

January Newsletter

Nazareth
Elementary
2023-2024

❄️ A Message from Sr. Margaret! ❄️

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy 2024! We hope you and your loved ones had a joy-filled Christmas celebration. Sharing this special feast with family and friends is always such a blessing!

Many thanks for your beautiful cards, kind words, and thoughtful gifts at Christmas time. The faculty, staff, and I were so touched. You truly added to our Christmas joy!



On the feast of Christmas, we celebrated once again a simple gift, but the greatest gift of all. A tiny child was born to change the world! What does that gift mean for us? It is up to us to live the spirit of Christmas all year long. As we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany, we were reminded to follow the 'Star' that will light our way throughout the new year. Where will we find the "Star" in our everyday lives?



Epiphany prayer:

Loving God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Savior was born. We live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. May others encounter Jesus, the Prince of Peace, through us. Amen.

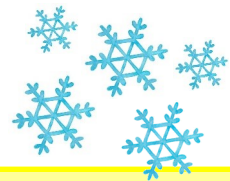
May your journey be a slow one of discovery like the Magi.

May your days be times of reflection and star-gazing like the shepherds.

May your hearts and homes be filled with the tender love shown to us by Mary and Joseph.

May you know peace and kindness all year long!

Sr. Margaret



Stay Tuned.
Coming Soon!

January 18-24	Grades 3-6: January Tests	January 25	2nd Quarter & 1st Semester end
January 19	Wellness Day: PK-Grade 2	January 28-Feb 3	Catholic Schools Week * Day by day details outlined on the next page!
January 23	Bowl-A-Thon/SAC Planning Meeting: 3-4pm	January 31	Open House for prospective new families: 9:30am-1:30pm



NAZARETH ELEMENTARY
CELEBRATES
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3

OUR 2024 THEME
WE'RE WALKING ON "**SON**"SHINE!

MONDAY
1/29

CELEBRATE COMMUNITY!

WEAR A BRIGHT COLORED SHIRT!



CARDS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS RECIPIENTS



TUESDAY
1/30

CELEBRATE FACULTY AND STAFF!

IT'S **CRAZY** SOCK DAY!



WEDNESDAY
1/31

CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOL!

DRESS TO IMPRESS IN SCHOOL UNIFORMS!

(NO PE UNIFORMS)

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES: 9:30-1:30



VALENTINE'S FOR VETERANS

THURSDAY
2/1

CELEBRATE VOCATIONS!

SUNDAES WITH SISTERS



A "Plan B" is in place
for children with
allergies. All will be
able to participate!

FRIDAY
2/2

CELEBRATE STUDENTS!

TIE DYE DAY AND SUNSHINE DANCE PARTY
AT OUR MORNING ASSEMBLY!





OPEN HOUSE

FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES!

JANUARY 31, 2024
9:30AM TO 1:30PM

- ✓ Full day Preschool - Grade 6
- ✓ Enrolling for Fall, 2024
- ✓ Financial Aid Available

NAZARETH ELEMENTARY
311 FLOWER CITY PARK, ROCHESTER, NY 14615
585-458-3786
WWW.NAZARETHSCHOOLS.ORG

*We can't wait
to meet you!*



**IMAGINE EVERY CHILD FINDING A SCHOOL WHERE FAITH, LOVE & LEARNING THRIVE...
YOU CAN HELP MAKE THAT HAPPEN!**

♥ REFER A FAMILY PROGRAM ♥

**SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT NAZARETH
AND RECEIVE A \$300 TUITION CREDIT!**

- ✓ When your friends enroll and stay through January, you'll earn the \$300 credit!
- ✓ For **every** family you refer, you'll receive \$300 off tuition.
- ✓ Contact the Business Office for details.

The more you refer, the more you save!

School News and Updates!

2024-25 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We're just a couple of weeks away from re-registering for the next school year. We will be sending registration information home very soon. The process will be easier this year now that you have used the FACTS system.

SPREAD THE WORD and SAVE!

We are looking for different and creative ways to market our school. This includes connecting with new families interested in joining Nazareth. Parents are our BEST recruiters! Please invite relatives, friends, neighbors and coworkers to learn more about the Nazareth experience.

Our Refer a Family Program rewards your efforts! Earn a **\$300 tuition credit** when a family you have referred enrolls and stays enrolled through January, 2025. Please contact the Business Office for additional details.



WINTER CLOTHES and UNIFORMS

Please be sure your child(ren) are bundled up well for the winter temperatures. If anyone is in need of winter jackets, hats, mittens or gloves, let the office know. Thanks to several generous donors, we have supplies to share!

Reminder! **School shoes** are a required part of our uniform. Boots are not safe or appropriate to wear all day in school.

Many children received new outerwear for Christmas. Please put your **child's name or initials** in all articles of clothing so we can help to quickly identify the owners. Thank you!

WELCOME to MR. JOHNSON and OFFICER BOYER!

New Teacher - Mr. Kyle Johnson has accepted the Grade 5 teaching position for second semester. Mr. Johnson is very excited and so are we! He will be teaching 5th and 6th grade social studies and science. Mrs. Olmo will continue teaching ELA and math to both grade levels.

Mr. Johnson was a journalist before pursuing a teaching career. He has been a teacher in charter schools and within the RCSD. He has more recently begun to write children's books on the side. A fun fact?! Our very own art teacher, Mrs. Hummel, is the illustrator for his books!! She in fact recruited him for Nazareth!

