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NAZARETH ACADEMY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 2018

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



**Jets for Jesus
151 years of Service**

DATES TO REMEMBER

October	Month of the Most Holy Rosary National Bullying Prevention Month
Oct. 5	Blessing of animals, 1:30 pm Staff Development Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Oct. 7	
Oct. 7	Life Chain- 2:00-3:00
Oct. 9	Student Council Fundraiser
Oct. 12	End of 1 st Nine Weeks School-wide Rosary @ 2:40pm Gym
Oct. 18	Pep Rally in Gym at 2:30pm with St. Joe's Cheerleaders/Drill Team/Band
Oct. 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences No classes; 8 to 1 and 3 to 6
Oct. 27	Jets & Jack-O-Lanterns Family Night; 5 to 8; gym
Oct. 29	Chick-Fil-A Night, 5 to 8,

UP COMING EVENTS

Nov. 1	All Saints Day
Nov. 2	All Souls Day
Nov. 4	Kids Night Out
Nov. 6	Election Day
Nov. 9	Progress Reporting Period ends
Nov. 20	Local Spelling Bee
Nov.21-23	Thanksgiving Break No School
Nov. 22	Happy Thanksgiving

Jets for Jesus Parents, grandparents and teachers,

The Fall Festival is BACK on Sunday, October 7! We pray that there will be no tropical weather system to cancel the Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner this year.

The Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner is a long-standing tradition that Nazareth families and the Victoria community look forward to and support. This event has been held annually since the 1930's and we cannot find anyone who remembers a time when we had to cancel the festival – before Hurricane Harvey! Over the years, the festival and dinner have become an important part of a Nazareth Academy education.

As you many of you know, Nazareth is a not a parish school. There is no Church to provide financial backing, although the local Catholic Churches do support us in other ways. Nazareth is owned and operated by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, which means that we depend on fundraisers. The festival/dinner is a major fundraiser for the school and is vital to everything we do. The money raised by the festival/dinner enables the Sisters to offer a quality Christian education while attempting to keep tuition at a rate that is affordable to parents. Funds generated by the festival/dinner are used to off-set the expenses of maintaining the facilities, providing extracurricular activities, awarding scholarships, aiding in curriculum development and supporting key departments, including technology, athletic and fine arts.

We hope that our community will be ready to welcome a day of fun, camaraderie, and delicious turkey! Thank you for your continued support of Nazareth Academy.

October is **National Bullying Prevention Month**. We are all invited to Stomp Out Bullying, encouraging our school family and community to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying and increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages.

October is the **month of the Most Holy Rosary**. The faculty and student body will have a school-wide rosary on October 12 in the Gym at 2:40 p.m. You are invited to join us.

Sister Evelyn Korenek, Principal

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook at Nazareth Academy to find out the latest happenings, see photos of the students & their activities and be connected with parents & alumni of our great school. It's a great way to stay informed and in touch with our school family. Share with your family and friends and "like" us today!!

THE LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 7

On Sunday, **October 7** there will be a LIFE CHAIN in Victoria from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. This is your chance to stand up for one hour in defense of LIFE. It will take place, as usual, along Navarro Street between Magruder/Sam Houston and Loop 463. Pick up your sign at the stations along the route (at the old and new HEB, and Hall Electric) before 2:00pm and give one hour of prayer and witness in defense of the life from the womb to the tomb. Bring a chair if standing is difficult.

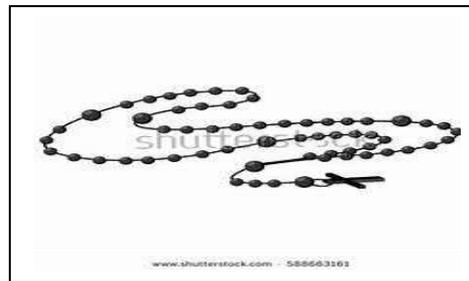


BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The blessing of animals will be on Oct. 5 in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi who exemplified a respect for all of God's creation. The blessing will begin at 1:30 pm on the school playground. Bring your pets to the playground shortly before 1:30pm. All pets are welcomed!

SCHOOL-WIDE ROSARY

October is the month of the rosary. Students and faculty will gather in the gym at 2:40 pm on Friday, Oct. 12 for a School-Wide Rosary asking Mary to intercede for our many needs and in gratitude for our many blessings.



