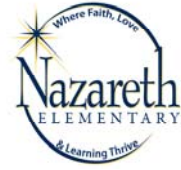


Memo To: Parents and Guardians
Memo From: Sr. Margaret Mancuso
Re: A Few Timely Updates
Date: January 25, 2021



Catholic Schools Week - January 31- February 6

Here are the plans for a week of fun and celebration for all of us!

Monday – *Super Heroes for Nazareth Day!*

- Students can dress up like their favorite superhero. (No villains, guns, other play weapons)

Tuesday – *Crazy Sock Day!*

- All can wear fun socks of their choice with their school uniform!

Wednesday – *Dress for Success Day!*

- Children can dress as they see themselves in the future. What do they want to be when they grow up?

Thursday – *School Color Thursday!*

- Add a touch of **yellow** and **blue** to the uniform: ties, socks, headbands, bows, scarves, etc.
- Staff and students will decorate facemasks with pictures or words that represent our values as a Catholic school (love, kindness, peace, etc.) All will be given a white facemask to decorate.

Friday – *SOUP-er Bowl Friday!*

- Staff and students can wear a sports shirt representing their favorite sport / sports team.
**Bring in a can of soup any time during the week to be donated to Joseph's Place, Sacred Heart's Food Cupboard. There will be a table at the end of the first floor hall. Each one will place the soup can in front of the team s/he thinks will win the Super Bowl.
- Wear our decorated masks.



Health / COVID-19 Protocols

Thank you again for all you are doing at home to remain as safe and healthy as possible, and for supporting our safety protocols at school by making sure your children wear their masks daily. We have done so well since school opened and we want that to continue. We are randomly testing 20% of staff and students each month (5% / wk) per the latest mandates from the DOH.

- For the safety of our staff at both car arrival and dismissal, we ask that parents and students have their masks on before the car doors are opened.
- Valentine's Day – Due to our strict COVID protocols, there cannot be treats or valentines brought from home this year. We hope a lot of things on hold this year can return next year. Fun activities around the valentine theme will be a part of class lessons and activities.

Basement Update

As you may have heard from your children, breakfast and lunch meals take place in the gym these days. (The kids think it is fun!) There was a large flood in the basement due to a drain issue and sump pump malfunction. The cafeteria, kitchen, hallway, kitchen staff office, and our school storeroom had extensive water damage. Sacred Heart parish is taking care of all the expenses and all needed repairs.

The Sacred Heart staff started addressing the problem immediately, calling in many experts to assess the damage, dry the floors, and monitor the situation closely. During this time, movers took all kitchen needs, serving stations, appliances, and cafeteria tables with protective shields to the gym. The damaged area is off limits to most staff and all students.

At the end of last week, Sacred Heart's business manager updated me on their plans for the basement. After she met with several experts, it was decided, for the safety of all, to tear up all floors in the cafeteria, hall, two bathroom entrances, kitchen, kitchen office, and our storeroom. Storage pods are in the back of our school holding all furniture from our storeroom. Luckily, the cleaning company did that work!

This project will take several weeks, so we will continue in the gym for meals until at least the end of February. Mrs. Emmert and Mrs. O'Hara have done a marvelous job adjusting menus and preparing healthy meals without the use of ovens. Mrs. Andolina has been very gracious in shifting lessons to the playground and classrooms. We are most grateful to the three of them and to all who supervise the children at meals for their flexibility.

The Good News – All rooms in that basement area and the hallway will have new flooring and new molding. The lower half of the hall and parts of the other rooms are to be painted. The entire area will be fresh and new when this project is completed!

We look forward to using this renovated part of our school in another month or so. Maybe by autumn things will be better everywhere and we can come together in the basement for the Fall Festival again!

Looking Ahead - Reregistration information will be coming home next week.

Wishing you and your family peace and good health!