

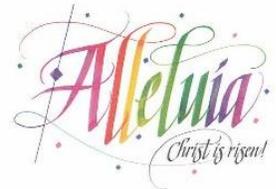
Memo to: Parents and Guardians
Memo from: Sr. Margaret Mancuso
April 13, 2020



Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ has risen!

A blessed Easter Season to All!

Our world more than ever needs the gifts of Easter. As we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, we truly believe that Jesus brings us light in the midst of darkness. May we know deep peace even as we continue to face the daily challenges due to the coronavirus.



Let us see the signs of new life and hope all around us: in our children through their bright smiles, infectious laughs, kind hearts, and inquisitive minds, and in the buds on the trees, the chirping of birds, and the greening of lawns. May we see light in the kindness of those around us, and in the heroic acts every day by our health care professionals and first responders.

In this time of uncertainty and so many unknowns, how can we bring the children hope for a bright future? Perhaps, as a family, talk about the gift of the Resurrection and what that means for each of you, or discuss the meaning of hope and how hope is being lived in our world today. What are the children's



hopes, dreams, and prayers? Can we name the blessings in each new day? What are ways to bring hope to others – a loved one, someone who is ill, an elderly neighbor, a classmate, others? The children will have some wonderful ideas on how to reach out during this time of social isolation. Ask them, too, how they can practice our school theme of kindness during the Easter Season.

Our children always bring us light and hope! All those risking their lives to save others, bring us light and hope. We recognize the Risen Christ in each of them and in all those doing medical research, making medical equipment and supplies, volunteering to sew masks and distribute food, and in so many other heroes among us.

Yes, Jesus is alive, and calls us to be signs of hope for each other. Let us unite in prayer for those who have died and for their families, for those in hospitals, for our local, state and national leaders, for all teachers, administrators and, students.

All of us on the Nazareth staff wish you and your families a very joyous, hope-filled Easter Season! We look forward to the day when we are together again. In the meantime, we remember, we celebrate, and we believe for we are an alleluia people!

Peace, Sr. Margaret

Updates:

School closure was extended until April 29, however, all indications from local and state leaders are that it will be extended much longer. I want to assure you that the teachers will continue to teach through distance learning. I know many, if not all, were working during Holy Week to prepare for the coming weeks. As a faculty, we will be meeting virtually every week in order to reassess and maintain a strong program for all children PK-6.



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We recognize that this new form of education is a learning curve not only for teachers, but for you as parents and grandparents as well. We know that every home is on a different schedule and therefore, not every assignment will be possible. However, we ask that you establish a *daily school routine* so that the children are engaging in their lessons and connecting with their teachers *every day*. We are tracking attendance when the children check in each day. We do not know what final reports will look like at this point, but we do know that good effort, accomplishments, and attendance will be very important.

Please email or DoJo teachers if you have questions about lessons. They will be more than happy to help. The children can also ask questions in their Google Classrooms.

Keep checking Nazareth's web site and Facebook page. As updates about school come from Gov. Cuomo and the NYSED, we will update our FAQ sheet for you. Do check out the resources and prayers available now and then too.

Until we meet again, may you receive the graces you most need at this time.

Please stay safe and well!

God bless you all!

