



Nazareth Academy Grade School

OUR MISSION IS FAMILY

The Class of 2014: RAISING THE BAR OF EXCELLENCE

Aristotle once said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." Through the past eight years, one thing that stands out about the Class of 2014 after character, intelligence and talent, is work ethic. The final year of elementary school is filled with emotion and special moments, but these students did not let that distract them from their business. They continued to challenge themselves and work toward their high school dreams thereby raising the bar of excellence for all who follow.

The countdown to graduation finally arrived on June 2, 2014, the date of the liturgy and ceremony. In their quest for excellence, members of the class obtained a record setting \$707,800.00 in high school scholarships. We commend the efforts of their parents and teachers who had a profound effect on the students' achievements. Excellence pays off!

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Pictured above, left-right - Sitting, first row: Carolyn Marcelis, Danielle Shead, Samuel Hellings, Riley Eisler, John Duesler, Madison Pristera, Michael Wagner, Shannon O'Neill, Colleen Watson. Standing, first row: Jacob Riti, Mrs. Maura Fox, Teacher; Mada Akarimali, Lauren Cantwell, Erik Lindemann, Amanda Flynn, Madison Schwegler, Dillon Lacorte, Ruby Malak, Julia Halas, Sr. Mary Ellen Gemmell, Principal; Michele Anzabi, Samantha Lorenzo. Standing, second row: Kacey Beatrice, Nancy Montanez, Tracy Marcelis, Christopher Morton, Chloe Roberts, Griffin Barnes, Nicolette Fila, Giovana Delia, Alexandra Graff. Standing, third row: Phillip Rueter, Matthew Rueter. Absent: Zachary Vittorelli.

A MESSAGE *From the Principal*

Dear Friends of Nazareth Academy Grade School,

This past summer, Philadelphia came to life because of the enthusiasm, sportsmanship and positive energy demonstrated by the Taneey Dragons who played so well in the Little League World Series. Players edified their spectators when they encouraged one another and celebrated together, following the example of their coaches, their parents and their leaders.

Students at Nazareth Academy Grade School reflect the same experiences in their lives as seen in this edition of the newsletter, carefully crafted by Mrs. Patricia McGarvey, Development Director. Unprecedented academic achievements, inspiring devotions, fascination with the sciences, celebrations in song and dance, talent in dramatic presentations, sports awards, and creative writing triumphs all unite to highlight the many initiatives of teachers, supported by parents, leaders and staff. Mrs. McGarvey manages to underscore the great moments that take place in everyday Nazareth life while allowing readers to get a glimpse of highlights in the lives of alumni, while recognizing teachers, parents and friends who give generously of themselves, working tirelessly for our mission to serve families.

So, let us all celebrate Nazareth Academy, giving thanks to those who lead and support our school, while we continue to unite our efforts for growth with enthusiasm and love.

Warm congratulations to all!

Sister Mary Ellen Gemmill, CSFN

Principal



BOARD CHAIR RETIRES

Sister Brendan O'Brien, CSFN, who had chaired the Nazareth Academy Grade School Board of Trustees since 2007, retired from her post on January 29, 2014. Sister served on the Board since its inception in 2005.

Under Sister's leadership, the Board of Trustees' growth and level of involvement increased to benefit the school's mission, strategic goals and objectives. Sister stated, "It has been an enriching personal experience for me in many ways. I am grateful that I have gotten to know and respect so many others associated with the Academy, particularly those who have served on the Board at various times over the course of nine years."

Above: Sister Mary Ellen presents Sister Brendan with flowers and a gift of appreciation on behalf of the board members and school community.

Upon recommendation, MMI (Mission and Ministry) appointed Sister Jeanette Lawlor as incoming Board Chair and Charles Kueny as Vice-Chair. The board is drawn from the ranks of leaders in civil society and the Community of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and meets to oversee the activity of the school.

The 2014-2015 Board of Trustees: *Seated, l - r:* Sister Mary Ellen Gemmill, Principal; Sister Jeanette Lawlor, Chair; Charles Kueny, Vice-Chair. *Standing:* Gerard St. John, John Gilbert, Rosemary Parmigiani and Sister Aurea Stroik.



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We are in need of yearbooks

from the following years: 1980, 1983,

1985, 1986, 1987, 1988.





NAGS: A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICE



The 40th Anniversary of Catholic Schools Week was celebrated from January 26 to February 1, 2014. This year's theme, "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service," will be the on-going focus for the next three more years to build and promote a more consistent awareness of the annual observance.

The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education at Nazareth Academy Grade School. Our school community, consisting of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, alumni, families, faculty, staff and students, is a small family in our own right. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures on which all Catholic schools are founded.



Under the guidance of Mrs. Mai Dang, Student Council Moderator, the Student Officers opened the week's activities with a prayer service. In addition, the 7th grade students participated in a Mass celebrated at the NAHS Chapel with Alpha House pre-school students. For all students, a week-long religion trivia game kicked off with the chance for students to win prizes for their knowledge and skills.



Our students rose to the challenge in the spirit of service by supporting our "soup-er" bowl collection of canned soups and meals for the Archdiocesan Food Bank as well as Buddy Bingo for a Benefit! Throughout the week, students arrived at school in various themed-outfits, such as Pajama Day and CrAzY HaT and SoCkS DaY. An Administration, Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day, a Student Appreciation Day and a Spirit Pep Rally also highlighted the contributions of everyone at the school, including our athletes. The long-awaited Nuke 'Em game was the school spirit rally that left the 8th grade class victorious against the faculty and staff..... again!



The festivities culminated in a Program of Excellence for an Open House, during which our students demonstrated their knowledge and talent in Spanish, Forensics, Choir, Choir Chimes and Instrumental performances. A special thank you to Mrs. Dang and the Student Council for organizing an exceptional week of activities! We also thank Sr. Mary Ellen, our faculty, staff, parents and students for helping make this a successful celebration of Catholic Schools Week.



