



Nazareth School

October 3, 2019

Dear Parents:

Last Friday was the mid-point of the 1st Quarter. While I hope that you were able to review your children's grades on Gradelink, the teachers have also prepared mid-quarter reports that you can review. This is an important time for you and your children to review the goals that you set for the academic quarter. Some things to consider are:

- Are your study routines providing positive support for the completion of homework and the review of class lessons? Is there a plan in place for your child to consistently turn in his/her work?
- Are the organizing tools -- binders, planners, study guides, highlighters, sticky notes – being used efficiently to support student learning?
- If achievement is coming easily, is it time to consider enrichment activities or the pursuit of supplemental activities through Accelerated Reader or other web-based programs such as Kahn Academy?
- If meeting achievement goals is a challenge, what resources can be employed to make learning more efficient and effective?
- Is this a good time for you or your child (especially middle school children) to discuss achievement goals with the student's teacher?

Please sign one of the Progress Reports and return it in the Family Envelope on Monday. Know that the teachers are available to respond to your concerns and to assist you in planning for your child's success.

The next three weeks will bring some fun activities to our Nazareth community. If you have not already done so, be sure to mark your calendars:

- A week from tomorrow, Oct. 11th we will enjoy our annual Fall Family Picnic. Our thanks to our Grillmaster Mr. Feuchter and his team as well as PTG volunteers. Look for your lunch order forms in the Family Envelope.
- The school library will be converted into a wintry wonderland when the Scholastic Arctic Adventure Book Fair reminds us that there is *Snow Much to Read!* The book fair will open October 21st and close Friday, October 25th. You may want to get a head start on holiday shopping as well as purchases for vacation reading.
- The Halloween Carnival and all of its fun will be held October 25th. Thank you to the many parents who are planning the activities. It's not too late to get involved; there will be another planning meeting next week on October 9th.

Lastly, thank you for your support as the teachers attend professional development activities tomorrow. A variety of workshops is being offered at the Diocesan Professional Learning and Development Day; workshop topics include: guided reading classroom activities, effective use of STAR assessment data, development and use of curriculum maps to ensure effective classroom instruction and strategies related to innovative classrooms. The preschool teachers will be participating in their second course regarding catechetical instruction for our youngest students. All of us hope to enjoy a day of learning and sharing with our colleagues from across the Diocese of San Diego.

Blessings to you and your families,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio, Principal