



# February 2024

## NEWSLETTER

### A Note from Sr. Margaret!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have entered fully into this new month and second semester! The children have grown so much in so many ways since September! For some, one of their greatest accomplishments has been to pass up the principal in height!

Our children are growing academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally. It is heartwarming to watch them blossom into confident learners, and faith-filled, compassionate young people. We will continue to nurture this growth as we move through February with the study of positive role models in African American history and the themes of kindness, justice, respect, and love.

I thank our amazing faculty and staff for sharing their compassionate hearts, amazing creativity, and energetic spirits. We thank you, the primary educators of your children, for your awesome support too. When we all work together, the children reap the benefits!

We united in spirit and love last week as we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. There were many activities planned that showed that we walk together in faith, community, learning, and service. CSW is always one special way to highlight all that we are, all that we do, and all that we offer at Nazareth!

During February, may **LOVE** guide all of our thoughts, words, and actions. Let us reflect on the example of Jesus, our true role model, as Lent begins on February 14. It is interesting that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday coincide this year – one a day that celebrates love and the other the start of a liturgical season that celebrate the gift of a life freely give out of love.

Let us take to heart the words and actions of so many people who fought for peace and justice for all as we celebrate Black History month. Each one of us is called to: serve, listen to one another, embrace diversity, reach out to the poor and marginalized, suffer with those who suffer and rejoice with those who rejoice. Happy February! Happy Lent!

Wishing you hearts full of love!  
Peace and blessings, Sr. Margaret



### Upcoming Events!

- **February 1** – School Advisory Committee Zoom Mtg. 6pm
- **February 8** – AQ sophomores - service at Nazareth
- **February 8** – Board Meeting – 4:30-6:00pm
- **February 9-16** – DiBella's fundraiser – Ridgeway site and online -- **A WEEKLONG FUNDRAISER!**
- **February 14** – Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday
- **February 19-23** – Presidents Day & Winter Recess/NO SCHOOL
- **Celebrating Black History all month!**





NAZARETH ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!



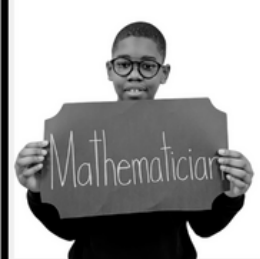
#CELEBRATINGCSW2024

**Monday:** We made "Thinking of You" cards for Meals on Wheels recipients & dressed in bright colors to 'kick off' Catholic Schools Week!

**Tuesday:** We celebrated our faculty and staff while everyone wore CRAZY SOCKS!

**Wednesday:** "What I want to be" photos for every class were unveiled! Visit our [website](#) &/or [Facebook](#) page to see the many vocations of interest to our children.

When  
I grow up,  
I want  
to be a...



The students also made **Valentines for Veterans.**

The cards will be distributed at our local VA Hospitals. *Thank you* to Mrs. Hierlwimmer and Officer Boyer. Both shared military uniforms for the kids to see and try on, offering an added real-life perspective to vocations.







## Sundaes with Sisters!

During Catholic Schools Week, we explored the meaning of “vocations.” Nazareth is blessed to have TWELVE Sisters teaching and/or working in our school!

To honor our Nazareth history and connect with our Sisters, each classroom conversed with a Sister and shared ice cream. Younger children were surprised to learn that Sisters have families and pets! Older students pondered the idea of being called to this special vocation.

We appreciate our Sisters for sharing their lives, knowledge and time with us.



Sr. Alice (above) with Pre-K 3 and Sr. Mary Anne (right) with Pre-K 4.



## WELLNESS DAYS RECAP!

Mrs. Parker and her team of Wellness Assistants provided students a short window of time outside the classroom to embrace social emotional learning skills. Wellness Days provide the kids with different ways to approach “big feelings” using deep breathing, meditation, and effective communication tools.

**Pre K - Grade 2 students** focused on playing together with kindness and sensory activities (kinetic sand, painting, playdough, musical instruments.)

**Grade 3-6 students** worked on communication, teambuilding and leadership skills. This age group practiced meditation, played the “Telephone Game” to show how easily messaging can easily be altered and practiced mindfulness painting, for example.

### Social-Emotional Learning

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Social Awareness
- Relationship Skills
- Responsible Decision-Making
- Future Self



The “Telephone Game” demonstrated the importance of great communication skills



Breathing exercises and meditation practice

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

## It is Registration Time!

Current Families – The re-registration period has to be done through FACTS. Watch for detailed information to come out very soon!

