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Weekly Update

October 11, 2020

From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

This week once again showed all of us that the virus has no regard for schedules or timelines or calendars. It also reinforced our necessary health, safety, and academic protocols designed to keep us safe and ensure that school continues, regardless of the obstacles. I thank our students and parents for navigating the daily demands of learning under changing conditions and I also commend our dedicated faculty and staff for meeting the needs of our students, no matter where they are.

This week also reminded us to continue to be vigilant in our attitudes and behaviors regarding the virus. If we are too comfortable and complacent and let our guard down, the risk of danger escalates.

Please note the following calendar reminders or adjustments resulting from our shift to all remote until October 19:

- Wednesday, October 14 PSAT for Juniors and in person SAT for Seniors rescheduled
 - In school SAT for Seniors who registered, October 27, 2020
 - PSAT for Juniors, January 26, 2021
 - October 27 now a remote day for Blue and Gold Cohorts, no class for seniors, to accommodate test takers
 - Since it was previously published on the calendar, October 14 remains a day with no classes. We encourage all students to prepare for upcoming SAT or PSAT testing through Khan Academy
- Week of October 19th: Blue Cohort in person, Gold Cohort remote
- Week of October 26th: Gold Cohort in person, Blue Cohort remote, except October 27, with both Cohorts remote and no class for seniors
- Gold Cohort Yearbook Portraits moved from October 27 to October 29
- Lockdown Drills (Blue Cohort, October 20 and Gold Cohort, October 26)

Schedule for the week of October 12th (Blue Cohort and Gold Cohort remote):

Monday, October 12: A

Tuesday, October 13: A

Wednesday, October 14: NO CLASSES

Thursday, October 15: A

Friday, October 16: B

Monday-Tuesday, October 12th-13th and Thursday, October 15th:

		A	
		Monday - Thursday	
Warning Bell		7:40	
Prayers and Announcements		7:45 - 7:50	
Block 1	a	7:50 - 9:10	
	b		
Liturgy			
Block 2	a	9:18-10:38	9:18 - 9:56
	b		10:00 - 10:38
Activity Period		10:42 - 11:18	
Block 3	a	11:22 - 12:42	11:22 - 12:00
	b		12:04 - 12:42
Block 4	a	12:50 - 2:10	
	b		

Friday, October 16th:

		B	
		Friday	
Warning Bell		7:40	
Prayers and Announcements		7:45 - 7:50	
Block 1	a	7:50 - 8:42	
	b		
Liturgy			
Block 2	a	8:50 - 9:42	8:50 - 9:14
	b		9:18 - 9:42
Activity Period		9:46 - 10:14	
Block 3	a	10:18 - 11:10	10:18 - 10:42
	b		10:46 - 11:10
Block 4	a	11:18 - 12:10	
	b		

Club Fair

Thank you to Mrs. Maura Hope, Ms. Deanna Dollbaum, and our club moderators who created and launched the [Club Fair](#) virtually during Activity Block after 4th on Friday. If you or your daughter has not visited the fair, please check it out and encourage your daughters to get involved in student life here at Nazareth.

Attendance

Just a reminder, that in the event a student is absent, a parent/guardian must call, or email the Attendance Office no later than 8:00 am on the morning of the absence. A voicemail message may be left at any time between the hours of 3:00 pm (the day before the absence) and 7:30 am (the day of the absence) if the student becomes ill and it is known that she will not be in school, either in person or remotely. If an absence is known in advance, such as an appointment or medical procedure, an email or voicemail may be sent to the Attendance Office, documenting the day(s) that the student will be absent. Please include the following information: student name, date, homeroom, and reason for absence.

If the student is shifting to remote learning for a day that she is scheduled for in person learning, the above procedure must also be followed.

Attendance Secretary: Mrs. Michele Kelly
Email: mkelly@nazarethacademyhs.org Phone: 215-268-1028

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

Communications

I just want to assure you that the Pandemic Team continues to work closely with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health as we are notified of positive cases. They assist us with determining whether any student or staff member needs to self-quarantine. We will advise you when the school community is notified of positive cases and more importantly will personal contact students' parents/guardians and faculty/staff of any guidance from the PDPH on the need to self-quarantine.

When to Email the COVID@NazarethAcademyHS.org

If you answer yes to experiencing 2 or more symptoms or have a fever higher than 100.4, keep your daughter home, notify the school if she will be absent or virtual and email COVID@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

If she requires testing, call to report her absent or remote if her cohort is in-person, and email COVID@NazarethAcademyHS.org and email with the results as soon as you have them.

