



Nazareth School

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Dear Parents:

This has been a very busy week in our community. It has also been a very typical week for us in the sense that our special events focused on prayer, learning and community building.

The local chapter of the Serra Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary on Thursday with a special liturgy and luncheon to which our 8th Graders were invited. The Serra Club encourages all of us to respond to God's call as we seek the vocation that is uniquely ours. The organization also promotes vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. During his homily, Fr. Billy shared his own experiences in responding to God's call, sharing with the 8th Graders that when he wrote his Serra Essay as a student he did not anticipate that one day he would be a priest concelebrating a liturgy with many priests who had been mentors in his education. The students also enjoyed a pizza and salad lunch with the Serrans after the liturgy. Our thanks to Mrs. Flo Murphy of the Serra Club and Fr. Peter for including our students in this special event.

Our PTG meeting Wednesday evening provided a very informative presentation on issues related to internet safety for our children. Ms. Lisa Ringel of the Task Force for Internet Crimes Against Children shared insights from both research and professional experiences regarding issues that all of us face as social media and internet sites expand. For the safety of our children it is vital that all of us become more educated in terms of the serious, and often life-threatening, consequences that occur when apps or websites are used inappropriately or without sufficient care. Unfortunately, only 22 families attended the evening's presentation. If you were unable to attend, you may want to reach out to a parent who attended, a PTG Board Member, or your child's teacher for more information. The school is currently working with Ms. Ringel's office to schedule a time for her to meet with our Middle School students. Following the break for the holidays, the faculty will be reviewing the school's internet and cyberbullying policies in light of new legislation. Information will be shared with you as we go through this process.

Throughout the week, Trotter energy filled the air as we prepared for today's Turkey Trot. What a great day of fun fundraising and community building. Thank you to Mrs. Christy Conway and all of the parent volunteers for organizing this annual special event! We are well on track to exceed our goal of \$30,000. Every extra donation, however, helps provide more resources for our students and teachers – so as you visit with family friends over this holiday week, remember that the window to earn prizes concludes on December 1st and we are looking forward to our most successful Turkey Trot ever.

On behalf of our Nazareth School staff, I hope that all of you enjoy a Thanksgiving holiday filled with special moments with family and friends.

Blessings to you and your families,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio
Principal