



# Nazareth School

October 26, 2018

Dear Parents:

Today we had a very special opportunity to celebrate our school liturgy in the Mission Church. The celebration allowed us not only to pray together as a community, it was also a reminder of the holy traditions that have influenced our special history here at Nazareth. In your family discussions, you may want to talk about traditions that are associated with our school and community.

Halloween has arrived at Nazareth School! The excitement has been building all week! Last week, the sixth grade students brought an early Halloween treat to the Residents at Nazareth House – Halloween Bingo. Pumpkins (a few of them from our school garden) are decorating desks and classrooms. The energy has also been building for tonight's Halloween Carnival. Mrs. Melissa Hubbard and parent volunteers have been preparing for this favorite community event. Please remember that the event requires many volunteers throughout the evening; please add your hands and energy to our games and other activities so that we can make this a wonderful evening for our children!

As you visit the Carnival, you may want to check out the classroom doors -- their decorations celebrate the theme associated with Red Ribbon Week, "Life is Your Journey; Travel Drug-Free". Thank you to our Student Council Officers and their Advisors for organizing events for our schoolwide discussion of RRW messages. The winners of the Door Decorating Contest will be announced next week.

Our Nazareth Community will be celebrating the Mexican tradition of *Dia de los Muertos* in their Spanish classes next week. This holiday that honors those who have gone before us and keeps their memories close to our hearts has become an international event celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in many cultures. When you are on campus, you may want to see the beautiful display in the auditorium, and then at home ask your children what they have learned about this tradition. Thank you to Mrs. Mendez and our parent volunteers for creating this exhibit of remembrance.

On Monday, we will launch our Turkey Trot fundraiser! The Turkey Trot has become one of our major fundraisers and its profits have supported major school improvements, including the renovations of the Ms. Myke Courts and the installation of the interactive whiteboards. The event itself is also a fun and festive community day for students and parents. Student donation pages will open in approximately a week. Please look for information in the Nazareth News.

The month of November will begin with a beautiful All Saints Day liturgy! Our Kinder and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students have planned a wonderful procession of Saints who remind us of the many holy men and women who are such great examples as we live our faith. Thank you to Mrs. Burdine and Mrs. Senter for providing guidance to our students as they prepared the prayers and meditations that they will share with us. Thank you, also, to our choir directed by Mr. and Mrs. Horning. What a beautiful way to begin this month! Just a reminder: All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation and we encourage members of our adult community to attend Mass.

Blessings to you and your families,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio, Principal