"The Wizard of Naz"

ANNUAL AUCTION



Each year, the Parent Association hosts our Annual Auction, which is a fundraising effort that directly supports our programs and facility. This year's event, held on April 12, 2014 at the Maltese Room in Bensalem, PA, was a fabulous success thanks to a team of volunteers, headed by Co-Chairs Heather Tereshko, Gina Burns and **Tierney (McNulty) Kelly, '90**, pictured above left.

Parent Association President **Laurie King, '85**, pictured at left with Bridie Tobler, welcomed guests and distributed programs and all-important bid numbers! "The Wizard of Naz" theme could not be complete without Dorothy, who stood next to a rainbow of balloons at the entryway, greeting guests as they arrived. Glenda the Good Witch, the Wicked Witch, Tin Man, Scarecrow and Cowardly Lion also stood watch as guests placed bids during the highly anticipated Silent and Live Auctions.

As always, the event was a testimony to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, faculty, staff, parents and students. The faculty's sponsored trips and events are always a hit with parents who frantically attempt to obtain a special outing with teachers. Each class contributed a unique project that was carefully crafted and meaningful. In addition, a portrait of every class was donated by Jeani Catalano of Catalano Studios that stole the show, as well as the hearts and bidding during the Live Auction!

Along with **Bernice (Giordano) Duesler, '79**, our very own Wizard (Sam Hellings), pictured above right with Sister Mary Ellen, lent his wizardry to the daunting task of recording bids for each participant.

With his humor and quick wit, John Duesler, pictured at right, guided guests through a rousing and friendly bidding war for one-of-a-kind and valuable items. John's comical routine prior to the live auction was simply delightful.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated items and supported the event in any way. We recognize the generosity of the "Wizard of Naz" Sponsors, as noted on page 5.

The event was nothing short of a wonderful night filled with bidding excitement, quality time with our school community and jovial antics with fellow parents and friends, all to support our Munchkins!



Nazareth Academy Grade School Gratefully Acknowledges Our **AUCTION SPONSORS**

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE NAGS

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Nazareth Academy High School

OVER THE RAINBOW

The Cipolloni Family
John and Bernice Duesler & Family
RF Design and Integration, Inc.
Dr. Jeffrey Truitt, '92

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International Union of Painters and Allied Traders, District Council 21
The Tereshko Family

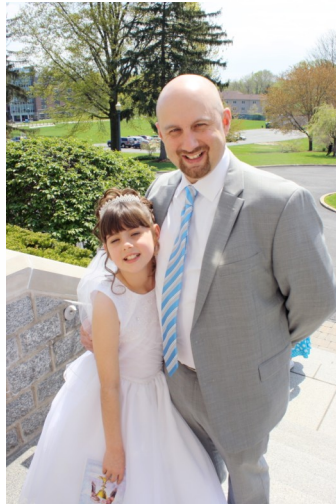
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The Bozarth Family
Original's Italian Restaurant
Tipping School Pictures

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Santina Cerquetelli, Class of 2018	Rosemary Parmigiani
Jaclyn Donnelly, Class of 2021	Chris and Peggy Solitario
Winnie Hicks	Dr. Jeffrey Truitt, '92

Class Notes



1980's

Above: **Dominic Vendetta, '86**, congratulates his daughter Grace after the Third Grade received their First Holy Communion at the Nazareth Academy High School Chapel on May 3, 2014.



Above: Right to left: **Deneen (Drab) McCaffery, '82**, **Tracey Schrufer, '82** and therapist Crystal visited the school on behalf of Academy Injury and Health Center located in Philadelphia, PA. Faculty and staff members were treated to a mini-class on health and wellness and a delicious luncheon.

1990's

Congratulations to **Sean Brogan, '98**, who married Mary Ellen Salmon on May 31, 2014! NAGS classmate and life-long friend **Thomas Lopit, '98**, was Best Man!

2000's



Having played a part in their engagement, NAGS is pleased to announce the nuptials of **Jamie Smith, '00** and **Sean Dawes, '00**! The wedding was held at Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Delaware on May 10, 2014. The happy couple celebrated their union by jetting off to the Hawaiian islands.

The wedding was featured in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* on June 18, 2014 and can also be seen online at philly.com.

Sean is a partner at Rocket Dove, an online marketing consulting business and Jamie is a Nurse Anesthetist at Christiana Care Health Services. We wish the newlyweds all the best in their new journey together!

Photo by Hoffer Photography



Erin O'Neil, '01, got to know our students this year as a substitute Fifth Grade teacher! Erin organized the Summer Art Program at Nazareth Academy High School and will be teaching Art at the high school during the 2014-2015 school year.

Erin's creativity is also shared in her photography skills, go to www.erinoneilphotography.com for additional information.



Sister Martin Duffy greeted former students and alumni at the First Holy Communion Celebration. L-R: Sister Martin, **Nick Mancino, '09**; **Capri Mancino, '04** and **Dominic Mancino, '15**. The siblings attended the Liturgy in honor of their sister, **Isabella Mancino, '19**.



Graduation Festivities are always a main attraction for alumni visits! L-R are: **Colin Murtha, '11**; **Samantha Simon, '11**; **Alexander Halas, '11**; and **Regina Duesler, '11**.



Eric Marcelis, '09, of West Chester University, greets his sisters **Carolyn Marcelis, '14** and **Tracy Marcelis, '14**, at the 8th Grade Awards Assembly, just hours after arriving back in Philadelphia from a university-sponsored trip to China!