If she or someone in your family has been exposed to someone else who has tested positive, call to report her virtual and email COVID@NazarethAcademyHS.org. She should attend remotely until 14 days after exposure.

Thought for the Week:

"Don't worry about next week or next month or next year. Just do the next right thing and keep doing the next right thing.." Matthew Kelly, *Perfectly Yourself*

COVID Reminder for the Week: Wearing your mask and social distancing make a difference in stopping the spread of COVID-19!!

From the Office of CSC and Campus Ministry

Shannon Donnelly

"Jesus chose for Himself the cross and the suffering. He knows our frailty and weakness and is full of goodness so He will never permit us to be tried beyond our strength."

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I am always humbled in remembering Jesus chose to suffer. We did not choose that this week.

Jesus did not fight back the people ruining Him. He didn't prove them wrong. He didn't smile during His suffering either -- there was no such thing as optimism for Him, just intense pain. He didn't harm anyone with words or complaining about the events, or politics involved. He silently accepted.

Surrender in a perfectly calm (even weak) willingness to face what was ahead.

As we consider the minor setback of this week, we can surely try to fight it in words and thoughts, complain about it, or pretend it's "defeat" **but it's not**. Sure, we did not choose it, but look at the quote. *God knows our frailty and weakness... He is full of goodness and does not permit us to be tried beyond our strength*. You're not being presented with something you're incapable of overcoming. God knows you're stronger than a pandemic setback, do you? What you have in your soul, from His Grace, is sufficient for the road ahead. Let's get it done together!

Peace comes when there is a sense of security in the trust that God has us, protects us, comes down to us when we need it, and even makes beauty from the chaos. This is the Good News of Jesus we remember constantly.

October is the month of the Mary and the Rosary. May our Mother of the Holy Family bless us with her motherly love!

NAPA Updates

Mrs. Grace Pirolli, P '22

Thanks again for supporting our 1st Mum Sale. Our hoagie day sale is being rescheduled. Stay tuned for the new date.

Café Carmela ~ October 21st

Please come out and support our first Café Carmela / NAPA Take out Night on Wednesday , October 21st 15% of all Naz Take out orders will be donated back to Nazareth Academy. [Click here](#) to print the flyer.

Volunteer Clearances

Clearances are needed for all Volunteers please [click here](#) to access the volunteer checklist on our website. Clearances are good for 5 years. If you have clearances on file at another school, you can send us a copy. If you are not sure whether your volunteer clearances are on file or need to be updated, please contact Mrs. Miller at tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org

Parent Ambassadors

Please consider becoming a Parent Ambassador for your daughter's homeroom, you will act as the liaison between the school and the parents ensuring that all school information gets filtered out in a timely manner.

50/50

Please follow the Nazareth Academy High School Facebook page. Information regarding our 50/50 Raffle and important information regarding our events and fundraisers will be shared there. Our first 50/50 raffle will be on October.

Christmas Plant and Wreath Sale and Stocking Stuffers

Christmas is 80 days awayWatch out for our Christmas Plant & Wreath Sale pre-orders will begin soon. WAWA hoagie certificates make great stocking stuffers and will also be available for purchase at Naz coming soon.

Craft Fair ~ March 13th

We are excited to be hosting our first NAPA Naz Spring Craft Fair on March 13th. If you would like to volunteer please be sure to sign up using the following link: [Event Volunteer signup form](#). Also, if you have any great vendors that you would like to see at the Craft Fair please email me at NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org with their information.

NAPA Meeting ~November 10th Incentives Return

Next NAPA Parent Meeting is November 10th at 6:30 pm. All parents who attend will be added into a drawing for a \$25 gift card to Wawa or Dunkin Donuts. If I were you, I would attend 😊

Celebrate International Day of the Girl 2020

Today we celebrate International Day of the Girl 2020! International Day of the Girl is meant to promote the empowerment of young girls everywhere, while also advocating for the attainment of their basic human rights, like education.

The world is home to more than 1.1 billion girls under age 18, who are poised to become the largest generation of female leaders, entrepreneurs and change-makers the world has ever seen. Nazareth Academy High School is proud to have a part in educating and molding young women into our future leaders. Let us celebrate, support and empower our young women, today and every day!

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- For the happy repose of the soul of Maria Middleton, Villa Joseph Marie, '21, and for the consolation of those who love her, most especially her family and the Villa Community
- Saint Basil Academy Community
- Those impacted by the coronavirus, the victims and the first responders on the front lines fighting this virus