



# NAZARETH ACADEMY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER, 2018



**Founded In 1867**  
**By Sisters of the Incarnate**  
**Word and Blessed**

**Mission Statement**  
To Teach (the Gospel Message), to Build (a loving Community) and to Serve (those in need) in the Spirit of Christ.

**Jets for Jesus**  
**151 years of Service**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 3 Labor Day - No School
- Sept. 7 Mass at OLS, 8:15am  
Faculty Mtg. Dismissal at 2:00 pm  
  
Kids Night Out, 6 to 9; Grs. 2 – 8
- Sept. 11 Safe Environment training  
5:30-7:30 in Room 238
- Sept. 11 Feast Day of Venerable Jeanne de Matel, the Foundress of the Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament Sisters who teach at NA
- Sept. 12 HSA Meeting at 5:30 in Playroom
- Sept. 14 Student Council Speeches and Elections; 2:35 in gym
- Sept. 17–21 Standardized Testing - ITBS
- Sept. 19 NA Advisory Council Meeting  
Progress Reports emailed
- Sept. 25 Individual Photos, PK-3 through 8
- Sept. 26 See You at the Pole 7:45am  
Progress Reports Issued

## UP COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 5 Mass at 8:15 at OLS  
Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 6 NA A Volleyball Tournament
- Oct. 7 NA Fall Festival
- Oct. 12 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
- Oct. 25 No School - Parent/Teacher conferences



## Dear Teachers, Parents and Guardians,

Three weeks of school are almost down! It's been a good three weeks, with a few hiccups that mostly have subsided as of now. We thank you for hanging in there with us! Enrollment is 323 beautiful young people. Teachers are ready for the rest of the year!

September takes us into a more normal schedule. Some events on the calendar include:

**Student Council** (Grades 6-8) will conduct speeches and elections on September 14 at 2:35.

**Standardized Testing:** September 17-21. Students will be assessed to give teachers information on what strengths and weaknesses students have and what skills need to be stressed in the next 8 months.

**Individual Pictures** – Tuesday, September 25. 8<sup>th</sup> graders dress up in Sunday clothes. All other students wear the school uniform.

**Fire Prevention Week** is October 7-13. Students in Grades 1-5 are encouraged to create a Fire Prevention Poster, which will be judged on September 24<sup>th</sup>. (1/2 poster board; Theme: ("Look, Listen, Learn"))

**Continued Blessings for a great school year!**

*Sister Evelyn Korenek, Principal*



## NAZARETH ACADEMY VISION STATEMENT

The vision is to continue the legacy of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament by forming students in a Christ-centered environment, inspiring a lasting love of learning, and promoting a life-long commitment to Christian values and service.

## FALL STANDARDIZED ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be given during the week of September 17-21 to students in Grades 1-8. Because it is so early in the year, the results will be used as a diagnostic tool to determine each student's areas of weakness and strengths. The teachers will use the results in the next eight months to plan lessons and activities to meet the needs of each student.

Please see that your child gets plenty of rest the night before testing and eats a healthy breakfast each morning. Although there are no volleyball and football games this week, there will be practice.

## INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS



Individual Pictures for students in Pre K-3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be taken on September 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:15 a.m. Eighth graders are to dress in their "Sunday Best". **Students are to wear the NA uniform and a Jets for Jesus smile.** Faculty and staff will also have their individual pictures taken.

**Lifetouch will take the photos.** Make-up day for photos will be scheduled at a later date.

## "KIDS NIGHT OUT" (KNO)

**Kid's Night Out** is an evening of organized, supervised, fun-filled activities for 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. **KNO** will normally be held on the 1st Friday of the month in the NA playroom from [6:00 pm - 9:00 pm](#). (This could also be used as your Parent Night Out with babysitting at NA!!!)

**KNO** was created out of a need for our children to be able to socialize, communicate and have fun with one another outside of the academic classroom, in a safe, Christian atmosphere. It will be a great opportunity to enhance social skills, interact with students in other grades, and maybe make new friends! For only \$15 per child, your child/children can enjoy 3 hours with their friends, play games, work on a craft project, dance, or just "hang-out" and talk. Food and drinks will also be provided at no extra cost.