Whoa!! College updates on the Class of 2010:

- Sarah Aitken** - University of Pennsylvania, Bio/Wildlife Ecology
- Lauren Braun** - Penn State Abington, Corporate Communications
- Colleen Corbett** - Penn State, Criminology
- Greg DiNardo** - Immaculata College, Criminology
- John Diorio** - LaSalle University
- Meagan Dollard** - University of Pennsylvania, Political Science
- Andrew Doyle** - Drexel University, Electrical Engineering
- Madalyn Fluehr** - Fordham University, Business
- Kristen Foley** - West Chester University, Special Education
- Stephanie Hughes** - University of Richmond
- William Jester** - Penn State
- David Kasperowicz** - St. Joseph's University, Biology
- Kevin Kerr** - Penn State 2015. Playing USHL Tri-City Storm in 2014.
- Julia Marcel** - Temple University, Sports Management
- Teresa Mauro** - Albright College, Bio/Pre-Veterinary Medicine
- Melissa Moran** - Drexel University, Health Science
- Taryn Neals** - Rider University, Supply Chain Management
- Dana Peel** - Villanova University, Veterinary Medicine.
- Gabrielle Pristera** - Holy Family University, Marketing & Management
- Ryan Rauch** - University of the Arts, Music Business
- Oscar Sanchez** - Haverford College, Biomedical Engineering/Pre-Med
- Thomas Stride** - University of the Arts, Music Business
- Jessica Supperer** - Philadelphia University, Occupational Therapy
- Gabriel Unger** - University of New Haven, Forensic Science
- Matthew Unger** - St. Joseph's University/Jefferson Nursing, Nursing
- George Vaccarino** - LaSalle University, Criminal Justice
- Alexander Wajda** - Widener University, Electrical Engineering
- Emily Wash** - St. Michael's College, History

Tracy Marcelis, '14, was honored at the National Health Center Week's Youth Poster Contest Award Ceremony at the Mayor's Reception Room at Philadelphia City Hall on August 14, 2014. Tracy received a Second Place ribbon for her creative artwork, pictured at left. *Photo courtesy of Anne Marcelis*



Please join the school community in remembering our beloved departed.



- Carol J. Brown - Mother-in-law of Shannon (McNulty) Brown, '85; Grandmother of Chelsea Brown, '05; Michael Brown, '11 and Marne Brown, '13
- Michael J. DeFino, Jr. - Father of Carol Greco and Linda Campaigna. Grandfather of Linda Monari. Great-grandfather of Natalie Monari. (Dance, Theater and Summer Camp Programs)
- Larry DeAngelis - Father of Salvatore DeAngelis, '91 and Lorenzo DeAngelis, '92
- Bernard Dlutowski - Father of Janine (Dlutowski) Ehsani, '76, John Dlutowski, '77, Kathleen (Dlutowski) Autieri, '78, Chris Dlutowski, '80 and Mark Dlutowski, '83
- Anthony Gampico - Father of Jennifer Gampico (deceased) '87, and Amy Gampico, '90
- Michael L. Strollo - Grandfather of Michael Lydon, '09
- Daniel Trotter, Jr. - Father of Ms. Suzanne Trotter, Music Teacher
- John Unger - Grandfather of Gabriel Unger, '10; Matthew Unger, '10, and Elizabeth Unger, '19. Father-in-law of teacher Mrs. Sally Unger, '81

Class Notes

Congratulations to our Alumnae on their achievements recently noted at Nazareth Academy High School Honors Convocation on Sunday, April 13, 2014:

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Suzanne Cassidy, '11
Mary Frances Driscoll, '11
Regina Duesler, '11
Andreanna Manto, '11

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

Kristen Foley, '10
Julia Marcel, '10
Gabrielle Pristera, '10
Emily Wash, '10
Suzanne Cassidy, '11
Sarah Rucci, '12

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Marne Brown, '13

WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES

Regina Duesler, '11
Ava Roberts, '12
Sarah Rucci, '12

MU ALPHA THETA

Suzanne Cassidy, '11
Regina Duesler, '11

CUMULATIVE HONORS, CLASS OF 2014

Distinguished Honors:

Sarah Aitken, '10
Teresa Mauro, '10
Melissa Moran, '10

Commended Honors:

Colleen Corbett, '10

2014 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Commended Students:

Sarah Aitken, '10

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

FOR 2014-2015

Chloe Roberts, '14

TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP

Madison Pristera, '14

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Chloe Roberts, '14



Faculty News

Surprise!

The second grade class presented their teacher, Miss Amanda McGuigan, with a beautifully carved rocker for her classroom, decorated and auto-graphed by each student!

Thanks to Mrs. Julia Antoni and Mrs. Gina Machado for their efforts in organizing this special end-of-year gift.



Erin Ricca, former Technology Teacher, returned once again to teach the Summer Technology Camp! The campers had a great time with the engaging activities such as writing, acting, filming, editing short group films, technology related games and much more! Mrs. Ricca is pictured above with her son Tommy, age 2.



Maura Fox, eighth grade teacher, and her husband Pat welcomed their daughter Raine Kathleen into the world on July 12, 2014!

Raine is lucky to have Patrick as such a proud and protective big brother!

Disney Peter Pan JR

“ALL YOU NEED IS *Faith, Trust,*
AND A LITTLE
Pixie Dust.”

~ Peter Pan



“It has been said that our children's imaginations are our greatest hope for the future! J.M. Barrie captured that imagination in his beloved story, Peter Pan,” explained Natalie Monari, Director of the NAGS annual theater presentation. “Our boys and girls are bringing his story to life on our stage,” she continued, “and with the help of a little magic fairy dust, we all will be transported back to our childhood, to enjoy the imagination and talents of our students.”

After much practice and preparation, our students took to the stage on March 28-30, 2014 and presented their colorful and spirited rendition of “Peter Pan, Jr.” With a cast of over 95 students, such classic songs as “Yo-Ho (A Pirate’s Life For Me),” “You Can Fly,” and “Following the Leader,” were brought to life in front of sold-out crowds that filled the Green Room at Nazareth Academy High School.

Expressing her thanks to all those who helped in the show’s success, Ms. Monari stated, “Theatre is a collaborative effort and I would like to thank everyone who worked to make this show a success - Sue Trotter, our vocal teacher, Linda Monari, our dance choreographer, Ed Perkins, our sound man, Ken and Sally Unger, Bernice and John Duesler, Matt and Gabe Unger, Frank Congdon, who painted the art work for our set, and all of our parents who chaperoned and helped the evenings of the shows. With appreciation to Sr. Mary Ellen, Sr. Yvette, the teachers and staff at NAGS, and Mrs. Pat McGarvey and Mrs. Kathy Serfass. Thanks also to Sr. Mary Joan and NAHS for their hospitality. And last, but not least, my “meem,” Mrs. Carol Greco, for her imagination and full-time support!”



