

# Nazareth Academy Grade School

Brightening Futures Since 1941... One Family at a Time

#### **CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**



Nazareth Academy Grade School is excited to embark on its **75th Anniversary year** - a year that will celebrate the School's past, connect more deeply with our alumni, students and parents, and reinvigorate our continuing mission to families and education. We look to our entire NAGS family to join us in an ambitious celebratory year! The 2015–2016 will be a varied and diverse year that fosters the growth of our community while prominently focusing on the positive expansion of the superior academic foundation that has set us apart for the past seventy-five years.

Commemorative celebrations and opportunities are planned throughout the year, including the *Parent Association's Diamond Anniversary Gala & Auction* on April 16, 2016 at The Brookside Manor at Somerton Springs. Our milestone year will culminate in an *All-Class and Family Reunion* where we will announce the inaugural inductions into the *Nazareth Academy Grade School Hall of Fame* on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

Details will be forthcoming on both our new school website: *nazarethacademy.net* and on our school Facebook page: *Facebook.com/NazarethAcademyGradeSchool*. We are proud of our extensive history of excellence, innovation and deep commitment to the child and look forward to connecting with our community in the coming months. Please contact Pat McGarvey at pmcgarvey@nazarethacademy.net for more information about our 75th anniversary events and ways you can get involved in our Auction and/or Alumni and Family Reunion!

## WE SALUTE OUR GRADUATES!

"TRUST IN THE LORD with all your heart. IN ALL YOUR WAYS acknowledge Him." ~ Proverbs 3-5,6



With all the traditional pomp and circumstance that surrounds our graduation each year, we said "good-bye and good luck" to a group of exceptional students who really made the school proud! In total, members of the class received a total of \$387,000.00 in high school scholarships!

The Class of 2015 triumphantly received their diplomas on June 1, 2015. We are sure that these unique students will continue to make us proud at they embark on a new path of higher education.

How blessed our students are, knowing that they are loved here as well as taught, that godly behavior is modeled and that the little things that really matter in life really matter at their school. We are proud of our partnership of families; praying, teaching, training, sharing, living life out together and growing in God's ways. Class of 2015: We Love You Back!

See page 4 - 9 for additional graduation news.

Introducing our graduates: Left - Right, Seated: Lindsay Long, Ming Yang, Jessica Scipione, Helen Dotchel, Megan Kennedy, Megan Bozarth, Louis Diorio, Katherine Cleary. Standing, first row: 8th Grade teacher Mrs. Maura Fox, James Duesler, Margaret Kennedy, Jordan Braun, Troy Neals, Morgan Hural, Isabelle DiTullio, John Meyer, Sr. Mary Ellen Gemmell, CSFN. Third row: Abigail Gangemi-Hague, Dino Cerquetelli, Julia Davis, Ryan Spangler, Anthony Pantalone, Angelina Stride, Dominic Mancino, Marisa Melendez. Fourth row: Meaghan Gould, Kevin Lin, Victoria Fabianski, John Lubinski, Agatha Zin, Derek Swider, Caroline Clark.

Dear Friends of Nazareth Academy Grade School,

What a wonderful time to be in Philadelphia! The city is very excited waiting for the World Families of Meets to begin, the arrival of our Holy Father and a new and exciting season for the Eagles. Here at Nazareth Academy Grade School, we are in the first days of a new school year, and the excitement of celebrating our 75th Anniversary!

I am delighted to begin my ministry here at the Grade School. All summer I have been acquainting myself with the workings of this marvelous school. The professional staff and faculty want only the best for students and every parent has been warm, welcoming and supportive.

The love of Family, as our mission states, permeates this Nazareth Ministry and I feel the presence of all the Sisters who served here. I also feel your presence and wish to thank you for being friends with Nazareth Academy Grade School, for you are forever part of our Family.

I know that with the graces given to us by the Holy Family and the Spirit of our Mother Foundress, Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd, we will continue to move forward, committed to be the best of the best.

Please keep me and all who are here at the Grade School in your prayers and be assured that you are in ours.

In Jesus and the Holy Family, Sister Linda Joseph, CSFN





#### Inside this issue:

Graduation	4-7, 9
2014-15 Annual Fund	12-13
In memory of Luann	15
Annual Auction	16-17
2015-16 Annual Fund	19

### WELCOME SISTER LINDA JOSEPH!

Please join our school family in warmly welcoming Sister Linda Joseph ChiChi, CSFN, as the new Principal of Nazareth Academy Grade School! Sister Linda brings over forty years experience in elementary education and served for more than twenty-five years as an elementary school Principal. Sister follows the footsteps of many dedicated Principals over the past seventy-five years who guided the growth of the academic programs, built upon the successes of our students, fostered the school's impact in the community, and piloted the physical expansion of the facility.

Sister Linda is thrilled to be at the helm of a ministry sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for our 75th Anniversary milestone. As always, our Catholic identity and mission to families and education is the driving force in all that we do. Sister enthusiastically looks forward to working with our faculty, staff, parents and community to provide an exceptional educational experience for all of our Nazareth students!

Sister Linda stated, "This summer's technology upgrade is complete and the curriculum is poised to challenge our students with cutting edge software and programs that will enhance our entire curriculum." Sister Linda, working hand in hand with our new technology teacher, is excited for the educational possibilities that the project has provided.

Nazareth families will have an opportunity to meet Sister Linda at many of our scheduled events including a Meet and Greet "Boo-Hoo Yahoo" on the first day of school, the 75th Anniversary Opening Liturgy, the New Families Liturgy and Reception, and the "NAGS World Meeting of Families" Spaghetti Dinner and an E-A-G-L-E-S Tailgate and Viewing Party on October 4th! In addition, our alumni and alumni families will be invited to our 75th Diamond Anniversary Auction and Gala on April 16, 2016 and an All-School Alumni and Family Reunion on May 14, 2016. Sister Linda, along with our entire school community, looks forward to exciting year and an

Sister Linda, along with our entire school community, looks forward to exciting year and an even brighter future! News and information regarding upcoming events is posted frequently on Facebook. Follow us to stay informed! Our newly designed website, nazarethacademy.net, will feature current news as it provides a more effective online presence for all devices.

Please join us in a prayer of thanksgiving for Sister Linda Joseph and for all faculty, staff, students and parents as we embark on our 75th year, with the Holy Family of Nazareth continually guiding us each day.

### NAZARETH ACADEMY GRADE SCHOOL

4701 Grant Avenue, Phila., PA 19114

Sr. Linda Joseph ChiChi, CSFN, Principal Patricia McGarvey, Development Director, Writer, Editor & Designer, Newsletter

Photos in this issue by Patricia McGarvey, unless otherwise noted.