FIRE PREVENTION POSTER WINNERS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest –**Look, Listen, Learn**. First Place poster winners go on to participate in the next level. The school winners from Nazareth Academy are -

Grade 1

1st Annastyn Yendrey
2nd Lillian Hybner
3rd Tyler Flores

Grade 2

1st Analisa Jaquez
2nd Cierra Shaver
3rd Hays Parker

Grade 3

1st Teagen Parker
2nd Ethan Sills
3rd Anthony Grones

Grade 4

1st Evan Cantu
2nd April Buentello
3rd Levi Elliott

Grade 5

1st Jackson Morris
2nd Jason Montgomery
3rd Kason Gonzales

The important message - ***Fire Can Happen Anywhere*** is one to remember!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 25, 8:00 to 1:00 and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. At this time the parents/guardians will receive the first report card and a copy of the Iowa Test scores. It is vitally important that Parents and teachers work together to help each child achieve. We need to have this conversation! A time will be scheduled for the conference.

Please mark your calendar for these conferences: October 25.



SPELLING BEE

The Nazareth Academy Spelling Bee to select the school representative for the Victoria County Spelling Bee will be held on Nov. 20. Class spelling bee will be held to determine the participants for the NA spelling bee. When those participants have been chosen they will be given the spelling list for the school-wide bee.

CHICK-FIL-A

Student Council Chick-fil-A scholarship fundraiser is Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 5 to 8 pm. You will receive more information as to how to participate.



ATTENDANCE

Thank you to parents who are calling to let us know when your child is absent or will be late. Your cooperation is appreciated.

A student not in attendance due to his/her medical appointment will not be counted tardy **if**

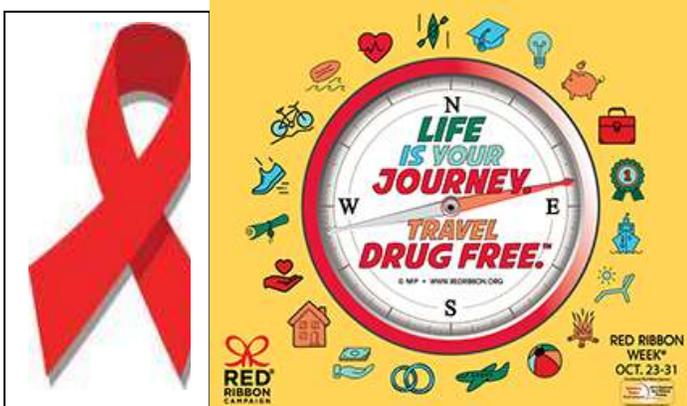
- **the student misses only the time of his/her appointment, and**
- **provides an official note from the doctor upon return.**

SAFE DROP OFF AND PICK-UP OF STUDENTS: We are very much aware that parking space around the school is limited. Would you please help us make the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up safer for your child?

Helpful Hints and Safety Tips for you and your children:

- Park along the school curb side to drop off your children. Do not have them walk across the street except at the crosswalk.
- **If you plan on coming into the building, please park on the opposite side of the street, or somewhere other than the school curb side.**
- Do not double park in the street. It backs up traffic following you and it may not be safe for your child or someone else's child. Pull up as far as you can so others can park behind you.
- When your child gets out of the car on the opposite side of the car, have them go in front of your car to enter the school area.
- Please teach your child to honor the afternoon teachers and student patrols and cross the street only when they have given the signal to do so.

Thanks to all of you who are doing the above. We appreciate you!



RED RIBBON WEEK – October 23-31, 2018

Red Ribbon Week is observed nationally to educate and to promote drug prevention. Its powerful message to schools, the Church and the Community is “God answers Prayers! Drugs Don’t” and “Life is Your Journey – Travel Drug Free”. Living a drug free life is following the path of God and nurtures the full potential of a healthy, drug free youth. Parents, talk to your child about the danger of drugs. Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don’t.

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Carter Nelson

Vice-President: Sofia Rodríguez

Secretary: Sam Harrell

Treasurer: Makayla Shimek

Commissioners of School Spirit - Joliett Hanes & Marina Balboa

8th Grade Representatives: Mallory Ozuna & Aries Vara

7th Grade Representatives: Nathan Hoelscher & Isabella Sallabedra

6th Grade representatives: James Coffey, Kaelyn Fairly & Everett Rangnow

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 out 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.

