



Nazareth School

September 14, 2018

Dear Parents:

Our school year is off to a busy start; academic lessons, sports, clubs and PTG events are becoming a part of our daily Nazareth School life. We are quickly approaching the mid-point of the 1st Quarter. As these September weeks are quickly passing by, please note the following:

- Make sure that you have your login information for Gradelink. You may find that a scheduled review and discussion of your child's grades is a valuable communication tool for promoting conversations regarding your child's academic progress and achievement.
- The students are currently participating in the STAR assessments. Three official testing windows are set by the Diocese of San Diego. Please support your children and the teachers by making sure that the students arrive punctually and have had a balanced breakfast. The assessments provide the teachers with more data to better serve the academic needs of the students.
- Please note on your calendars the PTG General Meeting on September 19th. All parents are members of the PTG and as part of their family commitment are expected to attend at least three meetings a year. At September's meeting, the PTG Board is providing an opportunity for parents to share their ideas for school improvement and growth.
- After school programs are getting underway! Check the Nazareth News for dates and times of our various sports and club activities. We have schedules already for football, cheerleading, drama and robotics. This is indeed a busy campus!
- Morning traffic has been difficult this week. Consequently, many people are racing through the drop-off loops at rates that endanger the safety of the children. We will be putting out reminders to slow down, but it is the responsibility of all of us to create a safe environment on a daily basis.

In today's envelope, you are receiving information regarding NO-GO-TELL, the training program that the Diocese of San Diego mandates that we share with our students and their families. Nazareth School and the Sisters of Nazareth are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all students. Please review the information with your children and then follow up with them after they have heard the presentation in class. During the course of the week, teachers will further the discussion by directing students to report any situations that they know to be unacceptable. As part of our Core Values, we teach and practice that maintaining a safe environment is the responsibility of all.

Last but not least, 8th grader Rohan Murali received national recognition as one of the Top 300 Masters in the 2018 Broadcom MASTERS, a program of the Society for Science and the Public. This honor places him among the top 300 middle school science and engineering projects winners in the United States from 2,537 entrants. Rohan's science project is entitled *Functional Orthotic Materials: Force Reduction during Impacts*. Rohan's project will next be evaluated on the national level. Mrs. Reed, who guided Rohan in the development of his science fair project, said that Rohan is the first Nazareth student to receive such a high recognition. Congratulations, Rohan; great work!

Blessings to you and your families,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio
Principal