To submit articles, updates and photos, contact:

Patricia McGarvey at 215-637-7777, Ext. 206

or e-mail: pmcgarvey@nazarethacademy.net.

E-mail or post this publication for your family and classmates! Go to:

www.nazarethacademy.net Like and follow us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/nazarethacademy





Our school community is excited to show "a warm Nazareth welcome" to Pope Francis during his September visit our City of Brotherly Love. From the outside, the school building is decked out in yellow and white pennant flags across every window and a large welcome banner is visible to many passing by the school. Inside, the yellow and white pennants hang in the lobby, hallways and Multi-Purpose Room!

In celebration and commemoration of the Word Meeting of Families, photos of each school family are displayed in the lobby, forming our own "NAGS World of Families."

In addition, our students, parents and grandparents are invited to an exciting family-oriented "NAGS World Meeting of Families" Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, September 25, 2015!

God bless the Holy Father on his visit to Philadelphia!



Official photograph of Pope Francis
www.christiantoday.com

#### THE SISTER MARTIN AWARDS FOR SERVICE

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

~ Elizabeth Andrew



Left-right: Mark Bozarth, Patti Bozarth, Patty (Gaughan) Gould, '78; Michael Gould, Debbie Gangemi, Brian Hague, and Suzanne Spangler (Not present: Ron Spangler)



Dedicated, Generous. Selfless. These are just a few words that describe the parents who were recently recognized at the Eighth Grade Graduate Awards Ceremony on May 27, 2015. The annual Sister Martin Awards for Service were presented to four outstanding families for their exceptional efforts in helping further the school's mission.

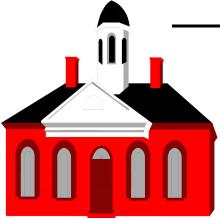
Our sincere thanks to: Mark and Patti Bozarth; Michael and Patti (Gaughan, '78) Gould; Debbie Gangemi and Brian Hague; and Ron and Suzanne Spangler.

These parents have spent countless hours volunteering in classrooms, serving on committees and the NAGSPA board, organizing events, coaching and working behind the scenes in myriad ways to support Nazareth Academy Grade School and its students.

We WILL miss these parents but feel that through their example, they have inspired others to walk in their footsteps!

#### **CLASS OF 2015:**

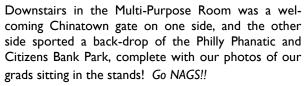
### **NAGS LOVES YOU BACK!**



Taking a cue from Philadelphia's "the city that loves you back:" marketing theme, the 7th grade parents and students planned a phenomenal graduation dance and graduation reception highlighting the city's great history and landmarks. The dance was held on May 31, 2015 at the school.

The sound of bagpipes resonated throughout the neighborhood as the eighth graders made a grand entrance to the dance serenaded by The Irish Thunder bagpipers led by NAGS parent Michael Gould. (Thanks to our men in blue for assisting with temporary street closure!!)

Once they arrived at NAGS, parents and soon-to-be grads were amazed at the transformation in the school! The seventh grade class left no detail untended! Our very own NAGS "LOVE:" sculpture gave the first clue as to the evening's Philadelphia theme. The "Avenue of the Arts" was featured in the lobby, complete with street signs for every graduate's name and a triumphant Rocky statue stood at the steps of the "Art Museum."



The students took turns posing with in the photo booth and with Ben Franklin himself and when it was time for a snack, a food truck stood waiting to fill their orders! We thank the seventh grade families for hosting a memorable Philadelphia-themed event!

As our readers may know, William Penn named "Philadelphia" which is Greek for brotherly love from philos, "love" or "friendship", and adelphos, "brother". We are certain that our graduates will always fondly recall the Brotherly Love shown to them at this milestone in their lives.















The 2015 Graduation Liturgy was celebrated by Reverend Paul M. Kennedy on June 1, 2015 in the magnificent Chapel at Nazareth Academy High School. The theme, chosen by the graduates with the help of their teacher, Mrs. Maura Fox was "Take With Us the Goodness of God." The graduates' conveyed a message to all that by knowing God and learning about His goodness, we can come to recognize true goodness and strive to do good things. With the blessings of a great educational foundation and God as their constant guide, our students' minds have been opened to the world and its possibilities to live the Gospel values, serve, learn and lead.

We are grateful to Music teacher Sue Trotter and the choir for the beautiful music and choral accompaniment. Following the Liturgy, Sister Loretta Theresa Felici, President of MMI, congratulated each graduate with a handshake and presentation of their diploma along with Sister Mary Ellen. In addition, students were recognized for their scholarship awards, accomplishments and efforts throughout their elementary school years.

### HIGH SCHOLARSHIP WERE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015:

**Dino Cerquetelli** was awarded The Trustees' Scholarship, a four year \$2000 award to Roman Catholic High School.

**Caroline Clark** was a combined \$24,000 between the Johanna Sigmund Scholarship Fund and grants per year to Springside Chestnut Hill Academy.

**Katherine Cleary** was awarded the Achievement Scholarship in the amount of \$4000 a year for four years to Nazareth Academy High School.

**Julia Davis** was awarded the Achievement Scholarship in the amount of \$4000 a year for four years to Nazareth Academy High School.

**Isabelle DiTullio** was awarded the Trustee's Scholarship, a four year \$2000 award to Nazareth Academy High School. Isabelle was awarded a \$1000 Academic Scholarship per year to St. Hubert's Catholic High School for Girls.

Helen Dotchel was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$7000 per year to Nazareth Academy High School and a scholarship in the amount of \$7000 per year to Villa Joseph Marie High School. Helen was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$5000 to St. Basil's Academy in the amount of \$5000 per year for four years.

James Duesler was awarded the Libermann Scholarship in the amount of \$2500 per year for four years to Holy Ghost Preparatory School.

Victoria Fabianski was awarded an academic scholarship to Nazareth Academy High School in the amount of \$6000 per year and a \$2500 award to Merion Mercy Academy per year for four years.

Meaghan Gould was awarded the Margaret Begley Bodkin Memorial Grant to Nazareth Academy High School in the amount of \$1000.

**Kevin Lin** was awarded a Founder's Scholarship in the amount of \$8000 per year to Holy Ghost Preparatory School.

**Dominic Mancino** was awarded a Presidential Scholarship, a four year \$6500 award to Holy Ghost Preparatory School.

Troy Neals was awarded academic scholarships to Archbishop Ryan High School, Archbishop Wood High School, and Father Judge High School in the amount of \$3000 per year for four years. Troy received a scholarship to Conwell Egan High School in the amount of \$1600 per year for four years. Troy was awarded a Founder's Scholarship in the amount of \$8000 per year to Holy Ghost Preparatory School.

