



**Founded In 1867
By Sisters of the
Incarnate Word and
Blessed Sacrament**

NAZARETH ACADEMY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, 2017

To Teach (the Gospel),
to Build (a loving Community)
and to Serve (those in need)
in the Spirit of Christ.



**Jets for Jesus
150 years of Service**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 1	All Saints' Day
Nov. 2	All Souls Day
Nov. 3	Faculty Meeting Early Dismissal at 2:00
Nov. 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 10	Progress Reporting Period Ends
Nov. 11	Pray for the Veterans
Nov. 14	HSA Meeting, 5:30
Nov. 15	Advisory Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in St. Agnes Annex
Nov. 21	Progress Reports emailed
Nov. 22-24	Thanksgiving Holidays

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 3	Advent Begins
Dec. 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception
Dec. 12	Choir & Band Concert
Dec. 14	Christmas Lunch in Cafeteria
Dec. 18	Christmas Program (PK4 & Grs. 1-5)
Dec. 19	Christmas Break begins Dismissal at 12:30

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Teachers,

It's already November! Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner. May these two months be times when we count our blessings in the midst of all the "busyness".

On Friday, January 5, we will have the closing of the 150th anniversary of Nazareth Academy with Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. At that time, we hope to finally bury the time capsule, weather permitting. More information coming later...

Did you know that security affects school success? That security is the foundation for positive self-esteem? No parent can provide a perfect trust, keeping promises, or being present on a 24/7 basis. Promises will be broken or forgotten. It is the pattern of trust versus mistrust that matters. When trust proves dependable on most occasions, the child will develop *drive* as a basic life strength and *hope* as a basic life stance.

Below are 10 parenting tips from Sister Patricia M. McCormack, IHM, EdD:

1. Help your child create a balanced schedule.
2. Establish household routines to begin and end the day in calm.
3. Show supervising interest in your child's homework and class work.
4. Be positive about school and learning. Support teacher decisions and directives, and keep the lines of communication open.
5. Be available to your child. Stay emotionally alert.
6. Keep your appointments.
7. Be kind but firm.
8. Plan ahead.
9. Cultivate family spirit.
10. Make it clear that you do not expect perfection – that mistakes are a valuable part of life – but you do expect sincere effort.

By Kindergarten age, parents begin to empower children to assume personal responsibility to nurture their sense of security.

Thanksgiving blessings!

Sister Evelyn Korenek
Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VENERABLE JEANNE CHEZARD DE MATEL

We celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Jeanne Chezard de Matel on November 6th. Jeanne was born in France in 1596. As a young girl, she had a strong faith and a deep desire to be close to Jesus. As she grew, she prayed and discovered that God was calling her to begin a religious order devoted to making Jesus, the Incarnate Word, known and loved by all people. The order she founded is called the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament. In 1867, these Sisters opened Nazareth Academy and continue to this day striving to make Jesus known and loved.



THERE IS NO SUPERVISED CARE ON NOV. 22

PLEASE MAKE NOTE IF YOU HAVE BEEN DEPENDING ON THIS SERVICE.

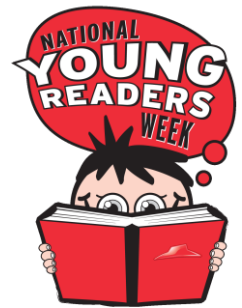
SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Diocese of Victoria adopted the *Code of Pastoral Conduct* to provide a set of standards for conduct for all church/church-related personnel, including personnel and volunteers in Catholic schools of the Diocese. According to the Code, all volunteers must have clearance on a criminal records background check for the State of Texas or any other state where the applicant has resided during the past 5 years, **before volunteering**. An additional requirement is within 90 days after submitting their online application, volunteers must attend a *Keeping Kids Safe Workshop*. Any volunteer providing service to the students, *must have met these obligations before being allowed to volunteer*. For more information, including dates for the various trainings, please call the school office or visit the Diocese of Victoria website at www.victoriadiocese.org.

NATIONAL YOUNG READERS WEEK

Nazareth Academy will once again be participating in National Young Readers Week during the week of Nov.13 - 17. Members of our Community have been invited to read to the students in grades PK-3 thru Grade 3 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. The reading activity will be in the NA library and begin at 8:15am. On Friday, students in grades PK3 – Gr. 3 may wear pajamas.