Safety Support – All schools, public and nonpublic, continue to move with the times, and that includes taking new safety measures for staff and students. Nazareth is thrilled to have entered into a contract with Patriot Protection with the blessing of the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Officer Jeff Boyer will be on our campus from 10:00-3:00 each school day. He will be a friendly presence among the children, joining them on the playground, in classrooms, and even in the lunch room on occasion. He'll monitor safety around the building and be a support for faculty and staff. Officer Boyer will also be outside at dismissal time. He comes with many years of experience and his responsibilities will grow as he gets to know Nazareth. Everyone will recognize Officer Boyer by his red company uniform shirt. We know the children will come to know him as a friend. He began on January 19th and is already immersed in our life at Nazareth!

DECEMBER WAS JAM PACKED WITH GOODNESS!

So much so, that we don't have enough room to share everything in our newsletter! Please visit www.nazarethschools.org for details about:



- ✓ Pre-K 4's Nativity Prayer Service
- ✓ Grade 2's Building a Free Standing Christmas Tree Project
- ✓ Grade 3's Kindness Challenge raises money for The Pirate Toy Fund
- ✓ Grade 4's "Classroom on the Go" Trip to Ganondagon

A Quick December Recap

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We have a wonderful opportunity to gather as a Nazareth community on December 5th for our Christmas Concert. Mrs. Mayo and our students did an amazing job putting everyone in the holiday spirit!



Our friends at **The Aquinas Institute** provided tremendous support by arranging bus transportation for the kids to attend rehearsal, gifting us the use of their auditorium and sound equipment for the rehearsal and evening performance. Thanks to AQ's generosity, the concert was live-streamed for family and friends at a distance to enjoy! Please visit our website, www.nazarethschools.org to enjoy the show. Thank you, Aquinas!



SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

A heartfelt "thank you" to our School Advisory Co-Chair, Sandra Roe, and our many volunteers for their time, talents, and organization of this year's event! Several friends and family members of Nazareth donated items that helped to raise over \$1000.00 for our school. The students had a wonderful time thoughtfully purchasing gifts for loved ones on their shopping list. It was a great couple of days!



DREAM BUILDERS FIRST LEGO LEAGUE TEAM

We are proud to share that our Dream Builders First Lego League Team successfully competed in their first competition on December 16th at **McQuaid Jesuit** and brought home the CORE VALUES Trophy! Not only did the students represent Nazareth in the very best way through their research and robotics work, but they have provided a strong benchmark for our future team members to reach.



We'd like to extend our sincere gratitude to **Mr. Aaron Schnittman**, a teacher and Robotics Coordinator at McQuaid. Mr. Aaron, through a grant secured by McQuaid's **IgKNIGHTers Robotics Team** provided exceptional resources and support for our students. He also made the commitment to come weekly to Nazareth and bring one of his robotics students to work with Mrs. Taylor and our Dream Builders Team.

Our robotics team's success over the last few months was possible because of Mrs. Taylor, Sr. Connie, and Mr. Aaron's guidance and support. THANK YOU!

BOWL-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Friday, April 26th 2024 6:00-9:00pm

RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT
NAZARETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**SAVE
THE DATE**

BOWL-A-THON FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH 6:00 TO 9:00PM



BOWLERO ROCHESTER

2400 EMPIRE BLVD. WEBSTER, NY 14580

REGISTER AS A TEAM OF 6 - OR - AS AN INDIVIDUAL
EACH PARTICIPANT MUST RAISE OR PAY \$40 TO PLAY

REGISTRATION WILL INCLUDE:

3 HOURS OF BOWLING, SHOE RENTAL,
2 SLICES OF PIZZA, AND UNLIMITED DRINKS.



SAVE THE DATE & STAY TUNED FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS!

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BOWL-A-THON FUNDRAISER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH 6:00 TO 9:00PM
BOWLERO ROCHESTER IN WEBSTER



KINGPIN PACKAGE \$500

- * Name/Logo recognition on the **main page** of school website and social media.
- * Recognition in April-June 2024 Friends of Nazareth Newsletter sent to 3000+ including donors, and supporters, Nazareth Academy & Nazareth Hall Alumni.
- * Recognition link to our website in The Sisters of St. Joseph E-Blessings Newsletter sent to 4000+.
- * Table and/or giveaways at the event
- * Waived registration for 6-person bowling team. \$240 value

STRIKES & SPARES PACKAGE \$250

- * Name/Logo recognition on the school website and social media.
- * Recognition in the May, 2024 Friends of Nazareth Newsletter sent to 3000+.
- * Recognition link in The Sisters of St. Joseph E-Blessings Newsletter sent to 4000+.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Contact Justine Cruz: (585) 333-0494 Justine123456@gmail.com



This is our largest school fundraiser of the year and we need you!

1. **Save the date!** Invite family and friends to bowl with your family or "sponsor" you. The cost is \$40 per person to bowl.
2. If you or someone you know has a business and would like to be a **Bowl-A-Thon Sponsor**, please contact our School Advisory Co-Chair, Justine Cruz for details. Text/call: (585) 333-0494 or email: Justine123456@gmail.com
3. **We need BOWL-A-THON committee members!** Our School Advisory Committee (SAC) is looking for **additional parents/guardians to help make this event successful** for our kids and school! Please consider donating your time and talent. Call/text Sandra Roe, School Advisory Co-Chair: (585) 953-7247 or email: roe4898@gmail.com to connect