



NAZARETH ACADEMY  
NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY, 2018



**Founded In 1867**  
**By Sisters of the Incarnate**  
**Word and Blessed Sacrament**

To Teach (the Gospel),  
to Build (a loving Community) and  
to Serve (those in need) in the Spirit of Christ

**Jets for Jesus**  
**151 years of**  
**Service**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Re-Enrollment for 2017-2018 is in progress**

- Feb. 1 Big Red Raffle Drawing
- Feb. 2 No School – Kiddie Cheer Camp
- Feb. 6 Track Parent Meeting; 5:15; Stroman Field
- Feb. 8 County Spelling Bee at 10:00
- Feb. 9 Progress Reporting Period ends
- Feb. 9 Kids Night Out, grs. 2-8, 6 to 9, Playroom
- Feb. 10 District Math Counts Competition, OLV
- Feb. 12 Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner
- Feb. 14 Lent begins; Happy Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 Progress Reports sent by RenWeb
- Feb. 17 PSIA Meet at OLV
- Feb. 19 New Student Enrollment Begins**
- Feb. 22 Sacred Heart Track Meet
- Feb. 28 Mandatory Cheerleader Parent Meeting  
6:00 pm in Library



**UP COMING EVENTS**

- Mar. 2 Dismissal 2:00 Faculty Meeting
- Mar. 3 Weimar Track Meet
- Mar. 7 El Campo Track Meet
- Mar. 9 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks
- Mar. 12-16 Spring Break
- Mar. 21 Report Cards Distributed

Dear Parents, Guardians & Teachers,

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count).

This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 14 (Valentine's Day). To honor the day, which is a day of abstinence and fasting for adults, we will have Valentine Day parties on Tuesday.

**During Lent:**

- **Mass** will be on Ash Wednesday at 8:15 in the Gym. We will receive ashes in the sign of a cross on our foreheads, a sign of penance. It reminds us of our own mortality, and calls us to repentance. The ashes are obtained by the burning of the palm fronds that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday.
- **Quiet Wednesday:** A traditional Lenten practice at NA, begun several years ago, students and Faculty will have a quiet lunch in the cafeteria on Wednesdays during Lent. (They can offer it up in prayer for family members, themselves, teachers, those who need prayer).
- **Abstinence from meat:** On Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, meat will not be served in the Cafeteria.
- **Stations of the Cross:** On several Fridays during Lent, we will go to St. Mary's Church during the last period of the day for Stations of the Cross, which allow us to reflect upon Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

**Lent is about becoming closer to God and building our relationship with Him. It helps us prepare for the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter.**

*Sister Evelyn Korenek, Principal*

## **RE-ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION**

Re-enrollment of current students is in process. The discounted enrollment fee is \$450.00 which may be made in two payments –\$225.00 at enrollment and the remainder by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The discount continues thru Feb. 16th. Please visit Nazareth’s webpage for important information concerning re-enrollment.

Enrollment for new students begins on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. However, a sibling of a current student may also register beginning Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. PK3 students may register at any time.

**Go to “Admissions” on our website for forms and additional information. Forms are also available in the school office.**

**Parents, you are the best advertisement and recruitment for new students/families. Invite interested families to consider Nazareth Academy to partner in the education of their child(ren).**



**THANK YOU,  
YVETTE ALEXANDER!  
We appreciate you!**

## **Victoria Diocese Distinguished Alumni Award February 12, 2018**

***CONGRATULATIONS!  
YVETTE ALEXANDER***

Yvette and her siblings went to Nazareth Academy. Her two children, Sarah and Stephen, went to NA. Although both of her children have now graduated, Yvette is still involved in the school. She is still the “mastermind” behind many projects, yet does not “toot” her own horn, or even take credit for things she does. She does not like being in the limelight, but will work behind the scenes tirelessly. Whether it is HSA, Fall Festival, Fishing Tournament, Catholic Schools Week, or any of the other one hundred and one activities around Nazareth Academy, Yvette is there, actively involved.

