



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 26, 2025

Dear Preschool Families,

We would like to share a few preschool highlights of the week.

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Mahler reviewed the letter “Bb”, the circle shape, Johnny Appleseed and The Five Senses. During religion, the children prayed “Oh The Lord is Good to Me” and made a Johnny Appleseed tree with the prayer. On Wednesday, Mrs. McDowell talked about the Five Senses and did an activity with the children. Each child was given a harvest treat to see, touch, smell and taste. The Sunflowers ended the week wearing their Johnny Appleseed hat as they did their apple tasting activity and enjoy a slice of apple pie.

Ms. Fitts and Mrs. Sebring introduced the letter “Jj”, #4, the season of Fall and “Johnny Appleseed”. The children practiced tracing and writing the letter and number of the week. They also made a letter collage. On Tuesday each class went on a nature walk to pick leaves to use for their leaf painting activity. During religion, the teachers read the Sunday’s Gospel, “The Rich Man and Lazarus”. They also did the activities on the Jesus invites us to share handout. The Buzzy Bees ended the week celebrating Johnny Appleseed and the children had apple pie with whip cream.

On Thursday, we went to the Grotto. We reviewed the Core Value of Respect, prayed the Hail Mary and sang “Come Into My Heart” and “Happy Day” song. I briefly shared my preschool director retreat experience from last week and the Morning Offering for Children Prayer that was given to us at the retreat. Our next visit will be on Thursday, October 16.

Nazareth School Family Handbook (Preschool – Grade Eight)

Parents, please be sure to take a moment and read our Parent Handbook.

Please see the attached link to our new Nazareth School Family Handbook. To view and read the Family Handbook digitally please go on the school website and click on the following link:

[Nazareth School Family Handbook](#)

After reviewing the handbook, we ask you to please digitally sign the Parent/Guardian and student-acknowledgments via the link below:

[Family Handbook Acknowledgment Form](#)

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 (Ortiz, MacManus & Basore), veggies (Schulte & Ricker) and fresh fruit (Barber & Murphy) be sure to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL MEETING

I want to thank Mrs. Santiago, Mr. Fernandez and Mrs. Tilghman for signing up to volunteer for the Halloween Carnival and attending the meeting on Wednesday. Please submit your parent volunteer immunization requirements and complete the CMG training.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is on Wednesday, October 1. Please be sure to drop off your child by 8:00 am.

FALL FAMILY PICNIC

PTG is hosting the Fall Family Picnic on Friday, October 3 beginning at noon on the lower field. Come and bring a picnic lunch or pre-order a lunch. See the flyer in today's envelope.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you for your quick response in signing up for your conference. The sign-up sheets will continue to be on top of the sign-in tables. Please be sure to sign up. Please email your child's teacher if you are not able to meet on the scheduled days.

Sunflower Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of October 14-17.

Buzzy Bee Parent-Teacher conferences will be the week of October 20-24.

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:

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.

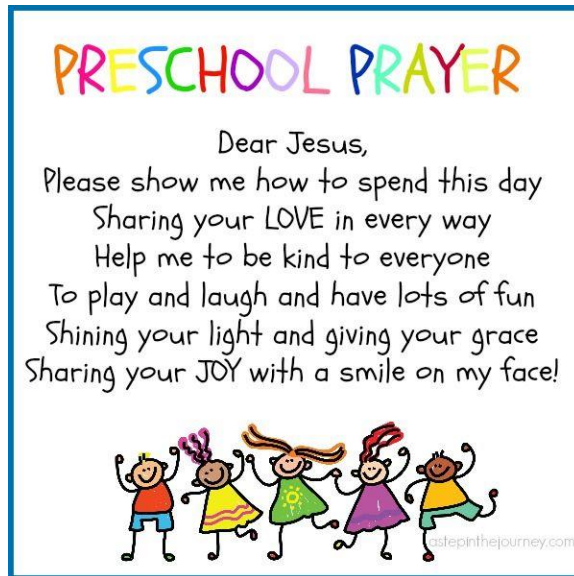
Parents, please keep your child home if she/he is sick and presenting any of the following Covid symptoms:

- 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.



By Georgia Blogger

Important Dates to Remember:

Sept. 30- No-Go-Tell Classroom Presentation

Oct. 1 – Picture Day

Oct. 3- Fall Family Picnic on Lower Field / Half Day / Preschool Close at Noon & No Aftercare

Oct. 8- Preschool Senior visit to Nazareth House

Oct. 10- Diocesan Professional Learning Day / No School

Oct. 13- Columbus Day / School Closed

Have a fabulous weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan
Nazareth Preschool Director