



July 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 2019-2020 school year has come to an end and what a year it has been! There were many events and celebrations, numerous blessings and graces, and student growth and achievements all along the way. There were also the unexpected challenges that 2020 brought starting with the COVID-19 pandemic, months of distance learning, racial violence, and protests. As Christians, we have lived each day with faith, hope, and trust. We have supported one another on this journey, and we will continue to do so as a Nazareth family. With the grace of God, we will keep working, personally and communally, for a healthy, just, and peaceful world for all.

We have missed the children and all of you so much and look forward to the day (hopefully in September) when we can be together again in our warm and loving environment here at school. THANK YOU for ALL that you did to support Nazareth this year and to work with the teachers and your children on their virtual lessons since mid-March. You and the faculty have been awesome!

***This mailing comes to you packed with information. Please do take the time to review its contents and keep everything handy for the summer.***

**Report Cards** – Due to the school closure period, there have been modifications to our ways of teaching and assessing. A narrative progress report for the Fourth Quarter is included with the K-6 report cards. Third Quarter grades were added to the report card in areas that were possible to mark.

When you review the report with your child, praise her/his good efforts and ask what s/he is most proud of this year. Next, have a conversation about areas that could improve. Set some goals for the summer to review and reinforce skills regularly so your child's learning does not slip backward. Reinforcement – especially in reading, writing, and math – will help your child return to school with greater confidence and ready to begin a new year. All distance learning lessons will remain on each teacher's Google Classroom throughout the summer. If your child needs extra practice, review, or has lessons not completed, summer is the time to visit the Google Classrooms.



**Summer Learning Can Be Fun!** Read books together as a family. Have the children act out stories. Play games with math facts, make up math word problems, cook/bake using measurement in recipes. Exercise together. Draw nature scenes. Write about summer activities (in complete sentences!). The list is endless!

***For those children re-registered and those new for the 2020-2021 school year, the enclosed information will help everyone prepare for the opening of school:***

**Summer Reading Lists** – We encourage every child to read *at least 20-30 minutes each day* during the summer. For preschoolers or kindergarteners who are not yet readers, perhaps an older sibling or adult could read to them each day. Trips to the library are great family adventures!

**Calendar** – This gives you an overview of Nazareth's 2020-2021 days in session and holidays.

**Uniforms** – An information sheet with Nazareth's dress code and places to purchase uniforms.

**Health Information** – Please read the insert carefully.

**Back-to-School Supply Lists** – Supply lists for each grade level will be sent home mid-July so you have time to catch the best sales of the summer.



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## Additional Information

**Enrollment** – Twenty new children are registered for the fall so far, and we continue to take calls. However, we NEED YOUR HELP! Please think of a family – relative, colleague, neighbor – whose children would benefit from a Nazareth education. Returning to a smaller school setting like Nazareth’s will make the transition back to the classroom easier after all these months.

Did you know?

Encourage families to take our virtual tour and to give us a call. You are our recruiters. *If a family you encourage registers and stays through the first semester, you will receive \$300 off next January’s tuition. The more families you bring in, the greater your discount. We need the enrollment to grow and you can always use a discount, so it is a win-win for all! Just remember to fill out the Refer a Family Incentive Form!* Thank you for sharing the good news about Nazareth!

**Summer Meals** – There are many opportunities in the city for children to get a nourishing breakfast/lunch in the summer. Dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.SummerMealsRoc.org](http://www.SummerMealsRoc.org) for a complete list of locations and times.

**Farewell** – We say good-bye to our *Sixth Graders* and their families and wish them the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives. We held a wonderful parking lot recognition of these students on June 18. These students and their families have been a vital part of our school community and will definitely be missed.

To those *families not returning*, I thank you for your presence among us and your support throughout this year. We are very sad to see you go, but grateful that you and your children have touched our lives. You will always be a part of the Nazareth school community. Our door is always open if you wish to return.



**Gratitude** – As we move into summer, I want to recognize the entire Nazareth Faculty and Staff. They have been an inspiration in their dedication and hard work all year long! To the Faculty and Office Staff who worked round the clock during the last three months with distance learning, I say a huge Thank You!

I am most grateful to the parents who served on the School Advisory Committee, to Kristina Adolph for chairing SAC again, and to all of you who helped with our many fundraisers and school events. We definitely count all of you and your children among our blessings!

When people walk into Nazareth, they sense it is a special place of happiness and holiness, where faith, love, and learning thrive. Thank you for being a part of the Nazareth school community and allowing us to support you as the primary educators of your children. Know that whenever I pray, I pray in thanksgiving for all of you!

You will hear from us mid-August regarding the opening of school. *Save the dates:* **September 3** – Preschool/Kindergarten Orientation; **September 8** – Meet the Teacher; **September 9** – School Opens.

Please call our office if you have any questions. The main office will be open from 9:00am-3:00pm from July 6 through August 19. After that, we will resume regular hours.

Peace, prayers, and good health!

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