Yvette has been a catechist for First Communion and Reconciliation sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes, as well as CCE teacher, and Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout leader when her children participated in the organizations. She currently serves as a board member for her neighborhood association. Most dear to her heart is being an advocate for several “special needs” adults, helping them with basic daily life skills, trips to the doctor, grocery shopping, etc.

Yvette is well deserving of this recognition.

## **PSIA- Private Schools Interscholastic Association**

Good luck to all the students, Grades 1-8, who will be participating in the District 7AA PSIA Meet on February 17 at Our Lady of Victory School. Students are encouraged to spend these last weeks in serious preparation for the competition. As soon as all room assignments have been made, the final information will be given to students.



Students need to be present at least 15 minutes before contest time to report to the contest room. Parents must help in directing their child to the contest room. NA teachers will be involved in administering, judging, and grading tests. Awards will be given in each event upon completion of verification. In speaking events there may be two rounds so students and parents must pay attention to the posting of the results of the first round. In all the speaking events, Storytelling, Poetry Interpretation, Modern Oratory, Impromptu Speaking, an audience is permitted.

It is our hope that the NA students who are competing will discover that ultimately the true meaning of winning is doing one's best and having fun!

## **GREAT Program**

Deputy Kenneth Well will teach students in grades 5 & 7 GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) classes. This program consists of ten sessions which will be held on Tuesdays during religion classes.

## **CHEERLEADER SIGN-UP**

Sign-up information for cheerleading is in Room 325. Check with Ms. Schacherl for needed information.

## **MATH COUNTS**

**DISTRICT MATH COUNTS COMPETITION** will be held February 10, 2018 in the OLV gym from 8:30am – 12:00. The following teams will represent Nazareth Academy-**GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!**

### **Team I**

Manas Agrawal  
Lisa Du\*  
Thomas Lopez  
Spencer Settles

(\*)Team Captain

### **Alternates**

### **Team II**

Cy Richter  
Diego Rodriguez  
Wyatt Zimmermann



## **SPELLING BEE**

Nazareth's **campus winner, Katherine Fairly**, will represent Nazareth Academy at the County Bee held in the Victoria College Johnson Symposium Center on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

The NA spelling bee champion will be rewarded with the K-12 Prize - a free powerspeak 12 foreign language course. This prize will give him/her the opportunity to study a foreign language at the difficulty level of their choice. Language course choices include Latin, Spanish, French, German, and Chinese.



**Kamie New is the First Runner-Up** and will represent Nazareth Academy if needed.

# Congratulations!



## NAZARETH ACADEMY SECOND NINE WEEKS HONOR ROLL

### GRADE FIVE

**High Honors:** Catherine Alstrom, Lauren Montgomery, Katie Navarro

**Honors:** Olivia Alstrom, Kaelyn Fairly, Avery Heibel, Kathryn Hickman, Kristin Miori, Hannah Rippamonti, Everett Rangnow, Seth Reissig, Madalena Rodriguez

### GRADE SIX

**High Honors:** Maanvi Agarwal, Nathan Hoelscher, Cy Richter, Spencer Settles, Wyatt Zimmermann

**Honors:** Brynlee Asdahl, Abigayle Fagg, Ava Flores, Kori Grones, Tyler Kirkpatrick, Andrew Morris, Diego Rodriguez, Sofia Rodriguez, Izabella Sallabedra, Arturo Sanchez, Hiral Vazir

### GRADE SEVEN

**High Honors:** Manas Agrawal, Lisa Du, Gracie Naquin, Xavier Richmond

**Honors:** Amber Buentello, Thomas Lopez, Johnna Rangnow, Makayla Shimek, Aries Vara

### GRADE EIGHT

**High Honors:** Abby Bauknight, Dugan Chandler, Katherine Fairly, Ross Nunley, Sydney Partain, Kylie Rodgers, Cassidy Zimmermann

**Honors:** Zane Cantu, Emma Cruz, James Perez, Kinsley Rehak, Gracen Rodgers, Megan Vanderford

## **FEDERAL LUNCH PROGRAM**

Lunches and snacks can be purchased each morning from 7:30-8:00 a.m. at the front entrance or in the school office. Nazareth Academy participates in the Federal Government lunch program. If you believe that you may qualify for this program, please turn in an application to Sister Ann. It helps you and it helps the school. *It is kept strictly confidential.* Applications were sent out to all families in the August newsletter. If you need an application, additional copies can be obtained from the school office. Please consider participating. You can apply at any time during the school year.

## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS**

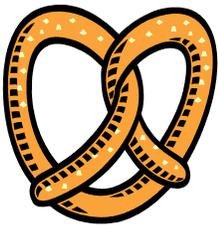
Nazareth Academy is blessed with many volunteers. All are appreciated and needed. The Diocese of Victoria adopted the *Code of Pastoral Conduct* to provide a set of standards for conduct for all church/church-related personnel, including personnel and volunteers in Catholic schools of the Diocese. According to the Code, volunteers must attend a *Keeping Kids Safe Workshop*, and obtain clearance on a criminal records background check for the State of Texas or any other state where the applicant has resided during the past 5 years, before volunteering. Any volunteer providing service to the students, *must have met these obligations before being allowed to volunteer.* For more information, including dates for the various trainings, please call the school office or visit the Diocese of Victoria website at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org).

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14. The blessing and application of ashes to the forehead is a sign of penance; it reminds us of our own mortality, and calls us to repent. The ashes are obtained by the burning of the palm fronds that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday.



## **THE TRADITION OF THE PRETZEL**



The making of pretzels began in the 6<sup>th</sup> century at an Italian Monastery. A monk was preparing unleavened bread for Lent and twisted the scraps of bread dough to resemble arms in prayer. He named his creation *Pretiola*, a work meaning little reward, and gave it as a treat to the children who recited their prayers.

## **A LENTEN REFLECTION**

Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.  
Give up pessimism—become an optimist.  
Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.  
Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.  
Give up discouragement—be full of hope.  
Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.  
Give up hatred—return good for evil.  
Give up negativism—be positive.  
Give up anger—be more patient.  
Give up pettiness—become mature.  
Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.  
Give up jealousy—pray for trust.  
Give up gossiping—control your tongue.  
Give up sin—turn to virtue.  
Give up giving up—hang in there!



## **A BIG THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THE BIG RED RAFFLE!**

Nazareth Academy's School & Home Association (HSA) would like to sincerely thank all of our students and families for your hard work in raising money for our school. We appreciate all of those who purchased raffle tickets in support of Nazareth Academy. This raffle was successful because of YOU ALL. Your efforts brought in over \$43,000! Thank you, thank you, thank you from all of us at NA!

## **BOXTOPS**

Nazareth received a check for **\$495.40** for the Box Tops submitted before Christmas. The next turn in date is in March. Help Nazareth Academy to earn as much money as we can.

### **Contributors for January are:**

Grade	Total	Students:
PK3	29	Scott Lesak 29
PK4	227	Hayden Hermes 26; Karley Pfeil 195; Joseph Holt 6
K	226	Zoey Shepard 24; Emma Naquin 25; Lillian Hybner 82; Rylan Taylor 80; Gavin Tate 15;
Gr. 1	33	Andrew Chavarria 33;
Gr. 3	105	Adrian Sanchez-Lara 28; Hailey Pfeil 77
Gr. 4	11	Isaac, Kamie, Haily, Logan, Trenton, Danica, Pia, Adia, Jessie, Lane, Emma (1 each)
Gr. 5	42	Hailey Thurman 36; Lina, Kathryn, Mia, Elizabeth, Aiden, Violet (1 each)
Gr. 8	4	Taylor Trevino 4;
	160	IWC 160
	486	Unidentified 140; 114; 9; 104; 119;



Total of 1323 Box Tops collected totaling \$132.30. Thanks to everyone!