

December 11, 2020

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

Our Catholic faith encourages us to remain hopeful, especially during this season of Advent as we await and prepare for Jesus' birth. Let us reflect on the December core value of Love; please take a moment to view the video "<u>The Four Candles.</u>" May we open our hearts to the coming of the Lord this Christmas season, with Peace, Faith, Love, and Hope guiding all of our actions.

"Dear God, You are my light and Salvation. You are my Hope. Please come into my heart, forgive all my wrongs, and give me Your wonderful gift of eternal life. Help me to be an instrument of Your Love and cause Your light to shine in others through me. Amen"

As we near the Christmas season, in this time of COVID-19, we are especially called to live the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth. It is with joy in my heart that I express how grateful I am for the entire Nazareth family. The grace with which our community pivoted to distance learning is a testament to our practice of the Core Values.

I want to extend my appreciation to our amazing teachers and staff for their hard work in making the seamless shift to distance learning. The Nazareth family is truly a gift from God! Also, thank you, parents, for working with the teachers to help your child(ren) through this difficult transition. I have faith that together, as the Nazareth community, we will get through this pandemic.

In the spirit of the Christmas season, we will be creating a video for families to watch on Tuesday, December 22. Although we will not be able to gather for the traditional Nazareth Christmas program, the video will be a holiday celebration featuring several Nazareth classes and community friends.

As we gather with our families to watch the festive video, we have an opportunity to support each other this Christmas season. Please consider participating in our school-sponsored family meal deals offered by Ponce's Mexican Restaurant and Flippin' Pizza on Tuesday, December 22. This is a chance to enjoy a delicious dinner at home while watching the Nazareth Christmas video on December 22, all in support of our Nazareth community! (Orders must be placed by Sunday, December 20. See Nazareth News and flyer for more information.) Thank you to all of the families who have already placed their Scrip order for the Christmas season. We will be ordering the Scrip this upcoming week and it will be the last ordering opportunity before Christmas break. Make sure to place special and online orders by 8:30 A.M. on December 15, to ensure delivery for Christmas. We will be selling the Scrip we have in stock in the office from 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., until Christmas break.

Keep an eye out for the January Hot Lunch menu attached to today's Nazareth News. Lunch Orders are due Tuesday, December 15. If you have not already turned in your January Lunch orders, please email them to adminassist@nazarethschool.org and mail your check to the school office. You may also send in your payment with your child when we return to campus on January 4. We will be issuing credit for the December lunches that were missed due to the school closure when we return to school in January. Families may use their December Hot Lunch credits toward the February Lunch orders; please communicate your preference to Mrs. Horning at adminassist@nazarethschool.org.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call the office at 619-641-7987, or email me directly at principal@nazarethschool.org.

God watch over our students, God watch over our parents and families, God watch over our teachers and staff!

God Bless,

Mrs. René Coons Principal Nazareth School