

## Principally Speaking

Dear Families and Friends,

And then it was MAY! We have made it to the final weeks of the school year! The time has flown by and this month will be marked by continuous activity. We look forward to the ways we will transition our seniors to the next path on their horizon (although we will miss them!) and to the ways we will welcome our incoming Class of 2014!

This month we are very happy to host our 2<sup>nd</sup> Relay for Life on May 22-23. We have over 50 teams and 600 participants eager to CELEBRATE, REMEMBER and FIGHT BACK! We are still looking for parent volunteers to help with chaperoning a shift during the twelve hour event. Event sponsors (of food and money) are still being accepted as well. If you need more information or are interested in participating in any way, please contact Therese Hawkins, 708-387-8573 or Debbie Vondrasek, 708-387-8511. Thanks for your help. We know that together we can make a difference!

Thank you for the many ways you continue to support our school. We are sure you will be attending some of our various spring activities and events. Your presence speaks to the great example and commitment you make on behalf of your children.

In grati-

tude,

Deborah Vondrasek  
Principal

Dennis Moran  
President

## Special Recognition

We are grateful to the members of our faculty and staff who continue in the generous and dedicated tradition of sharing so much of themselves with our Nazareth family. This year on May 13, 2010, those faculty and staff members completing a "significant" anniversary year will be honored: for ten years of service, Angela Broucek, Director of Development, Rosemary Caragher, Campus Minister, Meg Duranty, Administrative Associate to the Dean of Students, Debbie Evert, Accountant, Kevin Milos, Guidance Counselor, and Lorraine Weber, Mathematics Teacher; for fifteen years of service, Wayne Saunders, Social Studies and Physical Education Teacher, and Lori Wasielewski, English Teacher; for twenty years of service, Pat Borchardt, Development Secretary, and Kim White, Drama Teacher and Chair of the Fine Arts Department ; and for thirty years of service, Nan Gar-side, Art Teacher, and Nancy Ryan, Religion Teacher.

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## Honor Societies

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On May 12, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., students will be inducted into Nazareth Academy's Chapters of various Honor Societies. A cake reception will follow in the Dining Hall.

**National Honor Society:** Thirty-seven students will be inducted into the Nazareth Academy Alexine Chapter of the National Honor Society in the Auditorium. They are: Seniors, Brian Moreno and Ryan Szymkiewicz; and Juniors, Margaret Brewick, Katie Callaghan, Gina Conti, Miles Dobis, Brian Duranty, Michael Eraci, Lourdes Espinoza, Magdalena Falat, John Flach, Katherine Henick, Michael Hill, Dana Hillsman, Rebecca Hosek, David Lemkau, Justin Letcher, Cassandra Levitske, Julie Lihosit, John Lozier, Brienne Mahoney, Victoria Marshall, Sara Maslar-Donar, Kelly Mc Carthy, Colleen McCollum, Mary Rose Muscarello, Patrick Owens, Robert Patterson, Megan Pelino, Dionysius Piskopos, Ryan Powers, Jacob Ramsey, Kevin Reardon, Michael Rodden, Katie Saldino, Jennifer Smigielski, Matthew Steinbrenner.

**The Spanish Honor Society:** Inductees to the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, are seniors: Adam Adduci, Odilia Fernandez, Erin Goode, Nora Gross, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Julia Kilcommons, Dawn Mitchell, Brian Moreno, Kathryn Pelino, Nicholas Rush, Lauren Schick, Rebecca Sifuentes, Mary Shannon and Dan Woods.

**The French Honor Society:** Inductees to the Societe Honoraire De Francais, are seniors: Lauren Hill and Carolyn Turek.

**The Italian Honor Society:** Inductees to La Societa Onoraria Italica, Don Giovanni Bosco Chapter, are seniors: Patrick Callaghan, Molly Mara, Ronald Meyer, Stephanie Rokicki, Michael Saraceno and Patrick Smith.

**The Quill and Scroll:** an International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, will induct the following students for their work on the *Announcer*, newspaper, and the *Alexine*, yearbook: seniors, Tess Abbasi, Andrew Adduci, Natalie Bell, Mariana Esposito, Lauren Hill, Patrick LeBeau, Sara Maslar Donar, Dawn Mitchell, William Stauffer, Matthew Steinbrenner, Hannah Sundwall, Colby Tapling and Krizia Vance.

