



## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 8, 2026

Dear Preschool Families,

This week was full of celebrations!

We began our week celebrating our wonderful and fabulous teachers! I would like to thank Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Mahler, Ms. Fitts and Mrs. Sebring for all their hard work and dedication. Thank you for making Nazareth Preschool a fun, loving and caring environment.

Mrs. McDowell's weekly themes were letter review, Mother Mary and Mother's Day. During religion, she read the bible story "The Holy Spirit comes". The children colored and traced the star shape in their workbook. They also water colored the image of Mother Mary. The journal page title was "I love my mom because...". They ended the week making cards for the Nazareth House seniors.

The Buzzy Bee teachers reviewed letters and numbers. The journal title for this week was "I love my mom because...". During geography the teachers introduced the country of Mexico. The children colored the Mexican flag. Ms. Fitts and Mrs. Sebring read the story "The Parish Who Helped" and Sunday's Gospel, "Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit" from their Seeds religion curriculum.

We celebrated our wonderful preschool Mom's on Wednesday! We hosted our Annual Mother's Day Tea and served hot tea, juice and cookies. It was great to see the children share a special time with mom and give them the gifts/cards that they made.

Yesterday, we joined the upper grade school on the lower field for the Golf Ball Drop. At the end, each child was able to pick a prize.

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

### **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.

### **PRESCHOOL END OF THE YEAR CEREMONY FOLLOWED BY THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Our preschool Sunflower and Buzzy Bee ceremony will be on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium at 9:30 am, followed by the Ice Cream Social in the garden.

This day is a half day, our preschool will close at noon, with no aftercare.

### **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 (L. Senter & Ludwig), veggies (L. Senter, C. Schulte & N. Senter) and fresh fruit (Ortiz & Ludwig). 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.

**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.



### *Mother's Day Prayer*

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the gift of mothers, for their love, guidance, and care. Please bless them with Your grace, strength, and wisdom as they continue to nurture and support their families. Surround them with Your love and peace, and let them know how deeply they are appreciated and cherished. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Have a blessed & restful weekend  
Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day!

**Important Dates to Remember:**

May 13 – Last Senior Visit of the school year

May 21 – Last Grotto Visit of the school year

May 25 – Memorial Day Weekend / School Closed

May 29 – Half Day / No PM Care / Close at Noon

May 29 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at 2pm

Jun. 3 – Preschool Father's Day Workshop 7am-9am in the music room

Jun. 5 – Preschool Ceremony at 9:30 am in the auditorium

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan

Nazareth Preschool Director