

*"Charity, charity...In our midst...love must flourish and reign in a special manner..."*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

## **Weekly Update** **November 22, 2020**

**HAPPY**  
thanksgiving

### **From the Office of the Principal** **Mr. Jim Meredith**

During much of 2020, there are constant and visible reminders of all we have lost. During this week, Thanksgiving week, we have an opportunity to be thankful for all we still have. Although this Thanksgiving will be very different, we thank our loving God for all of our blessings, even during difficult times. We are also mindful of those who are not and those who are suffering. Our students and recent alums, through donations and volunteer work, organized to bring Thanksgiving meals to assist A Woman's Place Bucks County. Our commitment to serve others continues during the holiday season and we thank God we are able to do so.

Please know that I thank God for you and for your commitment to a Nazareth Academy High School education. May the week ahead provide for you an opportunity to refresh, recharge, and connect with those you love, even if it is via a screen and not around a table. Happy Thanksgiving!

#### **Schedule for the Week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> (All Remote):**

Monday, November 23: A

Tuesday, November 24: C Thanksgiving Liturgy

Wednesday, November 25: No Classes, Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 26: No Classes, Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 27: C No Classes, Thanksgiving Holiday



### Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:

		A	
		Monday - Thursday	
Warning Bell		7:40	
Prayers and Announcements Block 1		7:45 - 7:50	
	a	7:50 - 9:10	
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		

### Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

		C	
		Liturgy	
Warning Bell		7:40	
Prayers and Announcements Block 1		7:45 - 7:50	
	a	7:50 - 8:50	
Liturgy		8:50 - 10:10	
Block 2	a	10:18 - 11:18	10:18 - 10:46
	b		10:50 - 11:18
Activity Period		11:22 - 11:58	
Block 3	a	12:02 - 1:02	12:02 - 12:30
	b		12:34 - 1:02
Block 4	a	1:10 - 2:10	
	b		

### Calendar Reminders

- Thanksgiving Liturgy, November 24<sup>th</sup> C Schedule
- Thanksgiving Break, November 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, No Classes
- Faculty Professional Development, November 30<sup>th</sup>, B Schedule
- NAPA General Meeting, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM
- Counseling Presentation for all Students, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, C Schedule
- Faculty and Staff Retreat, December 8<sup>th</sup>, No Classes
- Virtual Christmas Concert, December 10<sup>th</sup>, C Schedule
- Christmas Liturgy, December 14<sup>th</sup>, C Schedule
- Christmas Break Begins, December 18<sup>th</sup>, No Classes

### Together Tuesdays

Thank you to Mrs. Graveley for leading Together Tuesdays for our Nazareth Family to stay connected while we are apart. We are also grateful our members of Student Council for their assistance in planning these fun and festive socially distant events. This week's activity is making Christmas Cookies. The link for Teams will be shared in advance of the gathering.

These remote gatherings will continue through the month of December.



### Freshman Student Council Election

Voting is underway for Freshman Student Council Election. All students in the Class of 2024 received a form for their ballot via school email on Friday morning. Voting closes on Monday, November 23 at 2:30 PM.

Good luck to all of our nominees and thank you for stepping forward as leaders of your class!

## **Personnel Announcement**

Effective on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Maritza Carmona-Kelly began teaching Sister Mary McDevitt's classes while Sister is on medical leave for knee surgery. We remember Sister in our prayers during her surgery and subsequent recovery.

Ms. Carmona-Kelly also currently serves as the Youth Minister at Saint Bede the Venerable Parish and previously taught high school Theology in New York. Welcome to Nazareth, Ms. Carmona-Kelly!

## **From the Office of CSC and Campus Ministry**

### ***Ms. Shannon Donnelly***

Saturday was the feast day of Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd, the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the sponsoring Congregation of Nazareth Academy. The commemoration of the life and legacy of this holy woman gives us the opportunity to acknowledge God's grace in her life and work.

This day will be joyfully celebrated by all the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth throughout the world. Please join us in thanking God for this heroic and saintly woman who has had an influence on all our lives and offer up all your prayer intentions to her! We especially offer to her the remote experience we will be enduring.

In our own time and place, we can imitate and learn from her prophetic and passionate about the Kingdom of God's Love as she was. New challenges face us every day. New tensions in all areas arise but even the Saints had moments of questioning as they considered the difficulties that lay before them. It is our hope in learning about this profound woman, -- and to receive her intercession --- inspires to live our life a little more daring and resonate in our hearts.

***Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd, pray for us!***

## **Thanksgiving Liturgy**

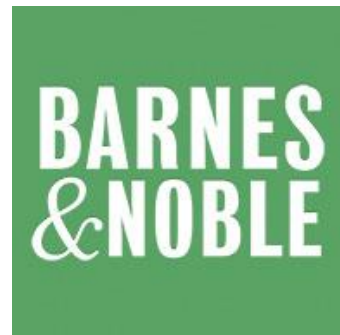
We will celebrate Thanksgiving Liturgy this Tuesday at 9 AM. Once again, as we did on Friday, we will broadcast from Naz News for students to participate with First Block Teams.

