



NAZARETH ACADEMY NEWSLETTER AUGUST, 2017



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

“To Teach (the Gospel Message), 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

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| Aug. 2 | Used Uniform Sale; 10:00 to 6:00
Playroom |
| Aug.4-5 | Fishing Tournament , Port O'Connor |
| Aug. 8 | New Parents' Orientation
6:30 pm in Playroom |
| Aug. 10 | Students are invited to bring
their school supplies; and/or
set up lockers 3:30-5:30pm |
| Aug. 14 | First day of the 2017-2018
School Year
Dismissal at 1:00 p.m. |
| Aug. 15 | Feast of Assumption - Mass |
| Aug. 16 | Advisory Council Meeting
6:30pm in St. Agnes Annex |
| Aug. 18 | Back to School Pep Rally at 2:30
In gym |
| Aug. 22 | Meet the Teachers & Learn About
Classroom Expectations
6:30pm in gym |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 5 | Safe Environment Session
5:30 at NA |
| Sept. 28 | School Photos |
| October 1 | NA Fall Festival and
Turkey Dinner |

Prayer for the Beginning of a New School Year

*Heavenly Father, may we explore together
the territory of knowledge;
May we learn together the mysteries of truth;
May we share together the joy of friendship;
May we release in each other the spark
of creativity;
May we inspire others to follow Your call;
May we always remember that You,
The author of all knowledge, all goodness,
All truth and all beauty, delight to share all
experiences with us. Amen*

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Teachers,

Welcome to N.A.! Thank you, both returning parents and new families, for your vote of confidence in entrusting to us your precious children for the 2017-2018 school year. We realize what an honor and responsibility this places on us. May this new school year be a rewarding and enriching experience for both you and your children as we strive to put our mission statement into practice.

Our mission statement is “To Teach, To Build, To Serve in the Spirit of Christ.” What does it mean?

This is a very simple statement, but one which says who we are and what we do. **We teach.** Not only do we teach the academics, but we are also bound by who we are to teach the Gospel. How do we teach the Gospel? The first answer could be that we teach Religion and this is partially correct. St. Francis of Assisi adds another dimension when he says, “Preach the Gospel and when necessary use words.” This is a powerful statement for all of us to reflect upon. We need to model the life of Jesus. **We build.** NA strives to build character so that our students can go forth from NA with a foundation that will be the basis for moral decision-making based on Catholic Christian doctrine. We strive to build family and a faith community. **We serve.** Throughout the year, students take part in different service projects, not only in school, but also within the community. The school encourages students to serve at Mass and to earn community service hours.

How do we do this? **In the Spirit of Christ.** Do we do this perfectly? No? Can we as a school do this alone? No! First of all, we need the help of almighty God, for we are His instruments. Secondly, we need you, our parents and guardians. The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their child/ren. It is our challenge to each of you to determine the type of teaching that you do, while we do the same. Is it beneficial or destructive? Do we teach our children that lying, cheating, gossiping, getting ahead in life no matter who we step on, winning at all costs, violence, or shunning people are the norms by which we live, or do we base it on the following:

‘Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered. . .’ (1 Corinthians 13:4-)

You get the challenge. How do we (faculty, parents, and guardians) teach, build, and serve – in the Spirit of Christ?”

May this new school year find us living the Gospel of LOVE through our mission statement!

Sister Evelyn Korenek, Principal



Pre-K3	DeeDee Uresti; aide Lorraine Williams
Pre-K4	Linda Hernandez; aide & Religion teacher Sister Mary Juroske; aides - Debbie Bluhm & Brenda Matula
Kinder	Becky Coleman and Charlotte Bethke*
1 st	Kathy Villafranca and Alanah (Volkmer) Diebel
2 nd	Lark Pesek and Amy Gwosdz
3 rd	Yolanda Hernandez and Amy Alegria
4 th	Debra Mullins and Shelly Reissig
5 th	Lynn Gisler and Cara Alstrom
5 th Math	Diane Bollom
6 th	Glenda Kinzel and Terri Covington
7 th	Kelsey Schacherl
8 th	Sister Mary Jean Bludau and Michelle Corona
Balanced Literacy	Leslie New*
P.E.	Dianne Alebis
Music	Ralph Nance
Art	Frank Garza
Band	Aaron Boyd
Library	Sister Liliane Janda
Office Aide	Kelle Pilat
School Nurse	Suzanne Krejci
Catapult Reading	Annette Howard
Athletic Director	Billie Pauley Hungerford
Computer/Yearbook	Destiny Naquin
Cheerleaders/Drill Team	Elisa Partain, Kelsey Schacherl
Cafeteria Staff	Arlene Mumphord, Grace Ramirez, Eva Cisneros
Facilities Management	Frank Bolech
After-School Care	Convent: Sandhya Aggarwal, Brenda Matula PK3-PK4 Mary Cantu*; School: Michelle Corona
After Lunch Playground Supervisors	Sara Garza* & Calvin Mumphord
Mission Advancement Director	Debra Michalski*
Office Manager	Sister Lois Marie Etzler
Business Manager	Sister Ann Meletio
Assistant Principal	Sister Bernarda Bludau
Principal	Sister Evelyn Korenek