**The National English Honor Society (NEHS):** Founded and sponsored by [Sigma Tau Delta](#), is the only national organization exclusively for high school students and faculty who, in the field of English, merit special note for past and current accomplishments. Chapter members and their advisors, to the benefit of their schools and communities, commit to and engage in projects throughout the year that promote and support literacy, the arts, and the English language. Immediate benefits of affiliation are national recognition, scholarship eligibility, and opportunities for national networking with others who share enthusiasm for, and accomplishment in, the language arts. The motto of the National English Honor Society is *Gelast Scael Mid Are*, "Duty Goes with Honor." Members of the Sr. Mary Clare Kissel chapter seek to embody this motto in their lives by immersing themselves in English studies both inside and beyond the classroom.

As this is a new honor society at Nazareth Academy, these 82 students are inaugural members. To be eligible for consideration students must have earned a 3.5 cumulative GPA as well as a cumulative 3.5 English GPA. They must demonstrate dedication and service to the Nazareth community through active participation in other honor societies, clubs, activities, and athletic teams. Moreover, they must show a commitment to the English discipline as exhibited by the academic rigor of the English and English-related classes that they have taken as well as their active participation in English-related activities. These students are: Ashley Abed, Rebecca Adams, Ann Adduci, Rosemary Benjamin, Clare Bohne, Jennifer Boniecki, Morgan Borkovec, Margaret Brewick, Bridget Brogan, Henry Byrne, Katy Carlin, Julia DeStefani, Miles Dobis, Megan Dolan, Nathan Dolph, John D'Onofrio, Ryan Dunn, Lourdes Espinoza, Mariana Esposito, Kylie Farrell, Isabella Fiermonte, Timothy Getty, Diana Golden, Andrew Hammond, Kathleen Henriksen, Dana Hillsman, Alyssa Hudik, Stephanie Janus, Gregory Kasper, Katy Kuranty, Elizabeth Kusper, Amanda Larry, Angelina Lazovich, Patrick Le Beau, David Lemkau, Cassandra Levitske, Julie Lihost, Raquel Lopez, Zachary Lorkiewicz, Cathleen Lucas, Chris Mandziejewicz, Victoria Marshall, Ryan Marske, Sara Maslar-Donar, Grace Mazur, Kelly McCarthy, Maggie McKenna, Michael Muelhauser, Mary Muscarello, Chelsea Nwankpa, Nancy Payne, Dionysios Piskopos, Nick Pondel, Therese Porod, Danielle Pruger, Victoria Pryal, Matthew Radford, Grace Rafferty, Vincent Raimondi, Carolyn Redmond, Jake Reynolds, Mark Rizko, Jack Roache, Michael Rodden, Nicholas Rudauskas, Ryan Russ, Jennifer Smigielski, Margaret Smith, Smaro Spandonidis, Natalie Spetter, Holly Stanger, Nora Stanton, William Stauffer, Matthew Steinbrenner, Annie Steinicki, Anthony Tapia, Lauren Van Daff, Ariana Vidana,

## Finishing Up 2009-2010.....

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Final tuition payments were due on April 1, 2010. Final exams and graduation are not allowed with an outstanding balance. Please call Debra Evert at 708-387-8544 or email [dlevert@nazarethacademy.com](mailto:dlevert@nazarethacademy.com) with any questions.

Seniors were asked to declare their college choice by April 30, 2010. Final high school transcripts will be mailed to colleges from this list **after** all grades are entered and **before** July 1, 2010.

All awards/scholarship letters to be included in the graduation program are due to the Guidance Office by May 13, 2010.

Information regarding the graduation schedule and the end-of-the-year activities has been mailed to senior parents. Please call Mrs. Gurney at 708-387-8532, if you have any questions.

