn't my last!

**Dana:** One of my favorite things to do at Nazareth is to eat the most amazing things that have been introduced to the entire institution – tater tots – with my amazing squad at Activity Lunch. I also love crashing any of Mr. Clark's classes whenever I have a free moment to relive Honors and AP U.S. History (best times ever).

## 8. How do you want people to remember this year's Leadership Team?

**Bernadette:** I wish for girls to remember this year's L Team as the one that accomplished things despite holding office during a year filled with transitions.

**Ruby:** I want people to remember us as the L Team who made student life a little bit more fun! Whether it is some new events or traditions – we want to be remembered by you all!

**Ellen:** I want people to remember us as the Leadership Team that accomplished everything that they said they would. I want people to know us as the fun, reliable group of friends that we are, and to know that they can count on us. Being remembered as legendary would also be pretty cool.



Ruby Malak, Secretary-Ellen Annas, Treasurer-Dana Glavin

# PANDAMONIUM

## The Nazareth Sports Page

### Hitting the Links

By: Carly Krieger '21

If someone were to ask what the fastest growing team at Nazareth was, many would most likely assume soccer or volleyball. However, the Nazareth Golf team consists of sixteen girls this season, that's quite a few compared to the team of five this past year. One of the biggest reasons in this surge of popularity is Coach Steve Wiercinski. With a larger team, more practicing and training is required. The team is lucky enough to have the time to get to know Mr. Wiercinski, the sport, and how he's managing such a large group of girls.

Every morning Coach Steve wakes up at 2:45a.m. and works a shift as a corrections officer from four to noon. Later in his day he comes to Nazareth to coach either a practice or a match. When he's not working or golfing, Mr. Wiercinski enjoys traveling, fishing, and cooking. He started at Nazareth as a security guard and then was offered the position as the Nazareth golf



coach. He has been the coach for six years and hopes to continue. When asked why he enjoys the game so much, his answer was simple. He believes it is a game you can play all your life, you can play with anyone, and everyone can play equally.

The golf season is short, so it is a very busy few weeks. Although Coach wishes the season was longer, he always makes sure the girls get in enough practice.

Whether they go to The Mad Golfer or Snipes Chip and Putt, Coach always has the patience and understanding needed to be the best coach out there. Mr. Wiercinski's advice for anyone thinking about trying golf is to find your local PGA professional and take some lessons. They are never very expensive and always a smart investment. In conclusion, Coach's goal for the team is to have fun and appreciate the game of golf. In his own words, "I'm glad I have the opportunity to share the game with the best girls in the world."

### Get to Know the Players by Kierra McAneny '19

I talked to Katie Thackrah about the Cross Country season! Between Naz-A-Thon and Kairos, Katie's plate is full, but with the success the team is having, she has no problem juggling a heavy workload and XC!

**How many years have you been on Cross Country?**

This is my first year on cross country, but I've been on track for the last four years at Naz! I played soccer freshman and sophomore year, but not junior. I took off for a season junior year.

**Are you on any other sports at Naz? Which is your favorite?**

I run track both indoor and outdoor season, but I definitely think since joining cross country that it's become my favorite!

**What other clubs and activities are you in?**

I'm going to be leading Kairos this October, and I am the Senior Director of Family Relations for Naz-A-Thon 2017!

**Describe how you balance homework, cross country, and other activities like Naz-A-Thon.**

At times, it can definitely be a challenge, but I try my best to make

sure I am managing my time as much as I possibly can so I'm able to accomplish the tasks that are given to me!

**Do you plan on running in college?**

I am not exactly sure yet. I am still figuring that out!

**What is one of your favorite memories on Cross Country?**

My favorite memory was definitely going to the Six Flags meet during Fright Fest! I bonded a lot with the team that day, it was so fun!

Cheerleading-

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