Students can be signed in and dropped off any time beginning at [6:00 pm](#) and can stay until [9:00 pm](#). To be in compliance with the Safe Environment Policy, we must have a certain ratio of supervising adults to children. Therefore, you must RSVP ahead of time for the event by text or voicemail to Ms. Naquin at 361-648-2277 or Mrs. Yvette Alexander at 361-648-0711. The next KNO is on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## APPOINTMENTS

If you must pick up your child during school hours for any reason (doctor, dental, illness, etc.), please come to the school office and one of the staff will get your child. Teachers will not release your child from the classroom without consent from the office. All students must be checked out through the office. In the case of an appointment, please send a note to school with your child letting the office and the teacher know when to expect to have a child leaving.

For a student to receive an excused tardy for an appointment, an official doctor/dental note is required.

## REQUEST FOR HOMEWORK WHEN A STUDENT IS ABSENT

E-mail or text the teachers as soon as you can to request homework, preferably before noon. Messages are not checked during instruction time. Homework is usually sent to the office at the end of the school day for pick up.

## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Diocese of Victoria adopted the *Code of Pastoral Conduct* to provide a set of standards for conduct for all church/church-related personnel, including personnel and volunteers in Catholic schools of the Diocese. According to the Code, volunteers must attend a *Keeping Kids Safe Workshop*, and obtain clearance on a criminal records background check for the State of Texas or any other state where the applicant has resided during the past 5 years, **before volunteering**. Any volunteer providing service to the students *must have met these obligations before being allowed to volunteer*. For more information, including dates for the various trainings, please call the school office or visit the Diocese of Victoria website at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)

First time volunteers, who have submitted an online application and completed a background check to be a volunteer at Nazareth Academy, are required to attend an orientation session regarding the “Code of Pastoral Conduct” and the “Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors”. This session must be attended within 90 of the completion of the online application/background check. For your convenience, this session will be held at NA on **Sept. 11** beginning at 5:30 pm. Enter by the front door and go to Rm. 238.

## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

### **2018-2019 School Year Notice**

Nazareth Academy has chosen to include the diocesan approved **Youth Code of Conduct-A Training and Examination Program on Child Abuse & Protection Issues** as part of the religion/guidance curriculum-based education for children and youth. Age appropriate diocesan material, taught by the homeroom teachers and/or Mrs. Gail Janecka, Counselor, will instruct the students. This is a Diocesan requirement. Presentation of sessions will take place during the first semester. If you have any questions, you may call Mrs. Janecka at 573-6651 or email her at [gjanecka@nazarethacademy.org](mailto:gjanecka@nazarethacademy.org).

### **SEE YOU AT THE POLE**

In 1990, a small group of teenagers in Burseson, Texas, came together for a Disciple Now Weekend. They came seeking God and little did they know how powerfully He was about to move. Compelled to pray, they drove to three different schools that night. Not knowing exactly what to do, they went to the school flagpoles and prayed for their friends, schools and leaders. The rest is history...



**On Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:45am** you are invited to gather at NA’s flagpole to join us and students from all over the country to pray. God is a Powerful God! Our prayer for our schools, friends and leaders can make a Big Difference.

### **AFTER-SCHOOL PICK UP**

Thank you for your cooperation in regards to the pickup of students. We ask parents who pick up their child(ren) immediately after school to wait in their cars.

Pick up corner for students in Grs. 4-8 is the corner of Church & Glass Street; Grades 1-4 the corner of Convent & Glass Street; and 4K & Kinder the corner of Convent & Bridge. **The front entrance of the school is not a pick up area.**

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Care is a service provided for those who are registered. After School Care for Grs. 4 -8 is in the Art Room. **The number is 573-9803.** You may call this number to say you are waiting for your child. Please park on Bridge Street to wait for your child.