MBS will be on campus Tuesday May 25, 2010, to buy back Seniors' textbooks from 9:30 to 10:30 am, in Springer Hall They will purchase any book in good condition that will be used again. All other students may sell their books to MBS after the last exam on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 from 10:00 to 12:30 pm. No cash will be given that day. You will have a receipt, and a check for books in good condition will be sent during the summer. Students may also go directly to [mbsDirect.net](http://mbsDirect.net) and click "Sell My Books." We

## Exam Schedule

The schedule for the Semester Exams is as follows. Students need to be in school only during their exam times on those days. Buses will bring students to school at the regular time. The bus pick-up time will be adjusted for the exam days:

Exam Day	8:15-9:15	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:45	Bus Pick-up
June 7	Period A	Period B		10:45
June 8	Period C	Period D	Period E	12:00
June 9	Period F	Period G	Period H	12:00

## Getting Ready for 2010-2011.....

The Financial Agreement and the \$500 Deposit for the 2010-2011 school year were due May 1, 2010. If you have not yet done so, please turn in these items as soon as possible.

Financial Aid requests were due by March 31, 2010. Notification of Financial Aid allotments will be made by the end of May. Those requests which were turned in after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list.

Bus transportation forms for the school bus routes for the 2010-2011 school year are available in the school office or on line at [www.nazarethacademy.com](http://www.nazarethacademy.com). Those students who take PACE or METRA to the La Grange/Hillgrove stop and then the school bus shuttle to Nazareth must also fill out a registration form. The registration deadline was May 1, 2010. Please register if you have not already done so. All registrations are on a first come first served basis. For additional information call Phil Nache at 708-387-8562.

Proficiency exams for algebra will be given on May 8 and the language test will be given on May 15 for incoming freshmen who wish to place out of the first year language or Algebra I. Students planning to take a proficiency exam should have received a study guide in the mail. If you did not, call 708-387-8551.

High school physicals for incoming freshmen should be scheduled and the form returned to Nazareth by July 1, 2010.

The Nazareth uniform polo shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts with the school monogram will be available to purchase through the Naz Store at a 10% discount on August 12, 2010, from 4:00 -8:00 pm and on August 13, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. All orders

## Schedule Pick-up

Student Class Schedules will again be available for pick-up on August 12, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and August 13, from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. in the school Dining Hall. They will be distributed in person after all forms are completed, signed and turned in. Parent(s) and/or their student(s) MUST attend one of these two registration days and return all required forms that will be mailed out in mid-July. These required forms include: the emergency card, the WALK waiver, the Student Directory update form, the signed contract indicating that both parent and student have read the handbook, the student insurance form if you wish to take out the insurance, the Parent Pledge form, and current tuition payments. A Diploma Name form is required for all seniors. Representatives from Athletics and Transportation will be available for registrations and the Naz Store will be open for uniform sales. The Incoming Freshman Im-

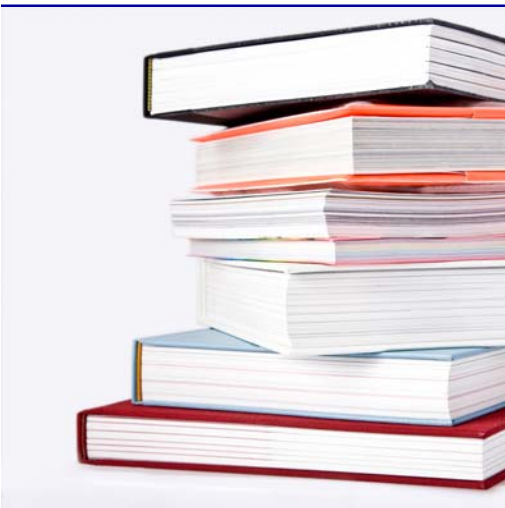
### YEAR-END HAPPENINGS

May 5	Progress Reports	May 21, 24,25	Senior Exams
May 9	Mothers Day	May 26	Senior Wrap-Up Day
May 12	Honor Societies Induction	May 27	Awards Assembly
May 13	1:30 Dismissal		Spring Sports Awards
May 14	Circle the City	May 28	Graduation
May 15	Prom/Frosh –Soph Dance	May 31	Memorial Day/No Classes
May 18	Band Pops Concert	June 4	End of 4th Quarter
May 19	Choir Pops Concert	June 7-9	Final Exams
May 20	End of Year Mass	August 12	Schedule Pick-up Day 4:00-8: 00 pm
May 22-23	Relay for Life	August 13	Schedule Pick-up Day 9:00 am-Noon

June16 to August15 Summer Hours 7:30 am to 2:30 —Closed on Fridays

## For Your Information

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\*\***Eucharistic Minister Training** for Juniors will be conducted on May 11, 13 and 14, 2010 from 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. Applications were distributed in Religion Classes and are due back by May 3, 2010. Newly trained students, and those already serving in their parishes, will be mandated at the Opening School Liturgy in September. Those students already serving in their parishes are asked to see Mrs. Rosemary Caragher in the Campus Ministry Office to serve at Nazareth if they wish.