Photos courtesy of Lou Farinella and Linda Monari



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR Stars



Congratulations to eighth grade students John Duesler and Sam Hellings on their participation in the **2014 Archdiocesan All Star Jazz Band** performance at the State Capitol in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania!



Congratulations to the **STATE WINNER** and finalists of the **Zaner Bloser National Handwriting Contest!** Finalists were Julia Davis, Gr. 7; Jamie Barbara, Gr. 5; Madeline Donlon, Gr. 2; Kylie Reichert, Gr. 1; Erin Murray, Gr. 3; Sophia Paschall, Gr. 4; Nicole Sullivan, Gr. 6; and Samantha Lorenzo, Gr. 8.



Julia Davis, Gr. 7, was named the **2014 State Winner of the Zaner Bloser National Handwriting Contest!** We rejoice with Julia whose work went on to the National level! We thank our parents for encouraging hard work and patience in helping their children develop their handwriting skills and acknowledge our teachers, Mrs. Mai Dang and Mrs. Maureen Ayes, for their guidance in the classroom.

Above and at right: On April 2, 2014, the first graders were treated to a special presentation by the sixth grade **Honors ELA** students! The older students shared their "Fractured Fairy Tales," that they wrote and illustrated in Mrs. Maureen Ayes' Honors ELA class.

The students fully used their imagination to create their own setting, characters, plot, illustrations and at times, non-traditional fairy tale endings.

Many lessons in learning respect, manners, responsibility and honesty were highlighted in the stories, including a NAGS favorite, depicted in Nicole Sullivan's story, pictured above: **"What is right isn't always popular, and what is popular isn't always right,"**





To commemorate St. Patrick's Day, Abigail Ryan, Grade 2, shared her talents in **Irish Dancing** with her fellow NAGS students. Dressed in a traditional Irish dance costume, Abigail nimbly stepped to several traditional Irish tunes. Parents Joseph and Elizabeth Ryan, teacher Amanda McGuigan, and 7th grade buddy Agatha Zin, watched proudly!



Chloe Roberts, '14, was 1st Chair, or Concert Mistress, at the Archdiocesan String Festival on April 6, 2014 at Archbishop Prendergast High School. After the orchestra is seated, the Concert Mistress stands and the other string instruments tune to her violin. Proficiency level of string students must exceed the Bach Minuets in Suzuki Level I.

In addition to this honor, Chloe received a plaque recognizing her five years of participation in the String Festival.



The **2014 LaSalle College High School Forensics First Place Champions** are Nazareth Academy Grade School! Individually, 13 out of 21 of our competitors were recognized with semi-finalist or finalist awards!

Semi-Finalist medals were awarded to: Riley Eisler, Prose; James Duesler, Poetry; Ally Graff, Poetry; Catherine Monteith, Poetry.

Trophy Awards were presented to:

Declamation - Tracy Marcelis - 3rd place

Poetry - Maura Budd - 2nd place

Duo - Julia Halas/Samantha Lorenzo - 1st place

Extemporaneous - Samuel Hellings - 1st place

Dramatic Interpretation - All of our competitors in this category made it to finals:

Angelina Stride - 5th place

Madelyn Congdon - 4th place

Chloe Roberts - 3rd place

Isabelle Anzabi - 2nd place

John Duesler - 1st place



Librarian Sally Muldoon hosted a **Scholastic Book Fair Fiesta** along with a "**All for Books**" fundraiser to benefit a local school. We are proud of our students' efforts in raising \$200.00 for Samuel K. Faust

Elementary School in Bensalem, PA. Scholastic Book Fairs also matched monetary donations with their own contribution of one million books to non profit organizations.

Congratulations Mrs. Maureen Ayes, Mrs. Julia Roberts, Mrs. Jen Halas and all of those amazing 6th, 7th, & 8th graders!



FAITH IN ACTION



The long-standing tradition of live meditations on the Stations of the Cross was conceived many years ago by teachers and students who wanted to give back to the community in a spiritual way. In preparation for Holy Week, the eighth grade class re-enacted the Stations on April 14 and 15, 2014 for both families and the student body. Special thanks to the actors, Ms. Suzanne Trotter, Director; the seventh grade stage crew and faculty members for their assistance in bringing this powerful prayer to life.



Catholic families always look forward to the moments in which the Sacraments are received. Celebrations abound because the deep meaning within the hearts of all who know and believe in the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist unites generations rooted in Faith: ordinary bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

With the guidance and direction of third grade teacher **Mrs. Maggie (Culp, '92) McCay**, Sr. Teresita and Sr. Mary Ellen, the students were well prepared to receive their First Holy Communion on May 3, 2014 in the beautiful setting of Nazareth Academy High School's Chapel. Congratulations to our students and their families. May our new Communicants always feel the love and presence of the Lord!



Nazareth Academy has always united with the Church in honoring Mary throughout the month of May. As is the tradition, the first grade class prepared a prayerful program culminating with the crowning of Our Lady. The queen symbol is attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "Crown" of creation. This joyful celebration honoring the Mother of Jesus is not merely a meaningful childhood memory; the coronation continues to touch the hearts of children, youth and adults.

In expressing gratitude for the participation of the school community, first grade teacher Mrs. Angelique Hatzinikolaou, exclaimed, "Thank you to our wonderful families! You are the foundation upon which we nurture growth."

*"Oh Mary,
we crown thee
with blossoms today.
Queen of the Angels!
Queen of the May!"*



HISTORY COMES TO LIFE WITH WAX MUSEUM

The Eighth grade students hosted a “Wax Museum” on April 24, 2014 as part of their ELA research projects. The students presented their characters in the fields of the Arts, Athletics, Politics, Entertainment and History, men and women who have made a significant difference in the world, both past and present.