Students will enjoy books read by Sister Stephana, Sister Amata, Dr. John Quarry, Mayor Paul Polasek, Ms. Arlene Mumphord, Mr. Bill McCardle, Sister Evelyn, Mrs. Leslie New, Mrs. Debbie Michalski, and Mr. Gary Moses.



FOOD DRIVE



The month of November marks our annual canned food drive. Each child is asked to bring at least one canned or non-perishable food item to school. The collected foods will be given to VCAM and St. Vincent DePaul Society. The items will be collected from November 6th through the morning of Nov. 21st. Your participation is appreciated and will be a gift to the less fortunate.

SOUP AND SOCKS

Nazareth Academy is participating in a SOUP & SOCKS collection for seniors in our local area. Donate 2 cans of condensed soup, 1 can of chunky soup or a pair of wool socks to help keep our seniors warm during the cold months. Collection baskets are in each classroom. Donations can be made now through December 8. There will be an ice cream treat for the grade that has the largest donation. Donations will be picked up every week. See the last page for more details.

ROCKS AND PEA GRAVEL NEEDED

Rocks, pea gravel and/or soil are needed to fill in the wading pool by the grotto on the PK3 Playground area. If you are able to help with this, email Sister Mary Jean at mjbludau@nazarethacademy.org. Thanks!

BIRTHDAYS/CELEBRATIONS

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school, cupcakes or cookies are permitted **after** lunch. The homeroom teacher should be notified the day before. The celebration must include all of the students in the class. Floral arrangements, corsages, balloon bouquets, etc. will not be permitted nor deliveries accepted. If invitations to a birthday party do not include all students in a class, these may not be given out at school.

CAN YOU HELP?



The cafeteria staff of three would love to host a Christmas lunch December 14th, for parents and guests to eat lunch with their students. This requires a great amount of preparation and your help is needed. Would you be able to help? The day is busy and noisy, but full of fun and fellowship – a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Please call the cafeteria (361-573-0386) or the school office if you would be interested in helping.



Honor Roll

1ST NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL



GRADE FIVE

High Honors:

Catherine Alstrom, Avery Heibel, Lauren Montgomery, Seth Reissig

Honors:

Olivia Alstrom, Gianna Morris, Katie Navarro, Adison Ozuna, Everett Rangnow, Madalena Rodriguez, Hailey Thurman

GRADE SIX

High Honors:

Maanvi Agarwal, Izabella Sallabedra, Spencer Settles, Wyatt Zimmermann

Honors:

Whitten Buzzell, Ava Flores, Nathan Hoelscher, Kaiden Lott, Andrew Morris, Cy Richter, Diego Rodriguez, Hiral Vazir

GRADE SEVEN

High Honors:

Manas Agrawal, Lisa Du, Thomas Lopez, Gracie Naquin, Avery Reyes, Xavier Richmond, Makayla Shimek, Aries Vara

Honors:

Amber Buentello, Samuel Harrell, Johnna Rangnow, Conner Shaver

GRADE EIGHT

High Honors:

Dugan Chandler, Katherine Fairly, Ross Nunley, Sydney Partain, Kylie Rodgers, Cassidy Zimmermann

Honors:

Abby Bauknight, Zane Cantu, Emma Cruz, Samuel Gisler, Stephanie Jimenez, James Perez, Gracen Rodgers, Kinsley Rehak, Megan Vanderford

CONGRATULATIONS!

Duke University 7th Grade Talent Search Program (TIP)

Students are identified based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. As part of the talent search enrollment, they are invited to take either the ACT or the SAT college entrance exam as a seventh grader which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities. In addition, experts at Duke TIP have developed and compiled information to inspire academically talented young people to learn through exciting, stimulating and challenging educational opportunities to augment their capabilities.

Eligibility for enrollment is an honor and indicates outstanding intellectual potential

Manas Agrawal
Thomas Lopez

Lisa Du
Avery Reyes

Gracie Naquin
Xavier Richmond

Duke University 4-6 Grade Talent Identification Program (TIP)

Based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary school, these students are identified as individuals with strong intellectual abilities. They will be recognized by Duke TIP, have access to online curriculum and resources, receive talent search resources, and have an opportunity to take above-level testing called Explore (this test was developed by ACT for 8th grade students).