## **From the Office of the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs**

### **Mrs. Pat Quinn**

#### **Barnes and Noble Night**

Parents and educators are welcome to shop at the B&N at Neshaminy Mall on December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> throughout the day and evening. Orders may also be placed online. There will be no events at the store due to social distancing/COVID. The code for online purchases is **12602942**.



## **NAPA Updates**

### ***Mrs. Grace Pirolli, P '22***

**NAPA Virtual 50/50 ~ Next Up December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 PM**

**For December the prize will be \$1,000 with 400 tickets sold**

Tickets are \$5 each with a limit of 200 tickets sold.

Please be sure to be on the lookout for the email on Wednesday to purchase your tickets. Sales open at 5 pm. Last week we sold out in 36 minutes.

Congratulations to our winner Diana P. who won the November 15<sup>th</sup> drawing.

**Poinsettia Sale Last Call** [Place your order before November 22<sup>nd</sup>](#). Pick up is scheduled for December 5th. When placing orders, please be sure to add the total number that you are ordering, and then indicate the specific number for each type.

**Winter on Broad Street ~ Purchase Tickets through School Fundraiser and up to \$8.50 per ticket will be directed to Nazareth Academy High School**

[\*\*Purchase your tickets today!\*\*](#)

With seasonal surprises along the path, every inch of this twinkling wonderland comes to life for winter lovers of all ages from November 27 - January 3. Stroll through this spacious outdoor experience (160,000-plus square feet to allow for social distancing) while taking in the vast array of whimsical light installations powered by a half-million light bulbs!

**NAPA #doitforourNAZgirls Tumblers ~ Only 30 Left as of November 30<sup>th</sup>**

These beautiful tumblers can be [purchased online](#). Tumblers are 30 oz. and cost just \$20.

**Christmas Ornament ~ Only 40 Left as of Friday, November 20th**

We are excited to debut our NAPA [Nazareth Christmas Ornament](#). A beautiful vintage inspired double sided glass ornament with the Nazareth logo adorning the front and a spectacular image of our school building embellishing the back. A keepsake for your favorite panda for years to come. A percentage of the sales will be donated to the Morgan's Light in honor Morgan McCaffery '20.

**Wawa Hoagie Certificates**

[Click here](#) to purchase your Wawa Hoagie Certificates. They are \$5 per certificate. Certificates make great gifts and Christmas stocking stuffers. Support our girls and enjoy a Wawa Shorti.

**NAPA General Meeting, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM: *Resilience Required, COVID-19 and Teen Mental Health* presented by Jon Mattleman**

Program Description: Students, teachers, parents and caregivers are struggling to cope with a pandemic that has drastically impacted this school year. We continue to grapple with concerns around physical health and safety challenges and have seen the impact on mental health, social connections, and

academics. Grief, loss, the rise in anxiety and depression, and ongoing uncertainty about the future impact how our children experience school and learning. "Resilience Required: COVID-19 & Teen Mental Health" is a presentation for parents and caregivers focusing on how we can support our children during this challenging school year and manage ongoing. With his signature compassion and humor, counselor Jon Mattleman will provide attendees with context to the factors impacting this school year, highlighting the resilience we've all shown during this challenging time, and how we can use that to be a source of strength, stability, and support for the youth in our care.

A link will be shared in advance of the meeting. There is a flyer on the last page of this week's update with information about the event.

## **Panda Pit Christmas Online Sale ~ Ends November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Place your Christmas gift orders now!**

The Panda Pit is hosting an online Christmas sale and is introducing brand new items available for pre-order now! Pre-orders for the new items will take place until November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pick-up will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM in the Gym. For delivery options or questions, contact [PandaPit@NazarethAcademyHS.org](mailto:PandaPit@NazarethAcademyHS.org)

Gift certificates are also available and make the perfect gift for the Panda on your list! Don't miss out on this great sale!

## **Prayer Intentions**

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Those impacted by the coronavirus, the victims and the first responders on the front lines fighting this virus
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, Director of Counseling
- Sister Mary McDevitt, Theology Department
- All Intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community

During the month of November, we remember our beloved dead in a special way, most especially those of our Nazareth Community.







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[www.mindingyourmind.org](http://www.mindingyourmind.org)

*Presenting:*

# Resilience Required: COVID-19 & Teen Mental Health

*Featuring clinician Jon Mattleman*

## **A VIRTUAL FORUM FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

**December 1st, 2020**

**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Join us for a live webinar!

Click the link below to join.

<https://event.webinarjam.com/g/o/live/191/38zp9a75u3srs5>

Questions? Please contact

Mr. James Meredith

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