With the guiding force of teachers Mrs. Maureen Ayes and Mrs. Maura Fox, the students researched their character, prepared a display background and transformed themselves into a wax “figure” for the presentation. Some of the historical individuals represented were: Joan of Arc, Thomas Edison, Julius Caesar, Anna Pavlova, Lucille Ball, Steve Jobs, Cleopatra, Malala Yousafzai and George Patton.

As the eighth graders struck their pose, parents and students quietly took in the biographical information exhibited. The event was also an opportunity to learn more about more recent newsmakers such as Bono, lead singer of U-2; gold medal skater Michelle Kwan and hockey star and Olympian Phil Kessel. Visitors were impressed with the students’ ability to remain still and focused despite the activity around them.

Mrs. Ayes exclaimed, “It was a fantastic day for a wonderful group of students who rose above and beyond expectations!” The school community hopes that this event, began during the 2012-2013 school year, will continue to motivate students to “construct” many Wax Museums presentations for years to come.



SUPPORTING THE *Art* OF WRITING



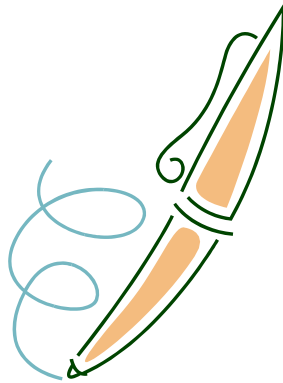
When students are presented with an opportunity to meet a published author, a special connection is made. Young people are energized and inspired with a new appreciation for reading. Two published authors recently visited NAGS to share their insights, experiences and wisdom.

Through the efforts of CORA Counselor Jen Gulczynski, Manya Perel has been a frequent speaker for the eighth grade class. She has penned her memoir, *“Six Years Forever Lost, The Testimony of Manya Frydman Perel,”* an account of her family’s imprisonment in SS camps during WWII.

Mrs. Perel, pictured at left, was born in 1924 in Poland and was one of ten children. Her entire family was divided and imprisoned in 1941 at several concentration camps including Ravensbruck, Rechlin and Auschwitz. Despite horrid living conditions and nearly starving to death, Mrs. Perel risked her own life to help others. Her story of bravery and survival amidst such human suffering is a true inspiration. *Dziękuję (thank you) Mrs. Perel!*

“I hope that my life will be an example for others not to take life for granted, not to be prejudiced toward others, and to respect one another. After all, we only have one life to live.”

~ Manya Perel



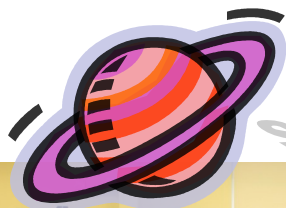
Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Mai Dang was delighted to arrange an appearance by Jacqueline Resnick, who is a fiction-writer of children’s and young adult books. Under the pseudonym Jacqueline Green, she is the author of the “Misfit Menagerie” series and the “Truth or Dare” series.

During two presentations given to our students on May 19, 2014, Ms. Resnick, pictured at left, shared her thoughts and advice on writing drafts, story-lines, character development, research and design.

Ms. Resnick’s visit was planned in conjunction with her appearance at the NAGS’ Barnes and Noble Night in Bensalem, PA. The engaging author autographed books for our students and chatted further about her passion for writing.

Throughout the evening, with their summer reading lists in hand, students and parents descended upon the store to purchase books with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the library. We thank Librarian Mrs. Sally Muldoon, pictured at far left, for organizing the Barnes and Noble Night and our Parents Association for setting up a “fun-raiser” at Chick-fil-A. In addition, we recognize the efforts of Mrs. Mai Dang in helping our students learn about the exciting and challenging world of a published author.





Sizing Up Science!



Above, Mrs. Julia Roberts and her daughter Chloe Roberts, '14, pause after a grateful and fond farewell by Sr. Mary Ellen and students.



We salute local pharmaceutical company, Merck and Co. for their commitment in promoting Science education through the Merck Institute for Science Education. On May 8, 2014, Merck representative and NAGS parent Julia Roberts visited the school with her farewell Science demonstration, "Sizing Up the Planets."

In addition to other classes, our first grade students, with the help of their eighth grade buddies, measured, rolled and formed colorful clay to illustrate the vast differences in the sizes of the planets in our solar system.

Through Mrs. Roberts' efforts over the past ten years, our Science curriculum has been dramatically enhanced in the fields of chemistry, biology and physics! We are grateful for both Mrs. Roberts' and Merck's commitment to promoting Science in our school !



Picture this! As an extension of the above Science demonstration, Science teacher Susan Hujber and fifth grade students organized a hands-on depiction of the distances between the planets.

Although the distances vary due to changes in orbit, the students stood at the average distances from the sun with Uranus, Neptune and Pluto being the furthest, as seen in photo at far right.



SPORTS *Awards*



The efforts and achievements of our coaches and athletes were celebrated at the Annual Sports Award Assembly on May 27, 2014. The philosophy of the NAGS sports program is rooted in learning and playing games in the spirit of good sportsmanship. The school holds athletic membership in the Catholic Academy League in soccer, basketball, baseball and softball. Intramural soccer, swimming and track also provide an opportunity for boys and girls to work together as a competitive team.

In addition to individual recognition by Athletic Director Sally Unger, special awards were presented to exceptional eighth grade students. Pictured below



are: John Duesler, *The Frank Wolf Award*; Riley Eisler, *The Sandra Michael Award* and Christopher Morton, *The Louis Cacchio Award*.

To our tremendous coaches who help motivate our students to achieve both on and off the field, we say, "Thanks Coach! We could not have done it without you!"

The Sister Martin Award for *Service*



In 2006, the Sister Martin Award for Service was instituted to recognize the phenomenal volunteer and service efforts of parents whose children are graduating. These awards recognize the long-term commitment of parents in promoting the school, Parent's Association involvement and extra-curricular activities.

During the Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony on May 28, 2014, Sister Mary Ellen presented the 2014 Sister Martin Award for Service to: Robert and Diane Delia, James and Julia Roberts, and Paul and Jennifer Halas. With heartfelt gratitude, we thank you all of our families for their talents and

resources given to support the mission of Nazareth Academy Grade School.