<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>6th Grade</u>
Fisher Asdahl	Catherine Alstrom	Whitten Buzzell
Alana Klemcke	Alexis Lill	Nathan Hoelscher
Kamie New	Lauren Montgomery	Tyler Kirkpatrick
Kason Gonzales	Katie Navarro	Spencer Settles
Isaac Richmond	Adam Rabalais	Wyatt Zimmermann
Danica Stewart	Everett Rangnow	

Fire Prevention Poster Winners

October 2017

EVERY SECOND COUNTS - PLAN 2 WAYS OUT

Congratulation to students in grades 1-5 for their creative Fire Prevention posters. Fire Marshal, Mr. Tom Legler, stated that he was impressed and pleased with the idea expressed on the posters and the learning that is taking place. Keep up the great work! Everyone is a winner for a safety practice was learned.

Grade 1

1st Place Jackson Tuttle
2nd Place Cierra Shaver
3rd Place Nathan Chavarria

Grade 3

1st Place John Tumlinson
2nd Place Daizi Garza
3rd Place April Buentello

Grade 5

1st Place Brylee Tagliabue
2nd Place Lauren Torres
3rd Place Tatum Murry

Grade 2

1st Place Anthony Grones
2nd Place Gabriel Godina
3rd Place Ethan Sills

Grade 4

1st Place Isaac Richmond
2nd Place Jaxon Flanagan
3rd Place Logan Sills



THANK YOU TO FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COACHES

A very special **Thank You** to Football Coaches Mike Gisler, Chris Cantu, Jeff Nunley, Scott Nelson, and Carson Kabel. Your time, talent, and encouragement have made a difference in the lives of the players who continued to give their best. Success comes in many different ways.

A very special **Thank You** also goes to the Volleyball Coaches – Billie Pauley Hungerford, Jolene Balboa and Camille Hungerford. Your dedication, time and talents are deeply appreciated. Know that your influence did not end when the girls walked off the court – their lives were touched.



Thanks also to the NA parents, families and friends for your encouragement and never-ending support! Being involved in youth sports is an amazing opportunity to positively influence kids. Junior athletes do not need a ton of specialized drills and techniques. They need compassion, encouragement, and a team environment that encourages sportsmanship and self motivation. Leading kids through the basics of a sport while reinforcing the life lessons taught here at Nazareth, "To Teach, To Build and To Serve in the Spirit of Christ," will help set these children on the road to success in both athletics and life.



Basketball try-outs are on Nov. 1 & 2.

Only students in grs. 6 – 8, who have signed up and paid the fee, may participate.

CAFETERIA NEWS...

Lunches and snacks can be purchased each morning from 7:30-8:00 a.m. at the front entrance or in the school office. Nazareth Academy participates in the Federal Government lunch program. If you believe that you may qualify for this program, please turn in an application to Sister Ann. It helps you and it helps the school. *It is kept strictly confidential.* Applications were sent to all families in the August newsletter. If you need an application, additional copies can be obtained from the school office. Please consider participating. You can apply at any time during the school year.

MARK THE STUDENTS JACKETS



Being that the weather is turning cooler and some students take off their jackets when indoors, it would be a good idea to mark the jacket with their name. It makes it easy to return the clothing to the student. This also applies to lunch boxes and PE uniforms. Thank you.

TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to everyone who sent in Box Tops for Education. Please continue to collect them.

