



September 11, 2020

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

Our hearts go out to all of the firefighters and families affected by the fires this week. Please keep them in your prayers, as we get through this difficult fire season. Also, let us pray for everyone touched by Covid-19, that they may find health, during these difficult times.

Thank you for completing the Nazareth Extended Day Care Survey, it was extremely helpful and identified a great need to continue the program. Due to safety concerns, we have decided to modify the evening hours, so we ensure the safest environment for all. Currently, we have all of the students in evening extended care outside, to play in the fresh air (as weather permits), as this is the Covid-19 best recommended guidance.

We will be changing the extended care hours, and will only be open until 4:30pm, starting this Monday, September 14. Thank you for working with us to stay open, so we may remain providing this wonderful assistance, with the greatest safety in mind.

I have a special request of families this week...we ask that you have your children enter and exit your cars from the right side only and please parents stay in the car. It is extremely scary when children and parents, dart in and out of traffic as car drive by, please help me keep our community safe. Teachers and staff will assist your children with their books and backpacks. I appreciate all of your patience in line, as we move cars all the way forward to the garages, to service as many cars as possible.

Thank you to the parents who continue to use the front driveway entrance, entering from below, on San Diego Mission Road, for both drop off and pick up. We ask that you try to NOT use the Rancho Mission side entrance (above the statue of Jesus), as traffic is backing up and causing a dangerous hazard. The entire staff is working hard to temperature check your children and get them to and from class safely.

I wanted to share with the Nazareth Community that our fabulous kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Senter, has decided to follow her heart and be "grandma" to both her expecting children. We thank her for the tremendous 16 years she has shared with the Nazareth family and wish her well in her new adventure. We have been blessed to hire Mrs. Ahna Johnson as the new kindergarten teacher. She is an experienced teacher, with a heart of gold and a sincere joy for teaching. This week she has co-taught with Mrs. Senter,

and the students love her. They will continue to co-teach until Mrs. Senter's last day on Friday, September 18, in order to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. Staying safe and healthy are critical to ensuring Nazareth School is a wonderful place to learn and grow. We cannot do this without your vigilance and support. We have linked the Covid-19 symptoms and San Diego County Fever/Covid-19 Symptoms Decision Tree in the Nazareth News. **In addition, we have outlined the Covid-19 symptoms and ask you keep your children at home for 10 days, if they are presenting any of these symptoms.** Please contact the front office if your child(ren) are ill at 619-6417987 or email at office@nazarethschool.org.

I wanted to extend my great appreciation to the 6th Grade and Mr. Knight for their excellent participation in Mass today. It was celebrated by Father Peter. We live streamed the Mass via Zoom, and it was viewed by the entire Nazareth school today. Thank you, families, for understanding that Mass will be available only to the class participating for the week. We encourage distance learners to join us for Mass, but ask parent to remain in the car, as we are adhering to the Covid-19 state guidelines.

We are excited to announce the beginning the Friday Can drive, thank you to all the students who participated today!!! Keep it up, it was a great start and together we can help many. As Father Peter said in Mass today, "Be the light" and together we can help illuminate the world with our combined good deeds!

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

God Bless,

Mrs. René Coons
Principal
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