

# November Newsletter

Nazareth  
Elementary  
2023-2024

## Parent Teacher Conferences

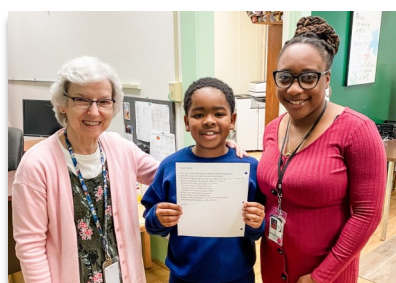
Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on November 15, 16, and 20. You will be receiving a range of times to choose from. Please send back your response as soon as possible. Your exact times will be confirmed once the master schedule is set up. The conferences are an opportunity for parents and teachers to review each child's progress and discuss strengths and challenges. They are a good time to set goals for the next quarter and beyond.



It is important for each child to have a parent or guardian attend a conference in November, so that home and school are able to work together for the success of every student.

## Daily Affirmations: A positive addition to morning announcements

As we continue to highlight kindness as our school wide theme, we have now incorporated Daily Affirmations to our morning announcements, after prayer and pledge. This has been a wonderful way to speak positivity to ourselves and one another, setting the tone for goodness and success every day. The students have wholeheartedly embraced this new practice!



### Mrs. Parker's Daily Affirmations

I am smart  
I am kind  
I am respectful  
I am loved  
I am capable  
I will try my best  
I will not give up

Today will be an AMAZING day!



Our Daily Affirmations can be found under **'Spotlight'** on the front page of our website.

## November at a glance!

Nov. 2	SAC Zoom Meeting at 6:00pm	Nov. 14	NCEA Online Day of Giving!
Nov. 7	<b>No School</b> / Teacher Conference Day	Nov. 15, 16 and 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov. 8	First Quarter Ends	Nov. 21	Chipotle Fundraiser. E. Ridge Rd Location or online
Nov. 10	<b>No School</b> / Veteran's Day Observed	Nov 22-24	<b>No School</b> / Thanksgiving Recess
Nov. 10 & 11	SSJ Christmas Sale	Nov. 29	ROC the DAY!
		Nov. 30	School Picture Make-Up Day

Dear Parents and Guardians,

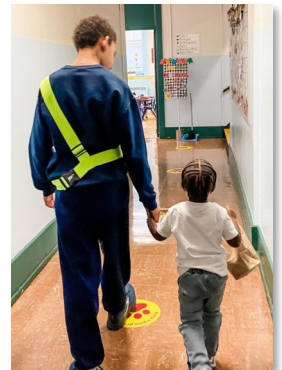
Grateful, Thankful, Blessed! We see these words on wall hangings, kitchen towels, table runners, greeting cards, posters, and more. Whenever I spot them, they call me to pause and ask if I take the time to be grateful, to say thanks, and to reflect on the blessings in my day, in my life. The month of November also reminds us to be grateful and to give thanks.



There are so many blessings in the ordinary events of our lives if we but look for them. We try to help the children be aware of blessed moments, God moments, in each day. Nazareth Elementary has many blessings too - unexpected donations, volunteers who support our programs, SAC members who work with great energy to make sure school events are successful, letters of gratitude received by former students, positive comments of visitors, and so on.

In November, we are grateful for the saints whose lives inspire us. We remember and celebrate our loved ones who have gone before us and enjoy the fullness of life. Our hearts are full of gratitude for those living and deceased who have proudly and courageously served, or now serve, in the military to make this a safer, just, and more peaceful world for all.

Acts of kindness surround us every day. Let us use this month to remember those who have shown kindness to us. Let us spread kindness with a smile, a positive word, a helping hand, a prayer, a note, or phone call. As a family, share a kindness shown or given each day. Look at the blessings of the day and say a prayer of gratitude before bed.



On behalf of the faculty and staff, I thank you for your many acts of kindness throughout the year. We thank God for you and your children, and we celebrate the many ways you enrich our lives! For you, we are grateful, thankful, and blessed!

May you have a heart-warming, joy-filled November! Peace, Sr. Margaret

## Milk Carton Shortage Impacts Schools

Schools in multiple states are experiencing an unexpected shortage of half pint paper cartons of milk. Nazareth will continue to serve milk with breakfast and lunch. Our plan to ensure that our students have a well balanced meal is to purchase 1/2 gallons of our usual milk options and then pour the milk into cups.

This will be a challenge and costly change, but we feel this alternative solution is the best for our children.