Welcome to our Faculty & Staff!

Nazareth Academy welcomes our new faculty and staff Members -

Mrs. Charlotte Bethke, Kindergarten Teacher,

Mrs. Debra Michalski, Mission Advancement Director,

Mrs. Leslie New, Literacy Director

Mrs. Sara Garza, Noon Playground Supervision

**- After School Care Supervision
Mrs. Mary Cantu**

* New Faculty/Staff Members

NEWS ABOUT THE HVAC SYSTEM

We all have been patiently waiting with eager anticipation for the completion of the installation of the new exterior windows and heating/ventilation/air conditioning system to the school. Hopefully, it will be completed by August 1. The final product (central air and heat and new windows) will be worth the challenge.

USED UNIFORM SALE

The used uniform sale is set for Tuesday, August 2 from 10:00am to 6:00pm in the playground. The doors on Church Street and the front door on Convent Street will be unlocked.

We are grateful to everyone who donated used uniforms and all volunteers who organized and conducted the sale. May God bless you.

BEAT THE RUSH

Please help Sister Ann out by buying lunches and snacks before the first day of school! Lunches and snacks may be purchased in the school office on Thursday, August 10 between 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm. Student lunches are \$3.00 each and include a half-pint of milk. Adult lunches are \$3.75 each. Extra drinks and snacks are \$1.00 each. Student lunches and snacks are sold in increments of 5, 10, 15, and 20. Parents and students (Grades PreK3 through 8) may purchase

lunches and snacks each school day, from 7:30 am to 8:00 am at the table at the front entrance of the schoolmanned by Sister Ann

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS: PARENT ORIENTATIONS

Tuesday, August 8: *New parents are invited to meet in the playroom (Church St. entrance) at 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. for an introduction to Nazareth Academy and an opportunity to ask questions. Teachers will not be present, thus the classrooms will not be open.*

Tuesday, August 22: *An important meeting for all parents to meet the teachers and be informed of Classroom Expectations. The meeting begins in the Gym at 6:30 p.m. after which parents will go to the classrooms to meet the teachers.*

The Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council #9088

PRESENTS

READIN' – 'RITIN' – REELIN'

13th Annual 3 R's Fishing Tournament

Port O'Connor Community Center

August 4 & 5, 2017

LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES, CASH PRIZES, LIVE AUCTION, AND RAFFLES

Including prints (auction item), Fishing gear and many others!!!

Proceeds to benefit **Nazareth Academy Catholic School.**

The Port O'Connor Community Center is located 4.7 miles from the junction of TX HWY. 1289 & 185 on the left just before entering Port O'Connor.

FRIDAY, Aug. 4

5:30 pm --- Registration—enter fishing pots

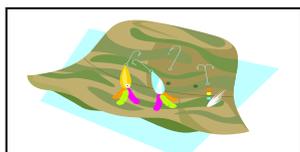
6:30 pm --- Dinner K of C BBQ with all the trimmings -\$8.00 per meal, followed by an exciting live auction.