We also thank the entire Class of 2014 for their framed "Faith, Family, Future" photo collage and for their monetary gift, a tradition that lets others see how the Class of 2014 left its mark on NAGS.

FIELD DAY FUN

The tradition of Field Day is celebrated annually to celebrate the end of the school year. Physical Education teacher Terry Vaccarino organizes the event that consists of student teams of varying ages competing in inclusive high energy events. Principal Sister Mary Ellen stated, "Thank you Mrs. Vaccarino for the months of planning and organization, for the work with all the volunteers and for your dedication to physical exercise mixed with fun and a sense of achievement." In addition, we recognize the faculty, staff and parent volunteers who help make this an enjoyable event for our students!



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2013 - 2014 ANNUAL FUND

Science: A Passion for Discovery



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 2013-2014 Annual Fund, the Science curriculum has been enhanced with the purchase of **fun and engaging Science kits to last the entire 2014-2015 school year.**

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!

2013 - 2014 Annual Fund	\$ 13,243.21
Sister M. Celeste Memorial Award	\$ 1,000.00
Jennifer Gampico, '87, Memorial Award	\$ 1,450.00
Foundation Tuition Assistance	\$ 46,845.00

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In memory of Leona and Elvin Patterson

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Nazareth Academy Grade School Families ~ 2014 Walk-a-thon

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

Mrs. Patricia Gampico

In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

Mr. Walter Zerkow

In memory Sr. M. Celeste Slowik, CSFN

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In honor of Hannah DiStasio, '21

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In honor of Zoe Truitt, '21, and Ally Truitt, '22

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Young

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

Ms. Erin Campbell, '12

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In memory of Regina (Nowacki) Giordano, '49

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Carolyn and Tracy Marcellis, '14*

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Mr. Dennis Mordan

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Nazareth Academy Grade School Families

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In honor of Sean Armstrong, '16

Mr. and Mrs. John Primus

Mr. Michael Roman

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Ms. Teresa Compton

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In memory of Michael J. DeFino, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeSantis

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Donlon

Mr. Scott Ferrante, '03

Mr. Alexander Halas, '11

Mrs. Maribeth Kane

Ms. Christina Kurz
In memory of Thomas Simbeck, '02

Sister Jeanette Lawlor, CSFN

Ms. Marisa Lee

The Marcelis Family
*In memory Thomas Simbeck, '02, Cousin of Eric Marcelis, '09;
 Carolyn and Tracy Marcelis, '14*

Mrs. Patricia McGarvey

Ms. Morgan McKenty, '87
In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

Ms. Lisa Mikula, '87
In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

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Ms. Dana Morrissey, '87
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Sister Yvette Ortiz, CSFN

Sister M. Annuntia Osmanski, CSFN

Ms. Linda Ritter

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The Swider Family
In memory of Daniel Trotter

Kenneth and Sarah (Gaughan, '81) Unger

Mr. Dave Valovage, '87
In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

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In memory of Jennifer Gampico, '87

Sister M. Celine Warnilo, CSFN

Mr. Frank Wilus, '51



GIFTS IN KIND

We thank the following individuals and companies for their generosity of time, talent and financial support during the 2013-2014 school year.

Jeani Grady ~ Catalano Studios
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cipolloni ~ CIPPCO
 John Marcelis ~ Jack Flash Electric and Lighting
 Julia Roberts ~ Merck and Company
 Debbie Miller ~ dkm DesignWorks
 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Noble ~ R.F. Design and Integration, Inc.
 Joe Santucci ~ Joe Santucci's Original Square Pizza Bar & Grill

FOUNDATION TUITION ASSISTANCE

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

Bravo Foundation
 Bridge Foundation
 Bridges to Education

Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia

Joseph Brancato Memorial Alumni Scholarship, Class of 1981

Nazareth Family Foundation

MEMORIALS

In 2013-2014, the students benefited from donations made in memory of the following individuals:

Kathy Bauman	Helen M. Myers Montini
Robert F. Burns	Kevin Ness
Michael J. DeFino, Jr.	Dolores Pantalone
Jane Dzierza	Michael L. Strollo
Mary E. Hanson	Daniel Trotter
Sister Aurelia Lopata, CSFN	John P. Unger
George Malpass	Patricia Hanna Vittorelli
Angelo Mancino	Kathleen Waring
Adelene McCaffery	

NAGS Rocks



With much anticipation and planning, the Seventh Grade families and students unveiled the themed-celebration for the Class of 2014: "NAGS Rocks!" As the soon-to-be graduates arrived at the Graduation Dance, the school was decked out and *rocking and rolling with glitter!*

The red carpet was rolled out to greet the special guests as family, friends and alumni gathered to view the spectacular transformation of the lobby, hallways and multi-purpose room! Taylor Swift, Slash and other notable legends were represented throughout the décor. Guitars, pianos and musical instruments were placed everywhere, including the elaborately decorated trophy cabinet! The main attraction was a soda fountain, operated by seventh grade moms in poodle skirts, and the seventh grade fathers, looking cool in their event t-shirts stood ready to lend a hand.

Throughout the evening, an artist drew hilarious caricatures of the guests as DJ **Stephen Duzinski, '07**, spun tunes that heightened the excitement of the graduates.

The celebration was a memorable finale to the Class of 2014's NAGS experience! Thanks Seventh Grade families..... it was a real blast!



High School Destinations! Best of luck to the Class of 2014!

