

**Memo to:** Parents and Guardians  
**Memo from:** Sr. Margaret Mancuso  
**June 15, 2020**



### **A Peek at the Week**

- **Congratulations, Parents!** You have successfully made it to the last week of virtual school with the children! As a faculty, we could not have done it without your cooperation starting back in March and your faithful support over these three months. We recognize it has been difficult on you for various reasons, and we admit it has been a challenge for us as well, but we journeyed together for the sake of the children. Thank you for continuing to be a partner with us through this unique way of teaching and learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope and pray we will all be back at Flower City Park in September!

May your children enjoy this final week of classes with their teachers. Remember to take part in the Field Day Fun for Families on Friday, organized by Mrs. Andolina! Although the children can't be together for the activities, the families of Nazareth will be united in spirit!

- The **Recognition of Our Sixth Graders** will take place on June 18. This will be a safe, short, and simple gathering to bring our students together at the campus one last time. We will gather in the parking lot with immediate families only, attending from their cars. The students will pick up their certificates and yearbooks at this time.

We are sending these students forth with our blessing and our love. We have great hope for their future, and we believe they will use their gifts and talents well as they join others in making this a just and peaceful world for all people. We know they will do amazing things for they have shown us already their leadership abilities at this young age. We say thank you to the Sixth Graders and thank you to their families who have been a vital part of Nazareth, some since preschool. We will greatly miss them!

### **Progress Reports**

*Reminder: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Nazareth Elementary School provided instruction through Distance Learning for the entire Fourth Quarter marking period of the 2019-2020 school year. This form of teaching and learning required modifications to previous ways of assessing and reporting.*

A narrative report will be the format used for the Fourth Quarter report card. It will be included with the year's report card being sent home the beginning of July. A copy of the narrative will be in each student's file, and one will be included with student records sent to other schools when students move on, such as our Sixth Graders.

### **Coming Up**

**June 25 and 26** – These will be the **parking lot drop-off and pick-up days** for families. We have divided the families alphabetically for health and safety reasons, to avoid a traffic jam, and to make the collection process go smoothly. Here is the schedule:

June 25, 9:00-11:00am – Last names A-F

June 25, 1:00-3:00pm – Last names G-K

June 26, 9:00-11:00am – Last names L-N

June 26, 1:00-3:00pm – Last names P-Z

In preparation, please gather all the items that belong to Nazareth. We will be marking class checklists when items are dropped off – **textbooks, Chromebooks, library books, recorders, guitars, dulcimers, and any other items that belong to the school.** It is critical to receive these materials back so we have an accurate inventory in preparation for the fall. We ask you to stay in the car line until it is your turn to give the school materials to the helpers outside. After items are collected, you will receive your child's personal items from his/her desk and locker.



## Updates

The **Core Committee for Reopening Nazareth** has continued to meet weekly and do research outside of meetings on the reopening of schools. We have identified numerous areas to address based on the interim NYS and CDC guidelines/recommendations in order to reopen safely. Those areas include classroom designs, best use of rooms, cleaning and disinfecting materials, office procedures, playground safety, nurse's office protocols, cafeteria and food service, instructional programs and schedules, afterschool programs, arrival and dismissal procedures, and more. We have already purchased touchless thermometers, and we are looking into touchless hand sanitizers, safety panels, markers for floors and walls, and other needs.

I am sure we will be calling on some of you for your assistance and expertise as we move forward with our plans. It will be a very busy and unique summer! We want to return to school in September in a way that keeps all our children and our entire staff happy and healthy.

### Have a Blessed Week!

*Let us be united in prayer, spirit, and love as we strive to build bridges and work for much needed change in our country. We pray these prayers and respond: **God of love, unite us as one.***

For our country, that we might celebrate our racial diversity and the distinctive and rich contributions of every fiber of our cultural fabric, we pray:

For wise and decisive action on the part of local and national leaders, that the scandal of racism may be eradicated from our society, we pray:

For those who work for racial equality and justice, that they may be sustained in hope, empowered with courage, and filled with the grace to persevere in love, we pray:

**WE ARE A  
COMMUNITY**

