



August 21, 2020

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

I feel very blessed to be starting our 2020-2021 school year at Nazareth, with the spirit of the Sisters of Nazareth's Core Values of love, respect, hospitality, compassion, patience, and justice. Our community is such an amazing and supportive group of parents, guardians, teachers, and staff. The entire Nazareth staff has been working tirelessly, all summer long, to ensure your children receive a Catholic faith filled and high-quality education. I would like to personally thank them for all of their love and devotion to our amazing Nazareth School.

In addition, I wanted to thank the entire Nazareth Community for your beautiful smiles and happy hearts, during our Book Pickup this Wednesday and Thursday. It was a tremendous pleasure to meet you all, and put a face to the warm emails and friendly calls.

Welcome Assembly:

This week's Nazareth News is packed full of critical information to assist in making our first day of distance learning a success. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Nazareth Welcome Back Assembly, on Monday morning, at 8:30am.

Students will be participating through their grade specific Zoom classrooms; teachers will be facilitating the assembly Zoom for their students.

Parents if you would like to also join, please see invitation below:

Topic: Nazareth School Welcome Back Assembly

Time: Aug 24, 2020 08:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89350553730?pwd=UDJqSG10Z3p3YnNvWkY4UjN3TkQxdz09>

Meeting ID: 893 5055 3730

Passcode: Nazareth

Return to On-Campus Learning:

We are very blessed that the San Diego County has been removed from the state mandated watch list. Nazareth has been working tirelessly to get ready for the eventuality of returning to in-person instruction. All of our classrooms are ready and waiting to be filled with all of your wonderful children's laughter.

Please note third, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth grade will be moving to the St. Joseph Building, and first grade has been relocated to the Science Room in Upper Campus. Thanks to the Sisters of Nazareth support, we will be able to teach every student with 6 feet of social distancing in every classroom.

Our Nazareth Reopening Plan is completed and being reviewed by the Nazareth Board of Directors this weekend. According to the San Diego County and the State of California, we are on the countdown to being permitted to reopen schools in San Diego.

As soon as I receive the Nazareth Board's approval of our Nazareth Reopening Plan, I will be emailing our plan to the Nazareth School Community, posting it on our school website and linking it to the San Diego Diocese website. At that time, I will be able to give an exact date of when Nazareth School will be returning to on campus instruction. Even when we return to campus, we will continue to offer distance learning all year long, in every classroom through Zoom. If your child is sick, or presents a Covid-19 symptom, we ask that you keep them home and follow the Covid-19 protocols.

We have linked the Covid-19 symptoms and San Diego County Fever/Covid-19 Symptoms Decision Tree in the Nazareth News. In addition, all of the distance learning and Covid-19 resources listed in the newsletter may also be found on our website.

It will be our collective responsibility to work together to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, and keep our campus open, once we return to school. We ask that every parent please screen your children prior to leaving your home, before leaving for school.

When we return to campus, we will make sure our return to school plan is safe and executed in a purposeful manner. We will be opening Nazareth School campus in a rolling fashion, to guarantee all safety protocols are followed and practiced. It will take place over a four-day period, by day 4 all classes will be back on campus. Nazareth will be allowing only a few new classes a day to return to campus, some from upper campus and some from St. Joseph's. I understand that this may pose a difficulty for families who may have some of their children remaining in distance learning, while others are returning physically to campus. It is our intent to open Nazareth in the safest manner possible, to ensure our students and teachers remain healthy. Please see the schedule below:

Day One: Kindergarten and First Grade will return to campus only.

Day Two: Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade and Third Grade will return to campus only.

Day Three: Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade will return to campus only.

Day Four: Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade, Seventh Grade and Eighth Grade will return to campus. (All Grade levels.)

May God watch over us all, as we pray for the continued healing of everyone affected by Covid-19.

God is Good...All the Time!

God Bless,

Mrs. René Coons
Principal
Nazareth School