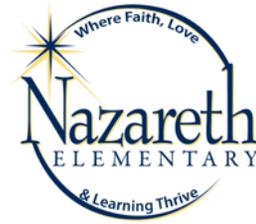


**Memo To:** Parents and Guardians  
**From:** Sr. Margaret Mancuso, Principal  
**Date:** September 12, 2019



### **An Exciting Start!**

It was with great anticipation and joy that we welcomed our students on September 4! The little ones were adorable and so proud of their new lunch boxes and backpacks. The older students looked sharp in their uniforms and seemed genuinely happy to be back. Many children grew several inches over the summer, and some were delighted that they had passed their principal in height! (not hard to do!) It was heart-warming for all of us to watch students happily greeting one another and helping new students find their way. In no time, the children had settled into their routines as if they had been back for weeks.



As I visited classrooms the first three days, I was struck by the enthusiasm and participation of the children in their lessons. They were eager to learn! All seemed very happy in their new classrooms so lovingly and beautifully set up by their teachers. We all thank you for helping to make the transition from vacation to school such a smooth one.

### **Some Important Dates:**

#### **☞ Curriculum Night Thursday, Sept. 19 - 6:30-8:00**

- This is a night for *parents*. We will start in the school hall at 6:30 with general school information and updates, plus a brief overview from the School Advisory Committee (SAC) about events coming up this year.
- Parents will then move to classrooms where teachers will share **curriculum and class expectations** for their grade levels. You will have an opportunity to visit the Special Area Subject teachers too.
- This is not a night for the children, so we hope at least one parent/grandparent from each family will be able to attend. There will be some very limited space and supervision, if you have to bring your child. *We would definitely need to know ahead though. Please call our office by the 18<sup>th</sup> so we can make arrangements.*

#### **☞ Important Forms –**

- **Have you turned in: ECP form if using Extended Care, and Health Update information?**  
**NOTE:** All children must have up-to-date vaccinations in order to be in school. Call school if you have questions. Please notify our nurse's office immediately if your child has serious allergies.
- **Emergency forms** are enclosed with this memo. Please take time to review ALL information and update it accordingly. Sign both the front and back of the form and return it promptly.

- ☞ **Uniforms** – All students K-6 are to wear the proper school uniform each day. This includes **ties** and **acceptable shoes and socks** as indicated on the **uniform policy**. Teachers will let you know what days the students should wear the PE uniform. Please check our web site for the uniform code.

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### Arrival:

The arrival of students by buses and cars went quite well the first week. The children are learning that those coming off buses come up the right side of the stairs once they enter the building and those arriving by car come up the left side of the stairs. This helps the flow of traffic, but more importantly helps us safely check in each child who is entering the school.



Parents of preschoolers and kindergartners may walk their children to their rooms, but we ask that you leave them with their teachers and not linger. That just makes the separation harder for the child. We have a process in place to get those who need breakfast down to the cafeteria. Please do not take your child downstairs. By first grade, children are growing in independence and should be able to walk to their room by themselves.



### Dismissal:

We appreciate your help and support at dismissal time. The first week flowed well with buses and cars. Several students have not been assigned buses by their districts yet, so the number of students dismissing by car was larger than normal. It will get better within the next two weeks as the buses start up.



### Important Car Procedures:

- **All parents picking up their children should come into the parking lot and follow the car line.** *Do not come into school early or come along the walk on the side of the building for your child.* Teachers need to check off each child as he or she is dismissed to the car.
- Enter the driveway farthest from the school and Exit by the driveway closest to school.
- Stay in your cars and pull up as directed by our staff. Your child/ren will be brought to you when you stop near the center area where the children are waiting with teachers.
- *Please be patient.* If your child is seated in your car, but the car ahead is still settling children in seats, **stay in line. NEVER PASS** a car in the line. An extra minute of patience could save lives. Proceed out of the parking lot when the car/s ahead pull out.
- You may park in the lot if you wish and walk over to the center of the waiting area. A staff member will bring your child to you. For safety, it is better to stay in the car line.
- If you need to park across the street for a special reason, cross only with the crossing guard. Flower City is a very busy street and it is dangerous for you and your child to walk across at dismissal time. When you cross over, you still must walk through the parking lot to the center of the waiting area and ask a staff member for your child. *Do not ask your child to come to you.*
- **The street in front of school on Flower City Park is for buses only.**
- *If you do not want to wait too long in line, come about 2:50 or 2:55. Dismissal is 2:45-3:00.*

*The safety of all is of utmost importance and our first priority.*

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

### Staff Changes:

- ◆ *Ms. Christine Deutsch*, our technology teacher and school advocate, has been studying Catholic school administration through Notre Dame University since the summer of 2018. A position recently opened, and Ms. Deutsch was offered the position of principal at St.

Ambrose Academy (formerly St. John Neumann School). Her last day at Nazareth will be September 27. We thank Ms. Deutsch for her years of service at Nazareth and wish her well as she transitions back into the Diocesan Catholic School System. She is very excited to have this opportunity to put her administrative coursework into practice. I will be working to fill the technology position as soon as possible and will see what can be put in place for the advocate position as well.

- ◆ *Ms. Kathleen Knope* who joined us last year as our school nurse one day a week had two knee replacements this summer. She hopes to return to Nazareth later October. In the meantime, *Ms. Jeanne Guarino*, an RN and good friend of Ms. Knope, has begun filling in until Ms. Knope returns. We also work closely with Karon Hess, RN at Aquinas who oversees our nurse's office. Your children's health and well-being is of utmost importance.

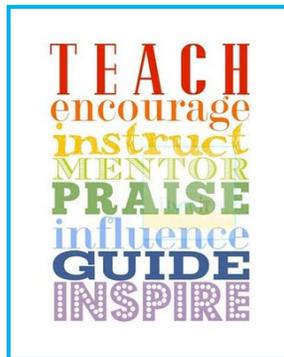
*If you know of anyone looking for part time work who is a certified teacher or a nurse, please have them check our website for more information.*

- ◆ We have also welcomed *Ms. Sarah Hannah* to Nazareth as our temporary Special Education teacher. RCSD sent her to us after they placed *Mrs. Irene Economou* full time at Holy Cross. We were very sorry to lose Mrs. Economou but are most grateful to Ms. Hannah for graciously coming out of retirement to help us out. RCSD is in process of finding a full time Special Ed teacher for Nazareth.

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Thank you for entrusting your children to our care.  
We are thrilled to have you as a part of our Nazareth family!  
On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, I welcome you!  
It is going to be a great year!

**May God bless each of us  
as we help our children grow in wisdom, faith, and love.  
We hope to see you on September 19th!**



*“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;  
together we can do great things.”  
Mother Teresa - St. Teresa of Calcutta*