Mada Akarimali ~ Bensalem High School

Michele Anzabi ~ Villa Joseph Marie High School

Griffin Barnes ~ Penn Charter High School

Kacey Beatrice ~ Archbishop Ryan High School

Lauren Cantwell ~ Little Flower Catholic High School

Giovana Delia ~ George School

John Duesler ~ St. Joseph's Preparatory School

Riley Eisler ~ Villa Joseph Marie High School

Nicolette Fila ~ Villa Joseph Marie High School

Amanda Flynn ~ Archbishop Ryan High School

Alexandra Graff ~ Nazareth Academy High School

Julia Halas ~ Merion Mercy Academy

Samuel Hellings ~ LaSalle College High School

Dillon LaCorte ~ Holy Ghost Preparatory School

Erik Lindemann ~ Father Judge High School

Samantha Lorenzo ~ Villa Joseph Marie High School

Ruby Malak ~ Nazareth Academy High School

Carolyn Marcelis ~ Villa Joseph Marie High School

Tracy Marcelis ~ Villa Joseph Marie High School

Nancy Montanez ~ Villa Joseph Marie High School

Christopher Morton ~ Father Judge High School

Shannon O'Neill ~ Villa Joseph Marie High School

Madison Pristera ~ Nazareth Academy High School

Jacob Riti ~ Holy Ghost Preparatory School

Chloe Roberts ~ Nazareth Academy High School

Matthew Rueter ~ Holy Ghost Preparatory School

Phillip Rueter ~ Holy Ghost Preparatory School

Madison Schwegler ~ Nazareth Academy High School

Danielle Shead ~ Villa Joseph Marie High School

Zachary Vittorelli ~ Holy Ghost Preparatory School

Michael Wagner ~ Father Judge High School

Colleen Watson ~ Bensalem High School

The Class of 2014

Nazareth Academy Grade School is proud to announce that the class of 2014 has earned \$708,800.00 in scholarship and grants! We congratulate the following scholars!

Michele Anzabi was awarded an academic scholarship to Villa Joseph Marie High School in the amount of \$12,600 per year for four years. Michele was awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship to Nazareth Academy High School in the amount of \$12,500 per year for four years. Michele was awarded a scholarship to Archbishop Ryan as a result of achievement in a spelling bee for \$1,000 per year for four years.

Kacey Beatrice was awarded a four year academic scholarship to Archbishop Ryan High School in the amount of \$2,500 for four years.

Lauren Cantwell was awarded a St. Hubert Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 for four years. Lauren was awarded an academic scholarship to Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls in the amount of \$3,000 per year for 4 years.

Giovana Delia was awarded the Partners in Catholic Education Scholarship from Villa Victoria Academy in the amount of \$1,000 per year for four years. Giovana was awarded the Sister Elizabeth Parente Music Scholarship to Villa Victoria Academy in the amount of \$1,000 per year for four years.

Julia Halas was awarded an academic scholarship to Merion Mercy Academy for \$8,000 per year for four years. Julia was awarded an Academic Merit Scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 per year for four years to Nazareth Academy High School. Julia was awarded the President's Academic Scholarship to Mount Saint Joseph Academy in the amount of \$5,000 per year for four years.

Samuel Hellings was awarded the Ignation Scholarship to St. Joseph's Preparatory School in the amount of \$10,000 per year for four years. Samuel was awarded the Trustee Scholarship to Holy Ghost Preparatory School for \$9,250 a year for four years. Samuel was awarded the Founder's Scholarship to LaSalle College High School which is full tuition for four years.

Erik Lindemann was awarded an academic scholarship to Father Judge High School in the amount of \$1,000 per year for four years.

Samantha Lorenzo was awarded an academic scholarship to Villa Joseph Marie High School in the amount of \$8,000 a year for four years. Samantha was awarded an \$800 a year Music Scholarship for piano to Villa Joseph Marie High School for four years. Samantha was awarded an \$800 academic scholarship and an \$800 music scholarship for piano per year for four years to Nazareth Academy High School. Samantha was awarded an academic scholarship to Mount Saint Joseph Academy in the amount of \$5,000 a year for four years. Saint Basil Academy awarded Samantha a \$5,000 academic scholarship a year for four years.

Carolyn Marcelis was awarded a grant of \$1,500 a year for four years to Villa Joseph Marie High School.

Tracy Marcelis was awarded an Academic Merit Scholarship to Nazareth Academy High School in the amount of \$8,000 per year for four years. Villa Joseph Marie High School awarded Tracy with an academic scholarship in the amount of \$9,000 per year for four years.

Madison Pristera was awarded a Trustees' Scholarship to Nazareth Academy High School in the amount of \$4,000 per year for four years.

Chloe Roberts was awarded an Academic Merit Scholarship to Nazareth Academy High School in the amount of \$10,000 per year for four years. Chloe was awarded a Music Scholarship in the amount of \$500 per year to Nazareth Academy High School. Villa Joseph Marie High School awarded Chloe with an academic scholarship in the amount of \$9,000 per year for four years. Chloe was awarded the President's Academic Scholarship to Mount Saint Joseph Academy in the amount of \$5,000 per year for four years.

Matthew Rueter was awarded a Libermann Scholarship to Holy Ghost Preparatory School in the amount of \$2,500 per year for four years.

Phillip Rueter was awarded a Libermann Scholarship to Holy Ghost Preparatory School in the amount of \$2,500 per year for four years.

Madison Schwegler was awarded a Music Scholarship in the amount of \$500 per year for four years to Nazareth Academy High School. Madison was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

Congratulations to all our Grads!

The NAGS community is so proud of your efforts!



"It is not so much the goal that you set as it is the confidence and faith that you have in yourself to achieve it and effort and determination that you muster to commit to it. As Henry David Thoreau, a poet, philosopher, abolitionist, and much more, once said, "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." Therefore, I ask each and every one of you to set goals, commit to them, and enjoy the ride to achievement because, with each goal you set, you become a stronger, wiser person."
~ Julia Halas, '14, Farewell Address



The Class of 2014: Awards

The Nazareth Academy Grade School Parent Association Awards: Julia Halas and Chloe Roberts

President's Award for Academic Excellence: Michele Anzabi, Kacey Beatrice, Lauren Cantwell, Giovana Delia, Riley Eisler, Nicolette Fila, Julia Halas, Samuel Hellings, Dillon La Corte, Samantha Lorenzo, Tracy Marcelis, Nancy Montanez, Madison Pristera, Chloe Roberts, Matthew Rueter, Phillip Rueter, Madison Schwegler, Danielle Shead and Zachary Vittorelli

The Nazareth Academy Grade School Academic Excellence Award: Michele Anzabi, Kacey Beatrice, Lauren Cantwell, Giovana Delia, Riley Eisler, Julia Halas, Samuel Hellings, Samantha Lorenzo, Tracy Marcelis, Nancy Montanez, Madison Pristera, Chloe Roberts, Matthew Rueter, and Danielle Shead

The Sister M. Slowik Memorial Scholarship: Michele D. Anzabi

The Principal's Award: Julia Halas

The Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd Award: Lauren Cantwell, Alexandra Graff and Ruby Malak

The Regina Coeli Award: Giovana Delia and John Duesler III

The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Awards: Samuel Hellings and Chloe Roberts

The Citizenship Award: Julia Halas, Madison Pristera and Matthew Rueter

Washington Savings Bank Award: Carolyn Marcelis and Phillip Rueter.