Once the site opens, **please register right away so your child is guaranteed a spot for next year.** The registration fee is \$100.

We sincerely hope your children will continue their education at Nazareth for your family is a vital part of our school community!

*Scan me*



Scan the code with your phone to visit our website

## REFER A FAMILY, SAVE ON TUITION!

### Refer a Family & Save on Tuition

Invite a family to register at Nazareth and receive a **\$300 tuition discount for EACH family you bring in!**

Family and friends can visit our web site [www.nazarethschools.org](http://www.nazarethschools.org) or scan the QR Code for information. We are always very happy to talk with any interested parent by phone and schedule a tour too.

## Family Recruitment -- Share what you know!

Recruitment – It is very important for Nazareth to grow its enrollment for greater financial sustainability. We need your help!

As the registration process begins, we rely on you to spread the word about Nazareth. **We know that parents are our best recruiters!** Parents looking for a school like to talk with those who already have children in the school. Think of how Nazareth has blessed your family and then share that with others.

Invite others to explore our [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages for more information!



## Curriculum Corner

**Assessments** – Students in grades 3-6 recently completed their mid-year assessments in the core subjects.

The test results showed the hard work of teachers and students throughout the quarter.

**Report Cards** – These have just been sent home. We encourage you to find a special time to go over the report card with your child. It is important to discuss strengths, work habits, and personal growth. Help your child set realistic goals for second semester. Home and school working together produces amazing results! Let us help each child be self-motivated, discover new gifts, and meet success throughout second semester.



# Parent Involvement!

**STRONGER  
TOGETHER**

Your involvement as a parent/guardian is essential for our school's success! Your time and talents can make a significant difference. Each upcoming event relies on your support.

You don't have to be a member of our SAC/School Advisory Committee, but your commitment and assistance with one of the upcoming planned events is truly needed & appreciated!

Over 90% of our school community benefits from financial assistance. Fundraising events allow us to provide scholarship funds and balance operational costs to educate our students.

Please contact Sandra, SAC Co-Chair to see where you can help.  
Text/call: 585-953-7247 or email: [roe4898@gmail.com](mailto:roe4898@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

February 9-16: DiBella's Fundraiser  
Flyer available on our website & social media - please share!

March 14-18: Double Goods Popcorn  
Online Fundraiser - Details coming!

✦ April 26: Bowl-A-Thon: 6-9PM ✦  
Parent/Family Involvement is needed to gather donations (gift cards, raffle items, etc.) and day of event support.

May 31: Sweetheart Dance

June 9: Chiavetta's BBQ Fundraiser

## RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT NAZARETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# 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 [msjustinecruz@yahoo.com](mailto:msjustinecruz@yahoo.com)



**SAVE  
THE DATE**

## NAZARETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOWL-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Our biggest fundraiser of the year!  
Friday, April 26 from 6:00-9:00pm.

Adults and children can form teams.  
It's a fun evening for relatives, friends, and neighbors! Start thinking of teams now!

## BE AMAZING!

**Gift cards and donation items  
are needed for the Bowl-A-Thon!**

Our raffles and Silent Auction are so much more fun when we have great items to bid on.

If you or someone you know owns a business or would like to donate an item or gift card, please contact Justine at [ms.justinecruz@yahoo.com](mailto:ms.justinecruz@yahoo.com) or by texting 585-333-0494



# DiBella's Fundraiser - February 9-16!

## DiBella's Subs

### Dine **TO** Donate Online

**Support a great cause while enjoying Rochester's favorite subs!**

Place an order online or in store from February 9 - February 16



**20% of your check will be donated to:**

Nazareth Elementary School

Using code: **NAZARETH20**

#### In store

1. When checking out, mention the fundraiser's code to have 20% of your subtotal donated to Nazareth.

#### Online

1. Order online at **order.dibellas.com** 2. Select your store and items you'd like to order  
3. Click "checkout"  
4. Enter code **NAZARETH20** in the "Dine to Donate" box under the payment method



#### Ordering for "The BIG Game?"

Support Nazareth using code **NAZARETH20**



**Order online or visit us in the Greece location at:  
2540 Ridgeway Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14626**

**DINE-IN » TAKEOUT » DELIVERY » CURBSIDE | Order at DiBellas.com**

*Valid for orders in store and online placed at DiBellas.com or via the DiBella's mobile app only. Not valid on 3rd party or catering orders.*



Thank you for supporting our Nazareth,  
**Where Faith, Love, and Learning Thrive!**