Anthony Pantalone was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$4000 per year to Roman Catholic High School and a scholarship in the amount of \$3000 per year to St. Joseph's Preparatory School.

Jessica Scipione was awarded a Trustee's Scholarship, a four year \$1000 award to Nazareth Academy High School

**Angelina Stride** was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$500 per year to Archbishop Ryan High School.

**Derek Swider** was awarded a Presidential Scholarship in the amount of \$6500 per year to Holy Ghost Preparatory School and a Principal Grant, a \$1000 award per year to St. Joseph's Preparatory School.

**Agatha Zin** was awarded an academic scholarship to Mount Saint Joseph's Academy in the amount of \$7000 per year for four years.











#### **CLASS OF 2015:**

### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

The Nazareth Academy Grade School Parent Association Awards: Julia Davis and Anthony Pantalone

**President's Award for Academic Excellence**: Dino Cerquetelli, Katherine Cleary, Julia Davis, Isabelle DiTullio, Helen Dotchel, Victoria Fabianski, Dominic Mancino, Troy Neals, Anthony Pantalone, Jessica Scipione, Derek Swider, and Agatha Zin

The Nazareth Academy Grade School Academic Excellence Award: Julia Davis, Helen Dotchel, Anthony Pantalone, Jessica Scipione, and Agatha Zin

The Sister M. Slowik Memorial Scholarship: Victoria Fabianski

The Principal's Award: Jessica Scipione

Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd Award: Meaghan Gould, Margaret

Kennedy, Megan Kennedy, and Derek Swider

The Regina Coeli Award: James Duesler

The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Award: Dominic

Mancino and Troy Neals

The Citizenship Award: Anthony Pantalone and Derek Swider

Washington Savings Bank Award: Megan Bozarth and Ryan Spangler

The Ali Award in honor of Alexandra Duzinski, Class of 1995: Helen Dotchel

The Phillip P. Gaughan Memorial Award: Julia Davis



Pictured at left The presentation of the Sara LaSalle-Tarantin Memorial Award was made by Jack Tarantin to Lindsay Long

Pictured at right: The Kathleen Smith Memorial Award for Excellence in Forensics, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Henri Marcel, was presented by Daniel Marcel, '07, to Angelina Stride.

At left: Madeline Pontarelli from the Class of 2012 presented the Believe in Yourself Performing Arts Award to James Duesler

The Father Bob Votta Memorial Award for Excellence in Spanish: Julia Davis

**The Jennifer Gampico Memorial Award** was presented by Lisa Mikula, '87, to Jessica Scipione, pictured at right.

The Daniel Trotter Memorial Award for Music was presented by Music teacher Sue Trotter to Dino Cerquetelli and Abigail Gangemi-Hague, pictured at lower left.

Perfect Attendance for the 2014-2015 school year: Meaghan Grace Gould, Kevin Lin, and Angelina Maria Stride

Pictured at top right: Jessica Scipione addresses the graduates.













#### **OUR DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE:**

### OLIVIA SHARKEY, '05

This year's recipient, **Olivia Sharkey**, Nazareth Academy Grade School Class of 2005, has been blessed with talents that she has utilized to distinguish herself in the fields of leadership, service abroad and in education. Olivia was our Student Council President at Nazareth Academy Grade School, the President of the Class of 2009 at Nazareth Academy High School and President of the Class of 2013 at St. Vincent College, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Theology. Olivia, pictured at right with her parents Tim and Ramona Sharkey, is currently a Junior Theology Teacher at Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School.

Olivia credits the extensive service-oriented projects at NAGS for instilling the deep-felt need to give back on a higher level. She took advantage of many service opportunities in Guatemala, China, Taiwan, Nicaragua and Brazil. Through her experiences, Olivia saw a critical need and founded "The Banana Project", a service organization that seeks to provide more nutritious food options to Francisco Coll Elementary School in the Guatemalan Dump Community. To date, the project has raised over \$15,000.00.

We are so pleased that our graduates are making such an impact on the world, particularly through service throughout the world and in education, and we are pleased to share excerpts of Olivia's speech with our readers!





"Good evening and thank you to the entire Nazareth family for the generous honor to stand before you today. Sincere congratulations are certainly in order! From a current educator's perspective, the administration, faculty, and staff surely deserve to be commended for their daily commitment to serving the students of Nazareth Academy and challenging them to reach their potential. As I see my own parents in the pews tonight, I am reminded that a student is not only taught within the classroom, but even more so at home; therefore, congratulations to all of the parents and guardians for not only being their child's #I fan and second math or social studies teacher, but also for accompanying their graduate through the ups and downs of their grade school journey.

However, the biggest congratulations definitely must go to the graduates of 2015. Yes, each of you definitely received much help and support from many people along the way to bring you to this very moment where you proudly wear your cap and gown—there is no denying that. However, you will realize as you continue through life that regardless of the amount of people who kindly offer you help and guidance, in the end YOU must be the one to actually accept their help... YOU must be the one to put in the hard work and long hours of learning... and YOU must be the one to courageously meet the challenges thrown your way. And that is why YOU received your diploma tonight, no one else— because in the end YOU made the final decision to seize the opportunities that your school and your families have afforded you.

When I began brainstorming ideas for this evening's talk with you in this Chapel, a place that I have called home for so long, one object repeatedly came to mind... All I kept thinking of was how this very podium has been a part of my life for close to 20 years now, and it holds many fond memories for me.

It was at this podium that, like you, I read for many first Friday masses with my grade school classmates... that I cantered for my First Holy Communion. It was at this podium that I read the first reading for my own 8th grade graduation 10 years ago... it was here that I addressed my high school classmates several times as their senior class president, to then return only a year later as a freshmen in college to speak to the new Student Council Leadership Team at their installation mass.

And now I stand before you again at my old friend the podium. But, what wisdom do I have to offer you? I am definitely not here to say that the coming years will be all rainbows and butterflies. Each of you will have your own high school experience, unique to you. You will meet many joys and challenges, and you will face a variety of decisions. However, perhaps the idea of this plain, yet constant, podium can help you as you prepare to venture forward...

