



Nazareth School

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Dear Parents:

Our school year is truly winding down and this time finds us embracing plans for the coming year. While there are a few days before employment agreements are due, it appears that all of our teachers will be returning next year. With that in mind, we are already planning a very smooth transition into the 2018-19 school year. The teachers have worked collaboratively to prepare reading and math packets that will help avoid the "summer slump." Next week, they will be visiting the students they will teach next year to talk about the summer work and to share their classroom plans for an exciting 2018-19 school year.

There are several projects being planned for summer renovations around the campus. Plans for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the elementary school have been approved and the installation will begin the day after school dismisses for the summer. The summer project that will most directly impact student learning will be the installation of eight more interactive white boards. When the students and teachers return in August, there will be new projectors and MAXPADs in all of the classrooms, the science room and in the preschool music room. This new technology is sure to enliven the learning environment for all of our students!

Our PTG Board is also making plans for next year. Ms. Aimee Sage will be the PTG President for next year. Other Board responsibilities will be determined at the end of the summer. The chairpersons for the special PTG events include: Mrs. Melissa Hubbard, Halloween Carnival; Mrs. Christy Conway, Turkey Trot; Mrs. Angelica Davis and Mrs. Yvette Munoz, Grandparents Day; Mr. Marc Mizuta and Mr. Bob Rieger, Nazareth Cup and Mrs. Araceli Durazo, Mrs. Emma Gorou and Mrs. Vallerie Dalrymple, Nazareth Night. Thank you to all of these parents for sharing their leadership skills with our community. There will be a Turkey Trot meeting next Tuesday to set up committees and get a head start on event planning; if you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to get involved, please contact Christy Conway.

Before we start to focus completely on the future, it is important to celebrate the moments and activities that graduation brings. This week, our Eighth Grade students began their "graduation journey" with several traditional activities. On Wednesday, they enjoyed a special retreat and were able to reflect on the relationships that they have developed as Nazareth students. Today, we recognized their longevity at Nazareth School with the Ribbon Ceremony. Next week will be filled with other traditions and fun activities that will bring their Nazareth School days to a close. The graduation of the 29 members of the Class of 2018 on Thursday will also find us saying good bye to 17 families who will be pursuing new paths in their life journeys. Some families have only recently joined the Nazareth Community; others have been a part of this community for many, many years. All have made unique contributions to who we are and to the road that will lead to our school's future. We have been truly blessed by their presence in our lives and we pray that God blesses each graduate and his or her family, and may all carry the spirit of the Nazareth Way in their hearts in their future endeavors.

Blessings,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio, Principal