Students in PK 4 - Gr. 3 are walked across the street to the Convent. The numbers are

**361-894-2730: PK 3 and PK4**

**361-550-1703: K – Gr. 3**

After School Care fee is \$4 if picked up between 4:00 and 4:45pm. The fee for pick up between 4:45 and 5:30 is \$8. After 5:30 the charge is \$6.00 per 15 minutes.

## 2018 Nazareth Academy Fall Festival News

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Friends of Nazareth Academy, The Annual Fall Festival, on **October 7, 2018**, is quickly approaching and preparations are well underway. The Fall Festival, the largest and most important fundraiser for the school, takes many weeks of preparation, numerous volunteers and lots of hard work to make it a success. Our children benefit from the festival revenue in various ways. Many aspects of running the school are taken into consideration when using funds from the Fall Festival. This includes everything from the playground, technology, classroom support to sports!



### 2018 Fall Festival Chairpersons

Festival – April Buzzell (652-4365)

Live/Silent Auctions – Joel Sager (935-5681)

Food Prep – April Buzzell (652-4365)

Plates to Go – Amy Tatum (676-7736)

Raffle – Joel Sager (935-5681)

Games – Allison Morris (920-3632)

Country Store – Kelly Kirkpatrick (212-5354)

Concession Stand – Billie Hungerford (894-349)

Placemats – Stephanie Thurman (655-0481)

Marketing – Debbie Michalski (573-6651)

Decorations – Kelsey Schacherl / NA Drill Team

Inside Serving Line – Annette Howard (648-6166)

Our 2018 Fall Festival Chairpersons would love to have YOUR skills and talents to assist them in making things run smoother! Join us! It's a lot of work, a lot of fun, and lots of friendships to be made. Please contact April Buzzell at [april\\_lesley@hotmail.com](mailto:april_lesley@hotmail.com) or call 652-4365 with any questions. Be on the lookout for more information on how to sign up for shifts and donated items needed.

**The Sisters are the Heart of the School, but We, the Parents, are the Heartbeat!**

## SAFETY NEWS

Help us eliminate traffic jams before and after school. When dropping off or picking up your child(ren), please do not park along the school curbs and leave your car. If you need to park your car, we ask that you park on the opposite side of the street. This will keep traffic moving and thus eliminate traffic congestion.

Please follow all directions given by those on duty. Here are a few reminders:

1. Pull to the curb side of the school to pick-up or drop-off your child. Never ask the child to walk into the street to enter the car.
2. Your child should enter the vehicle from the curb side of the vehicle only, not walk into the street to enter the opposite side of the vehicle.
3. Observe the adults who are directing traffic or assisting the patrollers.

We appreciate you following our safety rules. Your child's safety is our concern.

## **CAFETERIA NEWS . . .**

Lunches and snacks can be purchased each morning from 7:30-8:00 a.m. at the front entrance or in the school office. Nazareth Academy participates in the Federal Government lunch program. If you believe that you may qualify for this program, please turn in an application to Sister Ann. It helps you and it helps the school. *It is kept strictly confidential.* Applications were sent out to all families in the August newsletter. If you need an application, additional copies can be obtained from the school office. Please consider participating. You can apply at any time during the school year.

## **NAZARETH ACADEMY LIBRARY**

Choose a book “honoring” a child’s or someone else’s birthday. Nazareth Academy Library will add the new book to the library collection. The birthday recipient will receive a card, and a notice will go in the book. Please email [ljanda@nazarethacademy.org](mailto:ljanda@nazarethacademy.org) or call Sr. Liliane.

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Nazareth Academy Advisory Council operates in an advisory capacity to the principal and to the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, who own the school. The Advisory Council’s role includes long-range planning and setting goals, policy development that supports the long-range plan, fiscal planning and development, and communication with accountability to the various constituents. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month (or as indicated on the monthly calendar) at the St. Agnes Annex. Persons wishing to address the Council should notify the President or Sister Evelyn two weeks in advance.