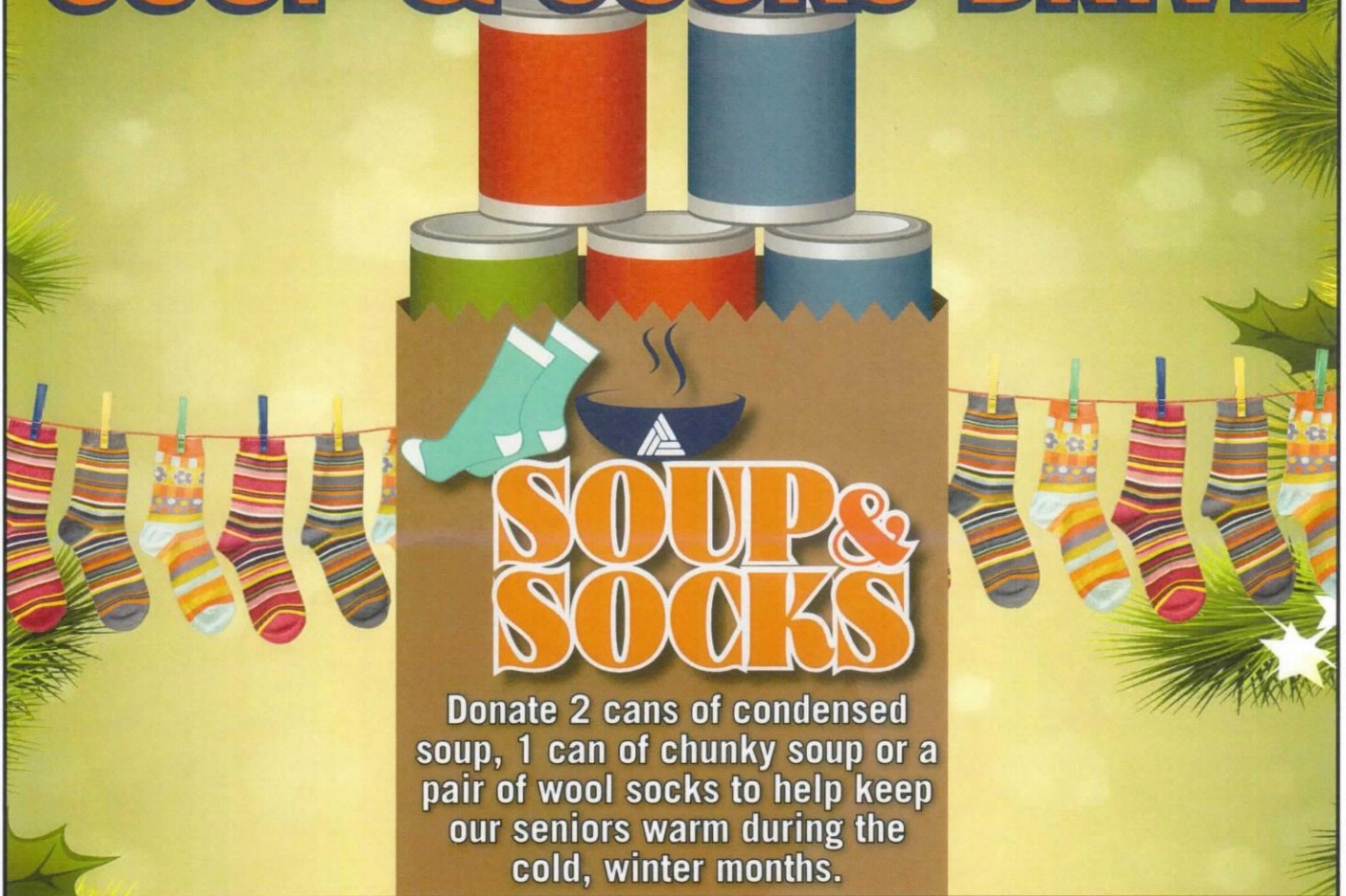
Remember, each Box Top is worth 10¢. – which makes a difference when every family participates!

PK3	19	Boston Glenn 19
PK4	7	Gunnar Steffens 7
K	17	Tylee Flores 17
1 st	33	Teagan Parker 21; Gianna Glenn 12
2 nd	15	Dylan Lucas 15
3 rd	39	Aleena Howard 24; Adyson Bernhard 15
5 th	24	Lauren Montgomery 24
7 th	84	Taylor Trevino 84
	97	Unidentified 39; 58



A total of 335 Box Tops were collected. Nazareth will receive \$33.50 for the month of October. Thank you for your time and efforts.

SOUP & SOCKS DRIVE



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Donate 2 cans of condensed soup, 1 can of chunky soup or a pair of wool socks to help keep our seniors warm during the cold, winter months.

OCTOBER 23RD - DECEMBER 8TH

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Nazareth Academy

206 W. Convent St.
8am - 3pm (M-F)

Angels Care Home Health

6502 Nursery Dr, Suite #110A
8am - 5pm (M-F)

Thank you for helping us, help others! Care packages will be delivered to our local seniors before Christmas. Wrapping designed by our local school children.

Call us today
for more information
about our services!

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