SEPTEMBER'S BOX TOPS COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who collected Box Tops. For your child to receive recognition for turning in Box Tops, please be sure that his/her name is on baggie, sheet, and is turned in to the classroom or office. The unidentified are those without names.

PK-3	23	PK3 Class 15; Holden Hermes 8
PK-4	196	Valentina Arceo 30; Arianna Maldonado 76; Scott Lesak 11; Olivia Williams 22; Chloe Nguyen 57
Kinder	74	Sawyer Lara 66; Hayden Hermes 8
1st Grade	126	Lillian Hybner 36; Annastyn Yendrey 32; Gavin Tate 9; Tylee Flores 7; Cole Fojtik 16; Andrew Mata 26
2nd Grade	170	Jackson Tuttle 40; Cierra Shaver 66; Cadence Tomanec 48; Nathan Chavarria 16
3rd Grade	152	Jacob Buzzell 132; Teagan Parker 20;
4th Grade	83	Evelyn Tuttle 40; Ian Pilat 28; 4 th Grade 15;
6th Grade	66	Isa Alstrom 9; Pedro Santiago 57;
8th Grade	138	Carter Nelson 138
	25	Camila & Aleena Howard 25
	207	Unidentified 200; 7
	36	IWBS Sisters



Grand Total of 1273 Box Tops were collected! A gift of \$127.30. Congratulations! Way to Go!!

FLU CLINIC

As a service (and convenience) to the Nazareth Academy staff, students and families, nurses from Mission Valley Clinic (CMC) will be at the school on **Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 2:00-4:30** to administer flu vaccines. The fee for the shot is \$25 and may be paid in cash or check made out to Mission Valley Clinic. They will also accept and will file insurance, but you must bring a Driver's License or picture ID along with your insurance card.

Please notify Mrs. Krejci at the school, 573-6651 or email, skrejci@nazarethacademy.org, to sign up for the clinic

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



The State of Texas requires public and private schools to perform several health screenings on students in certain grades. You will only get results of the screening if your child does not pass. The result/referral letter will be sent by (snail) mail. If you receive a referral letter, please have your child examined by a health care provider of your choice and send results of the exam to the school.

Vision screenings will be done in early October by Dr. Amy Kirkpatrick-Hartman. grades PK4, Kinder, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and all students new to the school were screened. The referral letters will be mailed in the next few days

Students in grades PK4, Kinder, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and all students new to the school will be screened for hearing by a nurse/certified screener during the month of October. Any student that does not pass will be re-screened again in 2-3 weeks. Students that do not pass the second screening will be referred.

The Texas Risk Assessment for Type 2 Diabetes in Children (TRAT2DC) is a state mandated program that assesses children who may be at high risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. Certified individuals will screen for the Acanthosis Nigricans (AN) marker, a skin condition that signals high insulin levels. High insulin levels/insulin resistance, creates the potential risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. AN appears on the skin as light brown-black, velvety, rough, or thickened areas. It is usually found around the neck, armpits, and/or over the knuckles. Students in 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th will be screened for the marker with a quick visual exam of the student's neck. Children who are positively identified with the AN marker undergo additional assessments of height, weight, body mass index (BMI) percentile, and blood pressure. All students that are positively identified with the skin marker will be referred and are highly encouraged to be evaluated by a health care provider of your choice.

If your child is referred, please notify the school with results of the follow-up exam. Results of all screenings we perform, as well as results of the exams from due to referrals, are part of the State report that the school must file at the end of every school year.

If you have questions regarding any of the screenings, please contact Mrs. Krejci.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Nazareth Academy is grateful to the many volunteers who assist the faculty and staff. Everyone working together creates a safe environment where learning takes place.

Everyone working with students is required to:

- Complete the Volunteer Application and Criminal background check. The application can be found on the Victoria Diocese site at www.victoriadiocese.org. There is an \$8.00 fee for the background check.
- Attend an orientation session regarding the "Code of Pastoral Conduct" and the "Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors." These sessions are offered throughout the diocese and are posted online.

Safe Environment certification is good for three years. When anyone is in need of renewal, the diocese or the school will notify you. Renewal can be done on-line.