### **Advisory Council**

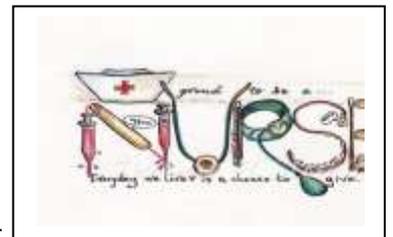
Laura Rodriguez- President  
Shane Morris - Vice President  
Gwen Aragon – Secretary  
Tonia Fojtik  
Julie Fulgham  
Jack Lill  
Aphton Taylor  
Sarah Griffin  
Sarita Villafranca  
Joel Sager  
Brooke Sumbera

### **Ex. Officio**

Sr. Kathleen Goike  
Sr. Evelyn Korenek  
Sr. Bernarda Bludau  
Sr. Geraldine Pavlik  
Sr. Lois Marie Etzler  
Sr. Ann Meletio  
Stephanie Thurman, HSA President  
Debbie Michalski, Mission Advancement

## **REMINDERS FROM THE NURSE**

Our goal is to help keep the children healthy and in school. There are times, however, that exclusion from attending school is necessary. One of the most common reasons a child will not be allowed to attend school is fever. A child with a temperature of 100° or more cannot be in school and may not return until they have been free of fever for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication such as Tylenol, Advil, etc. The complete list of symptoms requiring exclusion from school, as well as other information regarding the health and well-being of your child can be found on the Nazareth Academy website in the Parent-Student Handbook. If everyone follows the guidelines, the spread of germs and infections can be minimized. Students are not allowed to have medicine (i.e. a substance or preparation used in treating disease or illness) of any kind, prescription or non-prescription, on their person, in their backpack, locker, etc. This includes cough drops, Tylenol, Advil, Chapstick, Hand Sanitizer, Lotion, etc. All classrooms have hand sanitizer that can be used in addition to regular handwashing.



If a student needs to take medication during school hours, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- All medication must be brought to the school clinic (preferably by a parent/guardian).
- All medication will be dispensed from the clinic by the school nurse or personnel appointed by the principal.
- An “Authorization for Dispensing Medication” form must be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian **AND** a physician/healthcare provider. This form can be downloaded from the NA website. (This is for over the counter products too!!)

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call Mrs. Krejci at school.

The Diocese of Victoria requires all Catholic schools to have a campus Wellness Committee. The purpose of the committee is to assure compliance of the Diocesan “Wellness Policy for Catholic Schools.” One of the goals of the policy is to promote the development of lifelong wellness practices in students and their families. The Nazareth Academy Wellness Committee is comprised of the principal, the school nurse, two teachers, a parent, and several junior high students. The committee meets and sets goals/activities as part of our campus wellness plan. If you ever have suggestions or questions regarding the policy, activities of the committee, etc. please contact Mrs. Krejci.

## **BOX TOPS COLLECTION**

**Collection of Box Tops** is one of NA’s successful projects. Keep sending in those Box Tops, even if you only have a few! Remember, each Box Top is worth 10¢ for our school – and that adds up fast when every family participates.

NA earned over \$900.00 Box Tops last year. Our joint efforts were successful and greatly appreciated. Let us try to top the amount this year. Please continue to remember this offer when you do your grocery shopping.

As we did last school year, students are asked to turn in the Box Tops in baggies/envelopes with their name on it and place it in the container in their classroom or drop them off in the office. Students and classes will be recognized for their efforts in collecting Box Tops. Students are invited to ask their friends and neighbors to help with their class collection. Thanks to everyone! Recognition will be done next month.

PK3	15	Holden Hermes 15
PK 4	19	Scott Lesak 19
K	15	Hayden Hermes 15
Gr. 1	54	Annastyn Yendrey 24; Gavin Tate 9; Jonah Klemcke 21
Gr. 4	9	Kambree Tagliabue 9
Gr. 6	80	Jackson Morris 80;
Gr. 7	92	Nathan Hoelscher 92
	126	Holland & Presley Bluhm 126;
	141	IWBS Sisters 141
	48	Unidentified 48
Total	509	for \$50.90. Thanks to all who remembered to save the labels.

