



## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 17, 2026

Dear Preschool Families,

I hope all of you had a wonderful and restful Easter break!

Mrs. McDowell introduced the letter Rr and the Easter Story. The children practiced tracing and writing the upper and lower-case letter and drew a picture of something that begins with the letter Rr in their workbook. They also practiced cutting lines. On Thursday, each child made their "He has Risen" tomb.

The Buzzy Bee teachers introduced the letter Vv, the color gray, insects and reviewed numbers. The children traced and cut the letter V and made a collage. They also practiced writing the letter of the week and numbers. On Wednesday, during geography, the teachers introduced the country of Poland. The children colored the Poland flag.

On Monday, when we returned from Easter break, we saw that our caterpillars had transformed into chrysalis. We are excited to be able to see the live stages of the metamorphosis. Yesterday, we had two butterflies come out of the chrysalis. The children were excited!

On Wednesday, we went to visit the seniors at Nazareth House. The children shared prayers, songs and passed out cards.

Mrs. Mahler picked and washed some vegetables (Rainbow Chard, tomatoes and lettuce) from our garden on Thursday. She served the vegetables to each class and the children were able to try them with ranch dressing.

## **NAZARETH NIGHT 2026 – BOOTS & BLING**

Nazareth Night is tomorrow! We look forward to seeing all of you there. We want to thank all of our parent volunteers for all their help with the classroom projects and baskets.

## **REGISTRATION FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

If you have not registered for the upcoming school year, please see me.

## **PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP**

Summer camp is now full! If you are interested, please let me know, so that we can place your child on the waitlist. The \$350 summer camp fee is non-refundable.

## **SAVE THE DATES AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **MAY CROWNING**

Our preschool May Crowning celebration will be on Friday, May 1 at 10:00 am in the garden. Please have your children wear their Sunday's best and bring a flower for our Blessed Mother Mary. We need two volunteers to help with the set-up and decorating of our altar. Parents are welcome to come.

### **MOTHER'S DAY TEA**

We cordially invite all preschool mothers to our traditional Mother's Day Tea on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, in the music room from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. You MUST sign up to attend this special event. The sign-up sheet will be on the table near the music room on Monday. This is a 30-minute one-on-one mother and child experience. No siblings please, seating is limited. Please plan ahead to attend.

### **FATHER'S DAY WORKSHOP**

Be sure to save the date! The preschool Father's Day Workshop will be on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the music room from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. This is a 30-minute one-on-one father and child experience. No siblings please, seating is limited. Please plan ahead to attend.

### **NAZARETH SCHOOL CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE**

The Golf Ball Drop will be on Thursday, May 7.

Our Nazareth Golf Scramble will be on Friday, May 8, 2026. It will be at Carlton Oaks Golf Club in Santee. If you would like to participate, please be sure to register.

### **SIGN-IN & OUT**

Please remember to sign your child in and out every day as you come into the building! Some parents are forgetting to sign-in and out. Full signature **NO** initials! The person signing **MUST** be 18 years old or older. This is a State Licensing Regulation.

## SNACKS

We want to thank the families who brought muffins, veggies and fruit this week. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Barber, Benet, Zebian & Geissler), veggies (C. Schulte & Ricker) and fresh fruit (Barber & Ricker). Sunflower parents, please bring enough for 10 children. Buzzy Bee parents, please bring enough for 22 children. Be sure to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

## PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Parents, if you are planning to volunteer, please be sure to turn in the Statement of Good Health Form, a copy of your current TB test, Tdap, MMR and Flu shot. You must also complete the CMG Connect training that you may find on our school website. The fee for the training is \$25.00.

### **The following parents are cleared to volunteer:**

**Sunflower Class:** Mrs. Borowiec, Mrs. Santiago, Mrs. Senter and Mr. & Mrs. Schulte

**Buzzy Bee Class:** Mr. Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Schulte, Mr. & Mrs. Fernandez, Mrs. Zaborowska, Mrs. Real, Mrs. Buttolph, Mr. & Mrs. Zebian, Mrs. Senter, Mrs. Geissler, Mrs. Verdon, Mrs. Tilghman and Mrs. Casey.