\*\*The **Closing School Liturgy** will be celebrated at 8:50 a.m. by Rev. Bob Marshall, Chaplin at UIC, on May 20, 2010, in the Sisters' Chapel. The Mass is a celebration of the accomplishments of the school year and the Class of 2010.

\*\*The **Senior Wrap-Up** will be held on May 26, 2010. Seniors are asked to come to the Sisters' Chapel for attendance at 8:30 a.m. Time for the class to share some final memories and the filling of the Class of 2010 Time Capsule will take place in the morning. The Class Photograph, Graduation practice and the distribution of caps and gowns will follow. The Junior Board will provide a Senior Send-Off. Lunch will be provided. Seniors will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

\*\*The **Adopt-a-Grandparent Club** will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Club on May 13, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in Welcome Hall with a Bingo and Root-Beer Float Party. Naz students, retired sisters and Bethlehem Woods residents are invited.

\*\* Nazareth Academy's final **college seminars** to assist students and parents to understand the admission process at private, state and selective colleges will be held in the Dining Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on May 6. On May 11, representatives from the University of Notre Dame, University of Chicago and Illinois Wesleyan University will give a brief overview of their schools, offer insight into the qualities they are seeking in their applicants and conclude their presentation with questions and answers from the audience. The seminars are open to all Nazareth students and parents. Please call 708-387-8530 to register.

\*\*Six projects of Nazareth juniors who participated in the City-wide finals of the **History Fair** advanced to the state level which will be held on May 6, 2010, in Springfield. The projects include: "I Fosse! We Fosse!" by Cassie Levitske; "Fred Hampton – I am a Revolutionary" by Garrett Mitchell; "Tearing Down the Walls of Nationalism: How the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council United a Community" by Matthew Steinbrenner; "Special Olympics: Forever Changing Views of the Handicapped" by Riley Vaughn and Liz Kusper; "What's Black and White and Read All Over? The Chicago Defender" by Brian Duranty and Kevin Reardon; "Polish National Alliance: Keeping Up With the Community" by Magda Falat and Brianne Mahoney; Good Luck to all!

\*\***Spring Sports Senior Days** will be held for: Baseball, Saturday, May 15, presentations will be immediately after game one of a double header; Softball, Friday, May 14, presentations will be immediately after game one of a double header; Girls Soccer, Friday, May 21, presentations will be following the Varsity game; Track and Field, Thursday, May 27, presentations will be preceding and following the Awards Night Ceremony; Boys Volleyball, Thursday, May 13, presentation will be following the Sophomore game; and Lacrosse, May 27, at Awards Night. Join the Seniors as they finish their High School Athletic Seasons!

\*\* The West Suburban Chamber of Commerce & Industry held their Community Awards Dinner on April 21, 2010. They announced their **Young Men and Young Women of the Year Awards**. Nazareth Academy students who were named are Ron Meyer and Carolyn Turek. Congratulations on your achievements!

## Fine Arts

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**Choir Pops Concert** has had a change of date to Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium. There will also be a Senior Send-Off. It will feature the Concert Choir and Progressions Vocal Jazz ensemble doing new and old Broadway tributes, as well as a Women's Ensemble feature.

**Band Pop Concert:** Both the Concert Band and the wind Ensemble will join forces as one band for the final concert of the year on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. The Band will be performing "Opening Night on Broadway" arr. by Michal Brown. "Candide Suite" by Bernstein arr. by Clare Grundman, "Symphonic Suite" from "Star Trek" by Michael Gicchinno, arr. by Jay Bocook, "As Summer Was Just Beginning" by Larry Dahren. They will also present the premier performance of "Paragon" by Wataru Hokoyama. The Band was the privileged to work with Mr. Hokoyama on Friday, April 30, 2010 in the Auditorium. He is known primarily as the composer for Sony video games, "Afrika" and "Resident Evil 5". He has also provided music for the television series "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer." He works with Dreamworks in Hollywood and hopes to provide music for future animated projects.

