



# Nazareth School

October 5, 2018

Dear Parents:

This week we have seen a bit of a shift in weather – not that we can claim *real* weather in San Diego! But shifting temperatures and cloudy conditions remind us a bit of Indian Summers and Tropical Storms. At Nazareth, we are embracing the events that remind us that the Autumn season is upon us:

- Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Foss and other volunteers who organized today's Fall Family Picnic. The picnic that celebrates the beginning of Autumn among members of our community is a relaxing, and tasty, tradition for students, families and our staff.
- Pee Wee Soccer is making its Nazareth debut! Our fall sports will include Pee Wee Soccer for the first time in many years. Many thanks to Mr. Browder and our parent volunteers for organizing this afterschool activity for our K – 4 grade students! If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Mr. Browder.
- Planning for the Halloween Carnival is well underway. Check the Nazareth News if you would like to participate as a committee volunteer. Melissa Hubbard will be chairing a meeting next week. The committee is planning some new events to keep this ever-popular tradition fun and exciting.
- In just a few weeks, the Library will become an Enchanted Forest of reading treasures. The Book Fair, an annual Fall event, offers a great opportunity to conveniently pick up some fun reading materials and early Christmas gifts. Additionally, it provides the school with Scholastic Dollars, earned through the event's profits. This week Mrs. Prentice purchased a new classroom rug for our 1<sup>st</sup> graders and additional books and resources for the library with Scholastic Dollars.
- Our Student Council is leading our community in the collection of new socks as part of a Socktober Drive. This event is a call to use this time and season to respond to our Christian commitment to learn about and serve the needs of others. Donations will be sent to Catholic Charities services.

The school year reflects so many of the different and seasonal cycles of our lives. While the weather does not feel like a traditional autumn, it is important to reflect on the harvests that our efforts – academically, spiritually, socially and physically – create.

## **A Prayer in Autumn...**

Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle,  
through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and to autumn.

We thank You for the sun and the wind, the rain and the dew,  
the minerals of the earth and all the plants that grow and all the beasts and birds of farm and field.

We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth for man's good.

Dear God, help us to use Your rich gifts as You want us to.

Teach us to share them with our neighbor when he is in need.

Make us see, in the marvelous succession of seasons,  
and in the growth and ripening of our crops, the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence.

Help us to realize, too, that if we keep Your commandments  
and live according to the inspirations of Your grace,  
we shall also reap a plentiful harvest in the autumn of our lifetime:  
a harvest that we will be able to enjoy for ever and ever, Amen.

*Prayer in Autumn for Country Living, Catholic Online*

Blessings to you and your families!

Dr. Colleen Mauricio, Principal