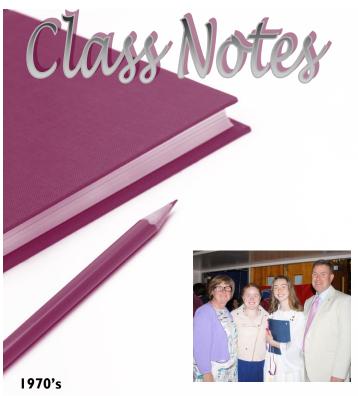
You see, I am 23 years old, and this podium is still present on my journey throughout life. It wasn't until a few weeks ago that I actually realized that this ordinary podium served as an extraordinary symbol for me... this podium reminds me of who I am and from where I come. I began my educational journey at NAGS, and it was there that I learned three values that are central to the woman I am today: to be myself regardless of the circumstance; to lead others by serving them; and to witness God's presence in every face I encounter...

Nazareth helped me understand that the best way to lead others in life is to actually serve them. From visits to local hospitals as a member of the Sunshine Kids or Glee Club, to Brown Bag lunches every month, this ideal of serving others begun at Nazareth, and it is what definitely encouraged me to participate in various college service trips, to places like Guatemala, Nicaragua, Taiwan, and China. During those trips, I experienced new cultures and formed deep relationships that shifted the way in which I view the world around me.

And lastly, Nazareth Academy Grade School gently stamped on my heart the desire to see God's love in the people around me, from the simplest to the darkest of moments. It is because of my Nazareth foundation that I decided to pursue a career as a high school theology teacher, where every day I get to explore with students only a little older than you, how God is working in the world today, most especially through their awesome potentials and creative ideas as young people.

So, this very podium represents A LOT for me... it reflects how I grew in self-confidence, living a life that seeks to serve others, and learning to see God in all things. I definitely would not be the same woman I am today without this podium, without my Nazareth Academy Grade School community.

Graduates of 2015, I am very proud to welcome you into the Nazareth Academy Grade School Alumni family. I can think of no better way to end my time with you tonight than with the motto of my college, which has guided me well for the past 6 years: "Forward, always forward, everywhere forward." Class of 2015, I pray that as you move forward from today and into the many doors of your tomorrow, that you take whatever "podiums" you have from Nazareth, and that you bring them with you on your next journey. Allow the ideals and values that were planted here at Nazareth take firm root and grow inside of you. Nazareth Academy Grade School most definitely created within me a mind to think, a heart to love, and hands to serve, and I hope that each and every one of you allows your years at Nazareth to shape you in your own unique way. Be bold... be different... and be brave as you move forward, knowing in your heart that Nazareth always moves forward with you." ~ Olivia Sharkey, '05



Above: One more NAGS alumnae in the family! Congratulations to **Patricia** (Gaughan) Gould, '74, on the 2015 graduation of her daughter Meaghan. *Pictured left to right:* **Patricia** (Gaughan) Gould, '74; Mary Kate Gould, '13; Meaghan, '15 and Michael Gould.



#### 1980's

At left: The Class of 1987 was represented by Lisa Mikula, '87, who presented Jessica Scipione, '15, with the Jennifer Gampico Memorial Award at the Graduation Ceremony on June 1, 2015. We are grateful to Lisa for her continued efforts in thoughtfully remembering her classmate Jennifer through this year's second annual award.



#### 1990's

Below left: **Emily Culp, '98**, and daughter Grace enjoyed the sights and sounds at our Spring Concert and Art Show this past April. Emily's niece and nephew, Michael and Alison Roman, are current students at NAGS and Emily's mother, Kathleen Culp, is our Honors Math teacher!



#### 2000's

Congratulations to **Ryan Omensetter,**'03, who wed Dianna Holdren on May 16, 2015! The couple honeymooned in France and reside in Philadelphia.

Congratulations to **Samantha Talbot, '07,** on her recent graduation from University of Scranton. Samantha majored in Psychology Counseling. Best of luck to Samantha as she pursues her Masters!

Best of luck to **John Cacchio, '04,** as he begins Medical School in Saint Maarten, NA, this fall.

Congratulations to **Megan McAllister**, '05, who wed Nick DeFeo on August 6, 2015!

**Samuel McGarvey, '06,** is an advertising Account Executive at *Saatchi and Saatchi*, New York, NY.

## Best of luck to members of the Class of 2011, who graduated from High School this May! (Information available as of printing.)

Caroline Cacchio - Kutztown University

Sullivan Conway - Duquesne University

Desiree Cudeyro - West Chester University

Molly Driscoll - Penn State University, University Park

Regina Duesler - Penn State University, University Park

Sarah Fox - Temple University

Amanda Gentry - Gwynedd Mercy University

Patrick Gilbert - Bucks County Community College

Elizabeth Gougler - LaSalle University

Alexander Halas - University of Pennsylvania

Andreana Manto - Temple University

Kennedi McStravick - Kutztown University

Andrew Moreton - Holy Family University

Colin Murtha - Penn State University, University Park

Maureen Rankin - University of Pittsburgh

Samantha Simon - Millersville University

Eric Steinberg - Widener University

Danielle Talbot - Loyola University

Nicolette Wons - University of Delaware

"That's me!" exclaimed **Danielle Talbot, 'II**, upon seeing her photo as part of the stage crew on "Bugsy Malone, Jr." in March, 2011. Danielle was a Diocesan Scholar Saint Hubert's High School and was enrolled in



college courses at Holy Family University. During the summer months, Danielle was a research scientist at Fox Chase Cancer Center. We wish Danielle all the best as she continues her studies at Loyola University!





Above left: **Regina Duesler, 'II**, was chosen to address her Nazareth Academy High School classmates at Graduation as Salutatorian!

Above right: Colin Murtha, '11, upon his graduation from LaSalle College High School was chosen to be the Salutatorian of the Class of 2015! Thank you to both Regina and Colin for making NAGS so proud!!



Left-right: Chloe Roberts, '14 and Ava Roberts, '12, enjoyed talking with Honors Math teacher, Mrs. Kathleen Culp, about their experiences at Nazareth Academy High School. The sisters were especially thrilled to find their faces among the photos of the theater presentations over the past eight years!



Left-right: Michael Kennedy, '13; Joseph Wons, '13, and Gabriel Unger, '10, at the Graduation Ceremonies. Michael is entering his Junior year at Holy Ghost Prep and Joseph will be a Junior at Father Judge High School. Sophomore. Gabriel is in his second year at the University of New Haven.

Congratulations to **Marne Brown, '13**, of Nazareth Academy High School, on her selection to the Papal Choir for Pope Francis' visit to Philadelphia this September!



Jacob Riti, '14, surprised us with a visit on Field Day! Jacob is Sophomore at Holy Ghost Prep! From left - right: Sister Yvette, Jacob and Sally (Gaughan) Unger, '81.



