

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 12, 2025

Dear Preschool Families,

This week was filled with many fun and exciting learning activities. Our first visit to Nazareth House was a great success! The children prayed, sang and passed out cards. We sang Happy Birthday to Esther, who turned 100 years old! The children and staff were delighted to see the residents! It was wonderful to see their smiling faces. The children did great walking up and down the hill.

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Mahler reviewed the letter Aa and had a lesson on "Apples". Mrs. McDowell read the book "10 Apples Up on Top" by Dr. Seuss'. The children painted a paper plate apple. During religion, the children drew a picture of themselves on the God made me special activity sheet. They also made cards for the seniors. On Thursday, for Spanish the children colored manzanas using four different colors (rojo, verde, azul y amarillo). They also made a Patriots' Day handprint flag.

Ms. Fitts and Mrs. Sebring introduced the letter "LI" and continued with the "Creation Story". The children made a lion using the letter cutout and they also made a puppet. The title of their journal page was "God created....". On Wednesday, the children practiced their cutting skills as they cut out their letter LI pictures to make a collage. During Spanish, the children glued the words leon, dos y verde next to the matching picture.

We want to thank Mrs. Tilghman, our Buzzy Bee parent, for helping us with the Scholastic Book orders.

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. Upper grade school siblings are NOT allowed to sign in or out! This is a State Licensing Regulation.

SNACKS

We want to thank the families who brought muffins, veggies and fresh fruit. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (L. Senter, Ortiz, N. Senter & Basore), veggies (Schulte & Verdon) and fresh fruit (C. Schulte & O. Schulte) be sure to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

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.

STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

<u>Please contact Nazareth Preschool at 619-641-7954 or Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987.</u>

<u>You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org</u>

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.

Important Dates to Remember:

Sept. 18- Visit the Grotto at 9:30 am Sept. 30- No-Go-Tell Classroom Presentation Oct. 1 – Picture Day

Have a fabulous weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan Nazareth Preschool Director