



Nazareth School

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Dear Parents:

Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

As we conclude our Catholic Schools Week festivities, we look around at all of the activities – in and out of the classroom – that are happening at Nazareth and it's important to take a moment and reflect upon how very special our school – our community – is. Our students and their families and the dedicated people who individually and collectively staff our schools truly exhibit and live the qualities that define the Catholic Schools' Week theme: Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Historically, Catholic Schools have been known for those qualities and for the contributions that people associated with Catholic education as students, teachers, family members, and supporters make to our communities locally and globally. These qualities are especially important to us at Nazareth School and exemplify our best characteristics. Some things to consider:

- ❖ At Nazareth School, we **learn** each and every day. We learn in our classrooms; we learn on our fields; we learn through formal teaching in the classrooms; we learn through all of the activities that take place before, during and after school. Our students are learners, but so are the adult members of our community. Our staff members are consistently participating in professional development activities that will enhance our school's learning environment.
- ❖ At Nazareth School, we recognize that as people of faith we are called to **serve** one another. Food Drive Fridays, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, the Christmas Toy Drive, our support of the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) and our visits to Nazareth House are all activities through which our community supports others in the local and global communities. Our Middle School Students share their time and talents with others as they fulfill their service requirements; every quarter we recognize the many students who extend themselves beyond the requirement. We appreciate the many adults who serve and support our school and its growth through their time, talent, treasure and energy.
- ❖ At Nazareth School, we celebrate the qualities that allow each person in our community to **lead**. Our Student Council members share their talents as leaders with our school. Our elder prayer buddies are leaders to their younger partners as we pray together at Mass and in special classroom activities. Athletics, robotics, drama and scouting provide opportunities for students to share their leadership with members of their teams and groups and with our community. We are grateful for members of our adult community who share their leadership skills as they direct PTG events, including tomorrow's Grandparents' Day, and fundraisers that nurture the social and physical environments of the school. We also celebrate the leadership of our teachers and the Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth.
- ❖ At Nazareth School, we create opportunities for our students to **succeed** every day. Success is found in the classrooms; it is found in the many activities in which our students participate. Our graduates consistently find success as they continue their formal educations in high schools and colleges. Past graduates visit our campus and share memories and thoughts regarding how Nazareth School led them to success in their lives. As we begin to assemble a formal database of our alumni, we hope to share their many success stories.

With nearly 95 years of experiences shared with our students and their families, the Sisters of Nazareth can be truly proud of the school they founded in San Diego. The community of Nazareth School, San Diego, is a Catholic School that exemplifies the CSW theme: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed!

Blessings to you and your families!
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