Sam Hellings, '14, upon finishing a successful Freshman year at LaSalle College High School, visited with Sr. Mary Ellen and Sr. Yvette recently with his mom, Terri Hellings.



facebook.com/NazarethAcademyGradeSchool





Above: **Samantha Lorenzo, '14,** was thrilled to reunite with her First Grade buddy Jaclyn Donnelly at a end of year school assembly! Warm congratulations to Samantha who recently celebrated her Quincenera with family and friends, and her brother **Eric Lorenzo, '13.** 

### Here's to the Class of 2015 alumni as they continue their education at the following high school destinations:

Megan Bozarth Nazareth Academy High School Jordan Braun Nazareth Academy High School Dino Cerquetelli Roman Catholic High School Caroline Clark Springside Chestnut Hill Academy Katherine Cleary Nazareth Academy High School Julia Davis Nazareth Academy High School Louis Diorio Academy of the New Church Isabelle DiTullio Nazareth Academy High School Helen Dotchel Nazareth Academy High School St. Joseph's Preparatory School lames Duesler Victoria Fabianski Nazareth Academy High School Abigail Gangemi-Hague Nazareth Academy High School Meaghan Gould Nazareth Academy High School Morgan Hural Nazareth Academy High School Margaret Kennedy Nazareth Academy High School Megan Kennedy Nazareth Academy High School Kevin Lin Father Judge High School Lindsay Long Villa Joseph Marie High School John Lubinski Holy Ghost Preparatory School Dominic Mancino Holy Ghost Preparatory School Marisa Melendez School Lane Charter School John Meyer LaSalle College High School Troy Neals Holy Ghost Preparatory School Anthony Pantalone Roman Catholic High School Jessica Scipione Nazareth Academy High School Ryan Spangler Holy Ghost Preparatory School Angelina Stride Nazareth Academy High School Derek Swider Holy Ghost Preparatory School Ming Yang Holy Ghost Preparatory School Agatha Zin Mount Saint Joseph's Academy

## Faculty News











In June, the faculty, staff and students honored Sister Mary Ellen Gemmell as she was leaving the school. The Faculty Room was named in her honor for the 2015-2016 school year through the auction committee efforts and a luncheon was also celebrated with the faculty and staff.

On behalf of our entire school community, we express our appreciation to Sister Mary Ellen for her dedicated efforts over the past three years. We wish Sister, pictured at left, the best both professionally and personally as she pursues her future endeavors which include sharing her love of teaching at Holy Family University and Saint Katherine of Siena. Sister will also minister to the immigrant poor in a neighboring community. Thank you Sister Mary Ellen and may God bless you always!

After 39 years as school Secretary, Mrs. Helen Primus retired in June. As most of our alumni will remember, Mrs. Primus, pictured at left, was there for all of our students, whether it was to help find a lunch box, call home when they were sick, and coordinate bus routes. Throughout almost four decades, Mrs. Primus witnessed the growth of the school while working with many Principals. We wish Mrs. Primus all the best the retirement can offer as she enjoys more time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

For the 2015-2016 school year, we warmly welcome:

Second Grade teacher - Victoria Young

Technology/Library teacher - Linda Mullen

Office Secretary - Frances latarola

To our departing faculty members, we sincerely wish Sister Teresita, Amanda McGuigan and Rachel Stricker all the best in their new endeavors!



Please join our Nazareth family in remembering our beloved departed.

**Timothy Breslin** - Father of Michaela Breslin, Gr. 8 and Timothy Breslin, Gr. 6

James Foley - Father of Ryan Foley, '05 and Kristen, '10

Mary Leckie Gould - Step-Grandmother of Mary Kate Gould, '13

and Meaghan Gould, '15

Judith Magnavita - Aunt of Ryan Becker, '94

Sister Anita Pasternak, CSFN

Henry Przybyszewski - Grandfather of Lauren Preski, '12

**Nelson Shanks** - Father of Annalisa Shanks, 08 and Alexander Shanks

Philip Unger - Brother of Patricia (Gaughan, '74) Gould, Sally (Gaughan, '81) Unger, Uncle of Mary Kate Gould, '13; Meaghan Gould, '15; Matthew Unger, '10; Gabriel Unger, '10, and Elizabeth Unger, Gr. 5

**Luann Wons** - Mother of Nicolette Wons, '11, and Joseph Wons, '13

## SPORTSMANSHIP AND LEADERSHIP On and Off the Field



Above: Athletic Director Sally (Gaughan, '81) Unger, presented special awards to the following extraordinary eighth grade students: **The Louis Cacchio Award:** Ryan Spangler; **The Sandra Michael Award:** Angelina Stride; and **The Frank Wolf Award:** James Duesler

Nazareth's Athletic Program reinforces the educational mission of the school and fosters characteristics such as sportsmanship, perseverance and integrity. The annual Athletic Awards assembly recognizes the efforts of both our student athletes and coaches. Special awards for outstanding effort were also presented, as noted at left.

We thank all of our coaches for sharing their love of the sport and for teaching sportsmanship, fair play and many values that our students will need throughout their lives.

#### The 2014 - 2015 coaches:

Soccer: Ron Spangler

Basketball: Girls - John Duesler & Heather

Dotchel. Boys - Mike Delia Swimming: Sally Unger

Track: Sally Unger, Patti Gould

Baseball: Bob Culp, Ron McGuigan, Rich Swider

Softball: Mark Bozarth, John Bristow

### FIELD DAY: Aiming for Fun!

A FUN day was had by all at our annual Field Day on May 29, 2015! From the minute the brightly colored teams of students and faculty members reported to their first activity, to the final sounding bell, all of our teams had a tremendously good time! We salute Mrs. Terry Vaccarino and her team of parents and teachers who assisted in helping make this team building event memorable for our students and families.

















## 2014–2015 ANNUAL FUND: Invest In Leadership

A successful Nazareth Academy Grade School Annual Fund directly enriches the educational experience for every child, every day. The fund is a lasting way to bring our community together, joining with our parents, alumni and friends to put much needed resources into the hands of our students.

Through the 2014-2015 "Invest in Leadership" Annual Fund, our generous donors have helped provide the resources for our Technology upgrade as well as the faculty professional development and training to maximize the integration of new technology into the classroom.

