

**Memo to:** Parents and Guardians  
**Memo from:** Sr. Margaret Mancuso  
**May 18, 2020**



As we begin week 10 of social distancing, I wish you peace of heart and calmness of mind. These are worrisome months for all of us, but we are strong with God and one another. Our faith helps us to find the good in others, to look for the blessings in each day, and to have hope for a strong future.

There are prayers and reflections on our web page that might be helpful. We pray for you and your children every day that everyone will remain healthy. As Phase One begins, we pray all will be safe and continue to follow the CDC guidelines so the next phases can begin.

**May Newsletter** – I hope you loved the stories of your children’s classrooms! Feel free to share with friends and relatives. I recently wrote an article for the Sisters of St. Joseph May Newsletter giving an overview of how Nazareth has been doing during this pandemic. People had no idea how much work has gone on behind the scenes to shift so quickly to distance learning. Several have told me how impressed they are with the work of our faculty and students during this time. They also recognized the challenges for parents.

**Prayer Leaders** – In the May newsletter, I mentioned the opportunity for the children to lead daily prayer and the pledge for the remaining weeks of school. The format is there to guide them. See the newsletter for details.

**A Marketing Venture** – Christina Mancini has created a new marketing video for us. We are not at school to give tours right now, so we are reaching out and telling our story through a video. Kristina Adolph Maneiro, chair of SAC, provided the voiceover. Catherine Kipp, also on SAC, is working on a sign language version, and Kristina’s sister-in-law has done a Spanish voiceover. We are so grateful to Christina for the many hours put into this project.

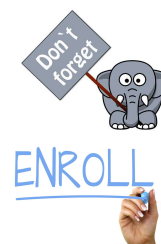
**Now, we need your help!** Parents are the best sellers of our school! We need each one of you to be our recruiters. How? *It is very simple. Go to our website or Facebook, view the marketing video, and share it with as many relatives and friends as you can. Ask them to share it with others.* The number of viewers will grow exponentially.

After this pandemic, won’t every parent want his/her child to return to a school in the fall that is small, loving, caring, and safe? Won’t every parent want his/her child to be in an environment that develops the whole child? The social emotional connections will be just as important as spiritual and academic development when we emerge from this social distancing period. Nazareth is the place for that! I would be happy to talk with anyone interested in Nazareth. *Thank you for being a recruiter. It would be awesome if 100% of parents shared the video with others.*



(Remember: you get a tuition discount for every family you bring in. In this time of financial difficulties, to save on next year's tuition would be especially helpful to you).

**Re-Registration** – We still need to hear from 40% of our families. Please send those forms in to Melissa Kunz this week. Email her at [mkunz@nazarethschools.org](mailto:mkunz@nazarethschools.org) if you have questions. Do not let this time of instability and uncertainty hold you back. If you feel Nazareth is the best place for your child, we will find a way to make it work for you. We know many do not have the registration fee at this time; send in the forms anyway.



**Teacher Appreciation Video** – If you have not had a chance to view it yet, do so on our website or Facebook page. Thank you to all who sent in messages and pictures. The teachers were brought to tears, and this principal was as well. All of the signs and words were precious!

**Grade 6 Class** – One of the hardest parts of this stay-at-home time is missing so many of the end of the year activities – spring dance, concert, art show, May Crowning, class projects, Renaissance Fair, and more. Like all schools missing senior graduations, we will not get to say good-bye to our Sixth Graders through the formal Sending Forth Ceremony held at the Cathedral because the school closure mandate will still be in effect. Nazareth continues to follow all NYS and Health Dept. directives and guidelines for schools.

However, we do have some surprise plans in place to recognize these wonderful students. What we have in mind for the end will **be very short, simple, structured, and safe** in keeping with all health regulations – masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer, gloves, etc. *Save the date: **June 18 at 5 p.m.** Rain date: June 19. It will be in the school parking lot and for the Sixth Grade only.*



Parents will receive the details and directives in June, but we wanted you to save the date now. It will be for immediate family only and just one car per student. If any family is uncomfortable after seeing the plan, they can certainly opt out.

**Memorial Day Weekend** – Everyone is ready for a little break before the last stretch. There will be **no school on Monday, May 25**. May you and your family have a refreshing and relaxing long holiday weekend!

Let us remember all those currently serving in the military, those who have served, and those who gave their lives for our freedom. We salute them all! This is also a time when we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. It is traditional in my family to plant flowers at the graves of our family members buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in Oswego.

*However you celebrate this weekend, be safe and enjoy!*



**Memorial Day Weekend!**  
*We remember those who served,  
we celebrate the gift of their lives,  
we give thanks for their sacrifices for us!*