The Ali Award: Ruby Malak

The Phillip P. Gaughan Memorial Award: John Duesler III

The Grace Stinson Memorial Award: Kacey Beatrice

The Jennifer Culp Roman Memorial Award: Riley Eisler

The Make a Difference Award: Julia Halas

The Sara LaSalle-Tarantin Memorial Award was presented by Meredith LaSalle-Tarantin, '05, *pictured at top, left.*, in memory of her mother to Samantha Lorenzo

The Father Bob Votta Memorial Award for Excellence in Spanish Award: Chloe Roberts

Pictured at top, right. Madeline Pontarelli, '12, sponsors and presented the **Believe in Yourself Performing Arts Award** to Madison Elizabeth Schwegler

The Kathleen Smith Memorial Award for Excellence in Forensics was presented by Daniel Marcel, in memory of Mrs. Smith to Alexandra Graff. *Pictured center.*

The Jennifer Gampico Memorial Award, newly instituted by the Class of 1987 and Mrs. Patricia Gampico. *Pictured at right,* the award was presented by Lisa Mikula, '87; John Schmitt, '87; and Dave Valovage, '87, to Tracy Marcelis.

Perfect Attendance for the 2014-2015 school year: Amanda Flynn, Alexandra Graff, Nancy Montanez and Chloe Roberts.

Perfect Attendance for eight consecutive school years is Chloe Roberts

The Distinguished Graduate Award is given annually to a graduate of Nazareth Academy Grade School that has distinguished herself or himself in scholarly or research pursuits, in the community, or in society at large. This year's recipient, **Dr. Marina D'Angelo, '77**, has been blessed with talents that she has utilized to distinguish herself in the field of Medicine. After graduating from Nazareth Academy Grade School in 1977, Dr. D'Angelo attended Nazareth Academy High School and graduated in 1981. She then earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology at Drexel University and then set her sights on receiving her PH.D in Developmental Biology/ Teratology at Thomas Jefferson University.

Dr. D'Angelo, *pictured at right,* completed three postdoctoral fellows at New York University Medical School and University of Pennsylvania before joining the Anatomy Department at Temple University School of Medicine as an Associate Scientist. She has been recognized for many achievements in her research in connective tissue and cartilage biology. In 2001, Dr. D'Angelo joined Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Department of Anatomy as an Assistant Professor. Currently, she is a Professor in the Department of Bio-Medical Sciences in the Centers for Chronic Disorders of Aging. Speaking of her journey, Dr. D'Angelo is certain of one thing: That the Catholic education she received at Nazareth Academy Grade School provided the tools and undeniable foundation for her future! *Congratulations Dr. D'Angelo!*



INVEST IN LEADERSHIP

2014 - 2015 ANNUAL FUND

MAKE YOUR INVESTMENT TODAY!

Nazareth Academy Grade School's operating revenue comes from three main sources: tuition payments, tuition assistance from various foundations and gifts to the Annual Fund. **Together the three revenue streams provide a signature education that is unmatched in our area.**

From our scenic campus, to our unparalleled faculty, to 73 years of academic excellence, a NAGS education is a special experience.

You can "Invest in Leadership" by making a gift today to the NAGS Annual Fund. Your contribution provides direct funding for educational initiatives that tuition alone does not cover. **It is an investment in the education of every student at NAGS.** Your gift sends a message that you believe in the purpose and you believe in the program.

Your gift to the Annual Fund helps to support:

- Interactive educational computer technologies to facilitate learning for all students;
- Innovative and challenging curricula;
- An exceptionally talented and dedicated faculty and staff who are the heart of our school;
- Faculty professional development to support new curricula and training to maximize the integration of new technology into the classroom.

Now in its 73rd year, NAGS continues our mission to **challenge and build on the strengths of every student to help them achieve their dreams while becoming a leader in their school and greater community.** With your investment and support, we can continue to do great things!



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 above
- Pope John Paul II Society**.....\$2,500 to \$4,999
- Family Circle**.....\$1,000 to \$2,499
- Principal's Circle**.....\$500 to \$999
- NAGS Club**.....\$100 to \$499
- Maroon and Gray Club**.....\$1 to \$99

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/29/14 Grandparents' & Older Friends' Day
NAGS Night at Santucci's Pizza
- 10/3/14 First Friday Liturgy 10:30 AM
- 10/7/14 Grade 3 First Reconciliation
- 10/8/14 High School Night
- 10/9/14 NAGSPA Meeting 7 PM



Ancient Greek Gods, Goddesses, Nymphs and Mortals descended upon the school for Greek festival on May 23, 2014! Under the direction of teacher Maureen Ayes, the event was hosted by the seventh grade students, and featured individual presentations by Hercules, Zeus, Hera, Apollo, just to name a few!

The ancient Greek mankind, trying to explain certain metaphysical phenomena and anxieties, invented amazing myths concerning the Cosmogony (the creation of the World) and the Theogony (the birth of the Gods).

The students' elaborate costumes enhanced their oration and, to the amazement of all guests, they also prepared an assortment of Greek cuisine. Faculty, staff and students, just mere mortals, were treated to an enlightening lesson in the splendid world of ancient Greece, the birthplace of democracy. Hats off to the Class of 2015!