## Poet & Playwright, John Cieslinski Visits Grade 4

Mrs. Taylor's Grade 4 students embarked on a weeklong study of writing poetry. Mr. Cieslinski volunteered to share his expertise with us, providing kindness, humor and technique to make our journey successful.

Mr. Cieslinski is a poet, playwright, retired teacher, and all-around great guy. We were blessed to have his company for an entire week!



Pictures & videos from Mr. Cieslinski's visit can be found under '**Spotlight**' on our website.

## Administrative Assistant

We recently welcomed Ms. Carol Anne Cleary to Nazareth. May she know much joy among us. Do introduce yourself to her when you call or stop in! We gave Ms. Karen Spinello a send-off of gratitude and best wishes when she left to pursue a new job experience. We are grateful to Karen for her year of service to Nazareth.

## Remembering our Veterans

We remember and give thanks for our veterans in a special way in November. Each year, we like to display a list of **veterans, both living and deceased**, from the families of our staff and students so everyone at school can remember them in thoughts and prayer throughout November.

If you have loved ones who served in the military or are serving now, send in their names to Carol Anne Cleary in our office via 585.458.3786 or [cacleary@nazarethschools.org](mailto:cacleary@nazarethschools.org) by **Tuesday, Nov. 8th** and we will add them to our list.




## Increasing Field Trips and Enrichment Opportunities

We're striving to give a boost to our available funds for 2023-24 Field Trips. All monies donated during two upcoming online fundraising days will support enrichment for our kids. Details are available on our website under "Support Nazareth". We'll have links on the respective fundraising days on our **Facebook, Instagram** and **Linked In** pages. Thank you for sharing this news with other supporters of Catholic education!


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**NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP CAMPAIGN - TWO DAYS ONLY!**

ALL DONATIONS WILL FUND STUDENT FIELD TRIPS, TRANSPORTATION AND ADMISSION COSTS.



**Many Gifts, One Nation**  
A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools




**ROC**  
NOVEMBER 28  
**THE DAY**  
powered by United Way

**Tuesday, November 14th** – and – **Tuesday, November 28th**

This 24-hour online fundraising event in partnership with the National Catholic Educational Association encourages people that have been positively impacted by Catholic education to pay it forward by making a donation to local Catholic schools.

ROC the Day is a 24-hour, online giving extravaganza powered by United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes.


Nazareth is excited to participate for the first time in this National Day of Giving.



*Your support provides enrichment for our students!*

**Did you know?**

It costs **\$350** for one school bus for a field trip  
Admission/exhibit tickets range \$6-\$12 per student



Visit [www.nazarethschools.org](http://www.nazarethschools.org) to learn more





## Grade 6 Wax Museum

The curators at the Smithsonian would have been impressed! Our Grade 6 students held their “Wax Museum” for the school on 10/31.

As leaders in our school, the students did a wonderful job in choosing a historical person to research, write a paper on and then dress the part to bring the research to life. Visit our website under ‘**Spotlight**’ to learn more about the project and student choices.

**THANK YOU!** Many thanks to *all of you* who helped make the **Fall Festival** such a wonderful night for our children. It was heart-warming to see so many families gathering together!

A special thanks to Justine Cruz, Sandra Roe, Justine’s family, Nazareth staff and parents, student volunteers from Aquinas, Mercy, McQuaid and other schools who worked to make this event such a fun family experience and a great success! A link to all of the photos taken at the Fall Festival is available on the front page of our website.



## School Advisory Committee (SAC) Update!

Members of the School Advisory Committee are actively working on a variety of upcoming events to support our school. Stay tuned for information on **Santa’s Secret Shop** next month and then our biggest annual event the **Bowl-a-Thon** fundraiser in the spring. We will need volunteers for both events. Please consider sharing your time/talents to benefit our kids!



## Chipotle Fundraiser — Tuesday, November 21st from 4-8pm

Our fundraiser will be held on November 21st at the Irondequoit Chipotle, located at 1495 E. Ridge Road. Dine-in or order online for pick-up between 4-8pm on November 21st and our school will receive 33% of the sales.

Ordering online for pick-up? Don’t forget to include our code **2WDRNZ8** when placing your order.

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR NAZARETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST | 4-8PM**  
1495 E RIDGE RD, ROCHESTER, NY, 14621



ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **2WDRNZ8**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN THE RESTURANT



For online orders to count toward s the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fund raiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.