The fulfillment of our aspirations for our students will be possible because of Nazareth Academy Grade School's strong foundation and our community's continued support of the Annual Fund. *Thank you!* 

#### **BLESSED FRANCES SIEDLISKA SOCIETY**

Perpetual Membership: \$5,000 and above

Nick Caputo, '86

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

The Leona V. Patterson Living Trust ~ Sr. M. Rita Partyka, CSFN

In memory of Leona and Elvin Patterson

#### POPE JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY \$2,500 to \$4,999

Nazareth Academy Grade School Families ~ 2015 Walk-a-thon

#### **FAMILY CIRCLE** \$1,000 to \$2,499

Mrs. Maria Burns

Mrs. Linda Campagna

Mrs. Virginia Lee (Camerlengo) Holroyd, '67

In honor of Angeleen Holroyd, '94; Stephen Holroyd, '00 and Lukas Coppolino, '22

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zerkow

#### PRINCIPAL'S CIRCLE \$500 to \$999

The DiStasio Family

Mr. Carl Gregory, '47

Mr. Thomas James

In honor of Mary Ellen Hartley James, '59

Mr. Mark McGovern, '78

Mr. Tristen Mordan, '13

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reichert

In honor of Kylie Reichert, '21

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Young

2014-2015 Annual Fund \$ 24,843.00 Sister M. Celeste Memorial Award \$ 1,600.00 Foundation Tuition Assistance \$ 76,612.00

Nazareth Academy Grade School is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization listed in "The Catholic Directory" under Elementary Schools, Private, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Every effort is made to ensure accuracy of the Annual Fund Report. Please call 215-637-7777, ext. 206, with any errors or omissions.

#### N.A.G.S. CLUB \$100 to \$499

ABM Group

Winifred T. Becksted

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Bevilacqua Sister Roselita Bradley, CSFN

Mrs. Linda Campagna

Drs. Casimir and Dorothy Czarnecki

Sean Dawes, '00 and Jamie (Smith) Dawes, '00

Steve and Roseanne Duzinski

In memory of Alexandra Duzinski, '95

Geoffrey Farmer, '60

Sister Mary Ellen Gemmell, CSFN

Giant A Plus School Rewards Shoppers

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert

Patricia (Gaughan) Gould, '74

Richard S. Gregory, '56

Dr. Tiffany Gung, '01

I-Give Shoppers

Patricia Kubiak

Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Martin

Lisa Mikula, '87

In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

Mr. and Mrs. Pascual Montanez

Roseann B. Myers

Mary Nicolo, '71

The Riccio Family

John Schmitt, III, '87

In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

Timothy and Ramona Sharkey

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Delaney Hall

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Mount Nazareth

David S. Smith

Gerard J. St. John

Brian Strausser, '87

The Vaccarino Family

In honor of George Vaccarino, '10

David Valovage, '87

In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

Target Shoppers

Target Thanks A Billion

#### MAROON AND GRAY CLUB \$1 to \$99

The Bozarth Family

In memory of Rochelle Gangemi

The Bozarth Family

In memory of Mary Leckie Gould

Beth (Waring) Clayton, '87

In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

Dr. Dorothy Czarnecki

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeNoble

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeSantis

Marie Furman

Mary Gaughan, Gould, Becker and Unger Families

In memory of Mary Leckie Gould

Patricia (Gaughan) Gould, '74

Alexander Halas, 'I I

Julia Halas, '14

John Jakubowski, Esq., '49

Deanna Jennings, '05

Taylor Jennings, '12

Maribeth Kane

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marcelis

In memory of Lynne Millevoi

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marcelis

In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

Patricia McGarvey

Lisa Mikula, '87

In memory of Jennifer (Culp) Roman, '87

Dana (Fluehr) Morrissey '87

In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

Sister Brendan O'Brien, CSFN

Rosemary Parmigiani

The Poncia Family

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Purcell

Santos Ramos, '08

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Roman

The Scipione Family

Sylvia Scutti

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stephens

Erin (Linquist) Waldron, '00

Frank Wilus, '51



#### **GIFTS IN KIND**

We thank the following individuals and organizations for their generosity of time, talent and financial support during the 2014-2015 school year:

Jeani Grady - Catalano Studios

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cipolloni - CIPPCO, INC.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gregory - Professional Duplicating, Inc.

 $\mbox{Mr.}$  and  $\mbox{Mrs.}$  Jack  $\mbox{Marcelis}$  - Jack Flash Electric and Lighting

Joe Santucci - Joe Santucci's Original Square Pizza Bar & Grill

#### **FOUNDATION TUITION ASSISTANCE**

We gratefully recognize the following organizations who have provided students with the opportunity to excel at Nazareth Academy Grade School:

Bridge Foundation

Bridges to Education

Joseph Brancato Memorial Alumni Scholarship, Class of 1981

#### Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia

PA State Representative Mike Driscoll

Henkels Foundation

J.P. Mascaro and Sons

**Nazareth Family Foundation** 





#### Geo Bowl

WAY TO GO!!! Our GEO BOWL team earned the First Place Trophy at the April 29, 2015 competition at West Catholic High School! The event is sponsored by the Philadelphia Geographical Society. Congratulations to teacher Maura Fox, Derek Swider, Joan Dotchel, Isabelle Anzabi and Jeremy Delia for their achievement!



#### Pi Day Math Competition

Our students celebrated Pi Day on 3-14-15 at Holy Ghost Prep/Nazareth Academy's Annual Grade School Mathematics Competition! We're proud to announce that Kathryn Tereshko was awarded 1st Place, Joan Dotchel came in 2nd and the Sixth Grade participants earned 3rd Place! We are grateful for the continued guidance of Mrs. Culp, Mrs. Kane and all of our





#### Beauty and the Beast, Jr.

Congratulations to the cast, crew and directors of "The Beauty and the Beast, Jr." The production was held on March 20 - 22, 2015 at Nazareth Academy High School and was directed by Natalie Monari. We applaud our students' commitment and effort in bringing this beloved tale to life! *Photo by Lou Farinella* 



#### 76'ers "Read for Ronald"

Here's to the Philadelphia 76'ers for sponsoring the "Read for Ronald" campaign to raise funds for Philadelphia's Ronald McDonald House. Representing NAGS at the April 14, 2015 awards ceremony were Emma Crumbock, Annaliese Steiner and Hannah DiStasio. Photo by Mary Ellen Crumbock.



A special presentation entitled "Staying Safe, Staying Smart on Your Devices" was given to our students on May 8, 2015. We thank Philadelphia Police Corporal Shirley Murray and Heather Tereshko, Esq., pictured at left, for planning this important presentation.

