



December 18, 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. 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. Let us reflect on the December core value of Love;

Christmas Prayer

Loving God, on this Christmas Day,
We praise the new born child,
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We open our eyes to see the mystery of faith.
We claim the promise of Emmanuel "God with us."
We remember that our Savior was born in a manger
And walked as a humble suffering savior.
Lord, help us to share the love of God
With everyone we encounter,
To feed the hungry, cloth the naked,
And stand against injustice and oppression.
We pray for the ending of war
And rumors of war.
We pray for peace upon the Earth.
We thank you for our families and friends
And for the many blessings we have received.
We rejoice today with the best gifts
Of hope, peace, joy
And the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

--By Rev. Lia Icaza Willetts

In the spirit of the Christmas season, we have created a Christmas 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. Thank you to the Nazareth Community, parents, teachers and staff who have come together in a week to create this gift of love.

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.)

As we leave for Christmas vacation, I ask you partner with Nazareth School to remain safe from Covid-19. I place a tremendous burden upon you all as a Nazareth Community, and ask that you follow the guidance outlined in our Nazareth School Reopening plan, specifically in regards to traveling and informing Nazareth School of any potential exposure to an individual with COVID-19. Our plan is to return to on-campus instruction on January 4, 2021, yet this may only occur if we work together to keep our community healthy. I have highlighted these specific areas below, and respectfully ask you to re-read and follow these guidance's on our safe school practices.

GUIDANCE IF EXPOSED (pg. 18)

While we all hope to avoid exposure to illness from COVID19, we need to be prepared for that possibility. If you or someone you've been in contact with has been exposed to the virus, our first concern is for your health and safety and those around you. In this rapidly changing situation, healthcare providers should have the most up-to-date information from the CDC.

Please do the following:

1. Quarantine yourself in a specific room away from others in your home
2. Contact the following (in order of priority), let them know you have been exposed to COVID19, then follow their instructions.
 1. Your healthcare provider
 2. Nazareth School's administrator
 3. Your supervisor
3. Your supervisor will work with HR to determine appropriate next steps.
4. In case of an emergency, call 911 and let them know you have been exposed to COVID19, then follow their instructions.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS (pg. 7)

If a child, household member, teacher or staff member travels to another county or state with widespread community transmission, they must use the following regulations:

- [Practice social distancing](#)
- Be alert to symptoms
- Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, and [other symptoms](#) of COVID-19
- Take temperature if symptoms develop
- Follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop

Nazareth School would appreciate open communication about travel and potential exposure to keep everyone safe during this time.

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
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