**If you have NOT turned in any of the immunization requirements and have not completed the CMG training, you may NOT volunteer!**

## DROP OFF & PICK-UP ROUTE

We want to remind you that our drop off and pick up route is **ONE WAY ONLY!**

When coming to Nazareth School / Preschool, please drive-up Nazareth Drive off San Diego Mission Road. You may park in the small parking lot to your right or pull up to the main entrance roundabout in front of the St. Joseph's building. Parents may enter the building to drop off and pick up their child. **Please be sure to sign your child in and walk them to class.**

We ask that all children arrive by 8:15 am. Our main entrance door is locked all day. You **MUST** ring the doorbell to come into the building during drop off and pick up. Each classroom has a monitor, and we can see and communicate with parents. Once we click the button to let you in, you have about 5 seconds to pull and open the door. Please stand in front of the camera so that we can see you.

After drop off or pick up, you **MUST** merge and continue along the school road and drive out onto Rancho Mission Rd. You may **NOT** exit back down Nazareth Drive!

During pick up, if you do not have an upper grade school student, you may merge into the exit lane to your left and drive towards the parking lot and between the signs to exit. You do not have to wait in line.

If you have a preschooler and an upper grade school student, please drop off preschooler first and then upper grade student. If you exit through the door next to the Sunflower classroom, you may **NOT** come back in through that door. You **MUST** go around the building.

Our preschool main entrance and exit door is located on the SW side of the St. Joseph building.

### **AFTERCARE**

We provide aftercare from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (\$5.00 per hour). Aftercare pick-up is on the Northeast side of the preschool building (Sunflower Playground or Preschool Aftercare room).

Please know that your child's teacher will arrive late on the following day (at 9am):

Monday- Mrs. Mahler

Tuesday- Mrs. McDowell

Wednesday- Mrs. Sebring

Thursday- Ms. Fitts

Friday- Mrs. Barragan

Between 7:00 am – 7:30 am, drop off for all children is in the Sunflower class. Between 7:30 am – 8:00 am, the Buzzy Bee drop off will be in Ms. Fitts's class. If there are any changes, we will place a note on the sign - in clipboard so that you know where to drop off.

### **SICK POLICY**

Parents, just a reminder, that if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. Please read our Sick Policy section below.

Children who have any communicable disease will not be allowed to attend preschool. (Strep Throat, Whooping Cough, Hand, foot and mouth, Pink Eye and any other communicable disease)

### **PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY ARE SICK AND HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:**

Please contact Nazareth Preschool at 619-641-7954 or Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987. You may also email us at [preschooldir@nazarethschool.org](mailto:preschooldir@nazarethschool.org) or [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto:office@nazarethschool.org)

It is very important that you call and report your child's absence. Please test your child before returning to school. Your child may return when they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication AND other non-fever symptoms are mild and improving.

Parents, please keep your child home if she/he is sick and presenting any of the following Covid or Flu symptoms:

- Fever 100 °F with or without chills
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Nasal Congestion
- Sore Throat

- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor feeding or poor appetite
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

If your child presents any of the symptoms stated above during school time, we will have to send your child home. You MUST pick up your child within 30 minutes. Please keep in mind that we continue to follow the school protocols to keep children and staff safe.

Children **MUST** be fever free with NO medication and symptoms resolving before they return to school.

**If your child has allergies, please be sure to bring in a doctor's note, otherwise we will send your child home.**

Please remember to return your family envelope by Thursday each week. Place it in your child's file folder.

### Spring Prayer for Children

Dear God,

as the earth wakes in colors and song,  
bless our hearts with the joy of new beginnings.

Let the sun's warm touch  
remind us of Your love,  
and the soft rain teach us  
how kindness helps us grow.  
May the flowers' bright faces  
fill our days with wonder,  
and the singing birds  
teach us to lift our voices in praise.

Guide our steps like streams  
that find their way to the sea—  
always moving toward goodness,  
always carrying light.

**Amen.**

Have a restful weekend!

**Important Dates to Remember:**

Apr. 17- Half Day / Close at noon / No aftercare

Apr. 18 – Nazareth Night at the Mission Valley Marriott 6pm

Apr. 23 - Visit Our Lady's Grotto at 9:30 am

May 1 – Preschool May Crowning at 10:00 am in the garden / Half Day / No aftercare

May 6 – Mother's Day Tea in the music room 7:00 am – 9:00 am

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan

Nazareth Preschool Director