The speakers stressed both the criminal and legal ramifications of inappropriate online messages and photos. In addition, students were warned about predators posing as Facebook friends, X-Box gamers. The students learned that being online and sharing private messages and photos is NEVER privatel



#### **Wax Museum**

Our 8th grade students brought their biographical ELA projects to life through their "Wax Museum" presentation on April 27, 2015. Inspired by their research and guidance of teachers Maureen Ayes and Maura Fox, the presentation was a great success and was featured on the evening's FOX 29 news broadcast!



#### NAGS to the Rescue!

On March 20, 2015, our students showed Super Hero support for a local family who suffered a loss of their home in a fire. Students enthusiastically responded to the call by dressing in various Super-Hero tee shirts for a donation. The fundraiser was organized by 8th grade teacher Maura Fox. Our thanks to FOX 29 news for their coverage of the event!

#### St. Jude Math-a-Thon



Our students raised \$2,800.00 by participating in the St. Jude Math-a-Thon that was organized by teacher Maribeth Kane. We thank Mrs. Kane and all the students who gave their time to raise money and awareness for St. Jude's Hospital for Children!









## Painting With a Purpose In Memory of Luann Wons

The Nazareth community gathered on May 16, 2015 with a special purpose: to support a friend's courageous fight with cancer. With brushes in hand, the participants explored their artistic skills at a Painting Party in honor of Luann Wons. The May 16, 2015 benefit was held at NAGS and was organized by family members, friends and Susan (Zajac) Mordan, '81.

Under the direction of the staff of "Uncorked Artist", the painters completed their very own version a "Bluebells" floral masterpiece. An extraordinary array of donated baskets attracted the interest of all the supporters.

Luann and her husband Joe, children Nicolette, 'II, and Joseph, 'I3, were touched by the number of families that responded to the invitation to participate. It was a fun opportunity to reconnect with alumni, alumni parents as well as current NAGS families. We are grateful to all of the generous donors and participants. THIS what the NAGS family is all about.... being there in times of need.

Following the event, Luann stated, "I wanted to express my deepest appreciation for the continual support and generosity that you have shown me, as well as my family, I feel blessed and grateful to have such wonderful people in my life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Throughout the summer, as she faced her own health challenges, Luann continued to reach out to others suffering and remained an attentive mother to her beautiful children, and loving wife to her husband Joe. Sadly, Luann passed away on August 23, 2015. We truly have been blessed with knowing an extraordinary woman. Luann will remain in our thoughts and hearts. Always.

A beef and beer event to benefit the family will be held on October 23, 2015 at the Emerald Room. Email ForTheLoveOfLu@gmail.com for ticket information or visit "For the Love of Lu" page on Facebook.







## It's a nags world after all

The Annual NAGSPA Auction

The 16th Annual Silent and Live Auction was held on April 18, 2015 at The Maltese Room in Bensalem. After months of planning and organizing, it was a night for the work of the Auction Committee and our school community to shine!

We sincerely thank Chairpersons Bree Cassidy, Erin Reichert, Cheryl Gillespie, Maja Graff, Mary Ellen DiStasio, Jeannie Donnelly and Lisa Baker for their tireless efforts in ensuring a phenomenal gathering. The "It's A NAGS World After All" themed—event featured auction items generously donated by our Sponsors, donors, committee and parents. We are grateful for the support generated that directly benefits each and every student at Nazareth Academy Grade School! We salute our Event Sponsors:



#### **MAGIC KINGDOM**

CIPPCO, Incorporated

Joseph Ems, State Farm Insurance Representative

Joe Santucci's Bar & Grill

Karl J. Krass, J.D., LL.M., CPA

McCafferty-Sweeny Funeral Home, Inc.

Nazareth Academy High School

Phillymattress.com

Video Visions, Inc.

#### **EPCOT**

Burns Funeral home

**Dunphy Ford** 

Faulkner Toyota

Keares Electrical Contracting, Inc.

Magical Adventures Travel

Millevoi Brothers

Original's Italian Restaurant and Bar

State Representative Mike Driscoll

The Tereshko Family

#### **HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS**

Beneficial Bank

The Bozarth and Gangemi-Hague Families

**Expert General Contracting** 

Ginny Lee Dance Studio

Platinum Stores

State Representative Martina White

Riccio Family Pharmacy

#### **ANIMAL KINGDOM**

Betz Heating and Plumbing

Ed Neilson for Council

 $\label{local_continuity} \mbox{Joe Cunningham} \mbox{--ReMax}$ 

The Danny Craige Foundation

**Tipping School Pictures** 

#### **SPONSOR A SISTER**

Al's Corner Deli

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Budd

CIPPCO, Incorporated

Daniel Swider, Class of 2020

Derek Swider, Class of 2015

#### **SPONSOR A SISTER**, cont.

Dunphy Ford

Faulkner Toyota

Jaclyn Donnelly, Class of 2021

Joe Santucci's Bar & Grill

Karl J. Krass, J.D., LL.M., CPA

McCafferty Sweeney Funeral Home

Nazareth Academy High School

Phillymattress.com

Rosemary Parmigiani

The Ashburn Family

The Budd Family

The Conner Family

The Czarnecki Family

The DiStasio Family

The Dougherty Family

The Duesler Family

The Lubinski Family

The Monteith Family

The Solitario Family

The Tereshko Family



#### ...and the winning auction bid goes to....

Debbie Gangemi and friends were the winners of the phenomenal "Stay Tuned" custom portrait by Jeani Grady of Catalano Studios. We are grateful to Jeani for sharing her amazing talents in creating the oneof-a-kind shot of the 8th graders dressed as various sit-com characters! In addition, the class portraits of grades one through seven were a hit! Our thanks to all of the portrait bidders and winners of true works of art by Catalano Studios.



Bon appetit! At left, our Chefs for a Day were Laci Gillespie and Kylie Reichert of Grade 2. The auction item, offered by cafeteria managers Mrs. D'Andrea and Mrs. Bristow, featured chef hats, aprons, gift baskets and of course, being in charge of the kitchen for a day!



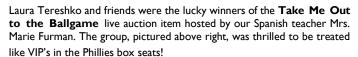


With tools in hand, Jaclyn Donnelly and Alexa Carmean built a PC with Ms. Stricker! Pictured at left, the students were amazed that the tiny parts and wires worked together to create words, images and videos on a monitor! After all that hard work, the "IT Specialists" enjoyed a cool Ice Cream Sundae Party.

It was all Fun and Games for Catherine Solitario and friends with teachers Ms. Sue Trotter, Mrs. Sally Unger and Mrs. Terry Vaccarino! The students hooted and hollered during the afternoon's activities that featured board games and an ice cream party! Pictured at left and lower left.