SATURDAY, August 5

5:00 am --- FISHING BEGINS

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Weigh-in at Community Center

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Fish Fry at Community Center; Price: \$7.00 per meal, followed by Awards Presentation & Raffle Drawing



SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS

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 volunteers in Catholic schools of the Diocese. According to the Diocesan Guidelines, all school personnel and volunteers must complete an application and obtain 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**. Any volunteer providing service to the students, *must have met these requirements 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

First time volunteers, who have submitted an online application and completed a background check to be a volunteer at Nazareth Academy, are required to attend an orientation session regarding the “Code of Pastoral Conduct” and the “Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors”. This session must be attended within 90 days of the completion of the online application/background check. **For the convenience of first time volunteers, this session will be held at Nazareth Academy on September 5, 2017, beginning at 5:30pm.**

BOX TOPS

Please don't forget to collect these! Special Recognition will be given to those who turn in Box Tops! Funds received benefit HSA

Fishing Tournament Raffle Tickets

\$10.00

Prize

Donated By:

1. \$500 Visa Gift Card Dr. Mark Sumbera, DDS
2. \$400 Vis Gift Card The Tsunami Swim Team
3. YETI 75 Qt. Cooler Stanford Vacuum Service
(Fred, Patrice & Colby Standford & Clarice Winzer)
4. \$250 Visa Gift Card Rain King, Inc.
5. Waterloo Kula Ice Chest Waterloo Rods
(Jimmy & Whitney Burns)
6. Six month full Membership to Detar Health and Fitness Center
Winner need not be present to win.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Catholic Life Insurance Winners

Over 800 posters from students in Texas and Louisiana were entered in the “Stars and Stripes Forever” Flag Day Poster Contest. Nazareth Academy students participated. Nazareth has three students who were recognized –

Adison Ozuna – 5th place

Sophia Rodriguez – 6th place

Jorden Leos – Honorable Mention

Thank you to Mr. Garza for coordinating this project.

SPIRIT T-SHIRT AND JACKET ORDERS

The Order Forms for Spirit T-Shirt and Jackets are posted on the webpage. Copies will be available at the Used Uniform Sale, Parent Orientations, and in the office. The due dates are on the order forms. Expected delivery date is early September. Please take advantage of this opportunity, for limited sizes of Spirit T-Shirts will be available during the year.

No extra jackets are ordered and no second order is placed.

SPORTS PARTICIPANTS

Students participating in any sport sponsored by Nazareth Academy must have a current copy of a physical and the completed form – *Philosophy of Nazareth Academy Extracurricular Program* on file when practices begin. Copies of these forms are available on line and/or check with Mrs. Billie Pauley Hungerford or the Office Staff. This also applies to the Drill Team and Cheerleaders. Please refer to an email that Mrs. Naquin sent earlier in the summer.

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please see the Parent-Student Handbook, page 28, on the policies regarding cell phones and electronic devices at Nazareth Academy. Permission forms for the use of cell phones at school are available in the school office and on the website. Know that the policy regarding cell phone usage will be strictly followed. Students are not allowed to bring any kind of personal electronic devices, iPods, etc. to school for use during the day or during After School Care. Please keep these at home.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

The monthly newsletter is mailed in August. The other newsletters and the monthly calendar and menu are posted on Nazareth Academy’s website for your convenience. Please note that the August newsletter contains information concerning the Federal Lunch Program.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA), enacted in 1986, all schools, public or private, are required to have an inspection of all buildings for asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM). All Catholic school facilities of the Diocese of Victoria were recently re-inspected in 2014. We are due for re-inspection this school year.

Nazareth Academy School was inspected for ACBM by personnel from EFI Global, an environmental consulting firm located in Houston, Texas. EFI is accredited and licensed by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to perform asbestos condition assessments of all suspect and identified ACBM. In 2014, the majority of building material at Nazareth Academy were observed to be in undamaged condition and unlikely to be damaged under normal conditions. Any suspect materials are to be sampled prior to renovations, demolition, or repairs that may affect these materials.

Periodic surveillance is also conducted semi-annually by Nazareth Academy personnel. AHERA requires that this annual notification be posted or distributed to parents, staff, faculty, HSA, etc. indicating the AHERA Asbestos Management Plan will be available for review upon request.

The 2014 AHERA Re-inspection report and the AHERA Asbestos Management Plan are on file in the administrative offices. The documents are considered “permanent archives” and may not be removed from the premises; however, these records are available for review, upon request, at any time during normal school hours.

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Kids Night Out is an evening from 6 to 9 that students come together to enjoy friendship, games, food, etc. This evening is supervised by parents. \$15.00 per student. Call April Buzzell, 361-652-4365 to register your student.

