



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 21, 2025

Dear Preschool Families,

We would like to share our fun and festive preschool highlights of the week!

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Mahler's lesson for the week was Thanksgiving. The children made a placemat. On Tuesday, the children drew a picture of their family and made their Charlie Brown hat. Each child also practiced tracing, coloring and cutting their rhombus shape. The teachers read Thanksgiving books and sang songs.

Ms. Fitts and Mrs. Sebring reviewed letters, introduced number 11 and the theme was "In Everything We Give Thanks". The children practiced tracing and writing the number. The teachers read the story "Stone Soup" and the children did an activity.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Harvest Day. We began the celebration in the garden where the children were able to go through the corn maze. Then we continued the celebration in the music room and the children enjoyed a slice of pumpkin pie with whipped cream. We want to thank the parents who donated the festive items, pumpkin pies and whipped cream.

During our visit to the Grotto on Thursday, we prayed the Morning Offering for Children. We talked about our core value of Hospitality and being thankful. I read the book "Goodnight San Diego" by Adam Gamble and we talked about how our city has many beautiful places to share with people from around the world. Our visit ended with songs and praying a Hail Mary.

We continued our Thanksgiving celebration in the music room where we gathered together to watch "A Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving". The children enjoyed a special treat while watching the movie. They had popcorn, pretzels, jelly beans, toast and a juice box. They also made a craft. We want to thank all the parents who donated all of the special treats for this celebration. We appreciate your help.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We will definitely make many families happy with all the canned goods that were donated for the food drive. This was a great way of practicing our Core Value of Hospitality and the meaning of giving. Thank you to all the families that donated canned food!

TURKEY TROT

The Turkey Trot has been postponed due to expected rain. The Turkey Trot will be on Thursday, December 4 on the upper field from 9:00am – 10:00am. M/W/F children are able to join us on the upper field at the scheduled time.

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 and Mrs. Tilghman

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

SIGN-IN & OUT

Please remember to sign your child in and out every day! 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 (Secada-Lovio, Zebian & Geissler), veggies (Schulte & Ludwig) and fresh fruit (Barber & Lengel). 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.

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

Please be sure to save the dates: We will have our Annual Posada with the seniors at Nazareth House on Wednesday, December 10th at 10:30am followed by Posada celebration in the music room. We will need parent volunteers on this day.

On Friday, December 19th, is our Preschool Christmas Program at 9:30 am in the auditorium. After the program we will continue with the "Happy Birthday Jesus" celebration in the garden. We will need volunteers on this day too. We will have two sign-up sheets when we return from Thanksgiving break. This day is a half day. We will close at noon. No aftercare. Please make pick-up arrangements.

***Sign-up sheets will be on top of the sign-in table on Monday, December 1.**

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.

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.

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.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY HAVE 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 or 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 symptoms:

- Fever 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. Please keep in mind that we continue to follow the school protocols to keep children and staff safe.

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.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name,

Amen

Debbie McDaniel

Important Dates to Remember:

Nov.24 – 28- Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 1- Classes Resume

Dec. 4- Turkey Trot

Dec. 5- Celebrate St. Nicholas Day / Half Day / Close at Noon / No Aftercare

Dec. 10- Senior Visit to Nazareth House / Posada

Dec. 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession in the preschool

Dec. 19- Preschool Christmas Program at 9:30 am in the auditorium / Half Day / Close at Noon

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and restful week off!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan

Nazareth Preschool Director