Teachers Ms. Amanda McGuigan and Ms. Monica Ricci helped Megan Glod and friends bring out their artistic talents during a recent Painting **Party.** Pictured at bottom left, the students enjoyed every minute in creating their own floral masterpieces!





Emma and Luca Cusano, pictured at right, were Principals for the Day at Nazareth Academy Grade School! The siblings made announcements, extended recess for the entire school, had a special lunch, and checked in with all the faculty and staff throughout the day.



Lukas Coppolino was excited to be Gym Teacher for the Day, along

with the help of gym teacher Mrs. Terry Vaccarino! Pictured at right: With his official whistle, Lucas was in charge of keeping order and planning activities for each gym class.



Hannah DiStasio and friends were the winners of We Just Bought a Zoo, hosted by Mrs. Furman. The group had a terrific outing enjoying the sights and sounds of all the wild inhabitants that reside at the Philadelphia Zoo!

Stay tuned for additional auction news in our next Newsletter! THANK YOU to our donors for their support of the auction!









## WALK-A-THON FOR ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Our thanks to our community for their generous support of the annual Walk-a-thon to benefit the 2015-2016 Athletic Program! Three cheers to all the students, faculty members and parents who strolled through the beautiful grounds of Fluehr Park, just across the street. We appreciate the pledges from our families and friends, which totaled \$3,130.00!

In addition to our pledges, we recognize our event Sponsors:

NAGS EVENT SPONSORS

The Cipolloni Family

Anonymous Donor

WE ARE FAMILY REFRESHMENT SPONSOR

The Burns Family
The Graff Family
The Monteith Family
The Swider Family





## AWARDS FOR OUR FUTURE GRADS!

The Awards Ceremony for first through seventh grade students was held on June 4, 2015. The many achievements and efforts of our students were recognized by all of their teachers. In addition, special awards were presented to three seventh graders:

Maura Budd, pictured below with her parents Jason and Laurel Budd, received the **2015 Joseph Brancato Memorial Award**. This award was made possible through the generosity of the Brancato family and alumni of the Class of 1981.



The Trustees of Upper Dublin Academy sponsor the *Thomas Holme Award*, in recognition of a student's character, community service and academic potential. Both Catherine Monteith and Kathryn Tereshko, pictured below with Sister Mary Ellen, were presented with the 2015 awards.





#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May the joy of this day last forever!

Blessings to our third grade students as they received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on May 2, 2015. We thank their parents, teacher Monica Ricci, Sister Mary Ellen, Sister Teresita and Ms. Sue Trotter for their help in preparing the students to receive the Eucharist.

We pray our students always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His love!

## Connecting Students to Their Future

Our Annual Fund is a vital source of financial support that impacts every part of the educational experience at NAGS. Over the years, gifts to the Annual Fund have provided unrestricted resources to enhance programs in athletics, arts, classrooms, technology, and care of our beautiful campus. It is a collective effort of our parents, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, friends, faculty and Trustees.

In this, our 75th year, we continue to build upon the success of the 2014-2015 Annual Fund benefitting our technology program. Generous donations have helped provide for a new expanded server, new computers and programs. In addition, the increasing presence of technology in every content area demands substantial training to integrate technology in the curriculum. Our longterm goal is to truly establish NAGS' identity as a pre-eminent lab school.

We initiate Phase II of our plan to expand our Technology goals with our "Connecting Students to Their Future" Annual Fund effort in 2015 - 2016.

#### As funding provides, Phase II goals include:

- Chrome books for our upper grade students
- Library/Media Center upgrades including a Smart Board
- Electronic books and e-book readers

Your participation is an expression of confidence in the school's mission and its program. NAGS is known for the treasured relationships between our faculty, students and their families! We invite you to...

> **CONNECT** with our community of students, teachers, and alumni.

CONNECT our students to the world.

CONNECT our students to their future.

Nazareth Academy Grade School students go on to change the world with the help of Annual Fund-supported programs on and off campus by learning to connect, to advocate for themselves and others, and to collaborate for a changing world!

We ask for your support of the 2015 - 2016 Annual Fund. You can help by making a gift today!

Every gift is an investment in the education of each student at NAGS. With your support, we can continue to do great things.

## The 2015 - 2016 annual Fund

#### GIVING BACK HAS NEVER BEEN SO EASY!

Each gift, combined with the gifts of others, will make an immediate impact on the life of today's students.

Donations can be made securely online at: www.nazarethacademy.net. Click "Development" and "Donate Now."

We invite our entire community to participate in the Annual Fund and become members of the following giving levels:

Blessed Frances Siedliska Society*\$5,000 and abo
Pope John Paul II Society\$2,500 to \$4,99
Family Circle\$1,000 to \$2,4
Principal's Circle\$500 to \$99
NAGS Club\$100 to \$4
Maroon and Gray Club\$1 to \$
* Perpetual membership
Name:
If alumna, Maiden
Name:
Class of:
Address:
City:
State: Zip:
Telephone:
Email:
DONATION: \$ Check Enclosed: \$
Please make checks payable to "NAGS" or bill my 😂 or 🚾 :
Name on card:
Number:
Expiration Date:
Optional - This gift is given in memory of, or in honor of:
BEQUESTS:

Please contact me regarding a bequest. Phone

#### **MATCHING GIFTS:**

My/Spouse's company will match this gift. The matching gift form is enclosed.

Employer:

Please make checks payable to "NAGS" and mall to:

Nazareth Academy Grade School, ATTN: Development Office, 4701 Grant Avenue, Phila., PA 19114

While contributions may be outright gifts, there are other options in donating to Nazareth Academy Grade School. For more information, contact: Patricia McGarvey, Development Director, at 215-637-7777, Ext. 206, or email: pmcgarvey@nazarethacademy.net.

areth Academy Grade School is a non profit (c) (3) organization listed in "The Official Catholic Directory" under Elementary Schools, Private, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



Naxareth Academy Grade School

4701 Grant Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19114

215-637-7777 NEW WEBSITE! www.nazarethacademy.net

Summer 2015

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

First Day of School	9/9/15
75th Anniversary	
Opening Liturgy	9/11/15
NAGSPA Car Wash	9/19/15
NAGS World Meeting of	
Families Spaghetti Dinner	9/24/15
Grade 3 Celebration of	
Belonging	10/5/15
75th Anniversary 5K Family	
Fun Run/Walk	11/7/15
Kindergarten Open House	11/20/15
Christmas at NAGS	12/22/15

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PHILA., PA
PERMIT NO. 05164

## Building Skills. Building Confidence. Building Athletes

### A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2014 - 2015 YEAR!













