



Nazareth Academy Grade School

OUR MISSION IS FAMILY

NAGS: WHERE TRADITION MEETS TOMORROW



tra·di·tion (noun)

- An inherited, established or customary pattern of thought, action or behavior (as a religious practice or a social custom)
- the handing down of information, beliefs and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instruction

As noted above, *Merriam-Webster* states that “tradition” simply means “something handed down.” When we do something over and over again through the years, we essentially tie together our past and our present.

At NAGS, we continue to develop yearly customs that will build upon the unity between all of our students, past and present.

The annual *New Families Liturgy and Reception* traditionally begins each school year. Originally referred to as the “New Parents Reception,” the event evolved over the years to include new students and their families. Our thanks to the Parent Association Board members who warmly welcome our new students, parents and family members into the NAGS community. *Pictured above, Father Joseph Watson helps first grade students act out the Gospel reading.*

White soapy suds take over the parking lot during the *Second Annual Parent Association Car Wash*. This is a new event but will surely be a favorite tradition that builds the spirit of teamwork and camaraderie among our families. *Pictured at right, above, Sister Mary Ann pitches in with NAGS parents and students. At right, Mike Rynkiewicz, '74, mans the rinse cycle before sending cars off for buffing.*

Of all the school field trips, the most anticipated excursion for the students is the *First and Eighth Grade Buddy Trip to Snipes Farm and Education Center*. On the expansive working farm, the buddies explore animal care, observe an apple cider press in action, explore the facility on a hayride, stroll through a labyrinth and most importantly, have fun getting to know each other!

These events are just a few of the many traditions celebrated throughout the school year. They bring us together and remind us what has value to us, write deeply in our hearts and can make a significant mark in our family life.



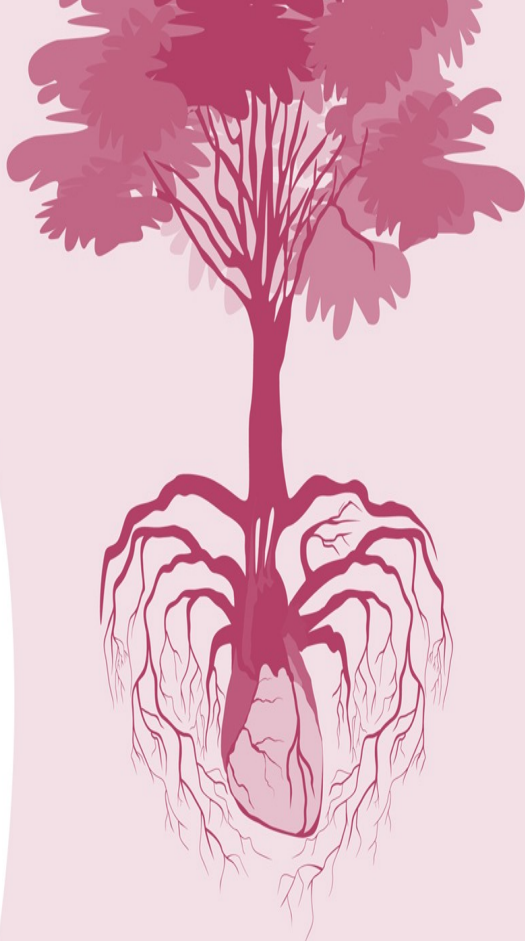
us, write deeply in our hearts and can make a significant mark in our family life.

We welcome you to join us in building upon the 70+ year tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth!



*"All things must come to the soul
from its roots,
from where it is planted."*

~ St. Teresa of Avila



Principal's Message

Dear Friends,

The 2011-2012 school year is already filled with many successful and fruitful endeavors, both inside and outside the classroom. I hope you enjoy reading about our students' and alumni accomplishments, school activities and service projects. In addition, the 2010 Annual Fund Report is included in this issue. I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon the school through your enthusiastic support of the Nazareth Academy Grade School mission.

The recent announcement that many parish schools and several high schools will be closing is sad news for many in our community. We are confident that the consolidation of resources will establish a strong and sound foundation for reorganized Catholic education well into the future. Thankfully, Nazareth Academy Grade School is well grounded, rooted in our Catholic faith and with God's continued blessing and your ongoing partnership with the school, we will continue to provide a challenging curriculum in a loving environment to our students for years and years to come. Traditions enrich faith, family and schools and I can assure you that the tradition of a Nazareth Academy Grade School education is as strong as ever!

Our community can help support Catholic school education by doing our part to support legislation for School Choice vouchers. Stay informed and contact your representatives through the Reach Foundation's website: www.paschoolchoice.org. Let your voice be heard!

May God continue to bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Ann Allton, CSFN

Principal



TOP 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

1. Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in faith
2. Balanced curriculum that includes art, music and fitness
3. Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills
4. A 99 percent graduation rate
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6. Safe and disciplined environment
7. Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential
8. Individual attention in a caring community
9. Commitment to technology use to enhance education
10. Good stewardship of resources

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INTERNATIONAL Grandparents' and Older Friends' Day



The flags of dozens of countries proudly welcomed guests at Grandparents and Older Friends Day. The tenth annual event took on an international theme celebrating the racial and cultural diversity of our little school and the world. Learning to appreciate all kinds of differences, not just racial and cultural, but differences in socioeconomic levels, gender and even disability is an important skill for our children to master in today's society.

Grandparents and Older Friends hold the key to ancestral customs, language, and family traditions. Taking the time to unlock and share those traditions



with our students is an enlightening experience for older generations and our students. Children can better understand their place in the world once they travel and experience various cultures.

Grandparent Bill Brandley celebrated his last Grandparents and Older Friends' Day event by once again sharing his woodworking skills with the school. Mr. Brandley created four small Adirondack chairs for a raffle. The adorable chairs were a perfect size for a small child, or could be used as a cheerful garden decoration. We extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Brandley, grandfather of Alex Varley, '09, and Michael Varley, Class of 2012, for his generous support of the school over the past ten years.

We appreciate the efforts of our teachers in preparing and sharing the event's special lesson. We hope our older guests enjoyed their traveling through the school, meeting our teachers and students, and learning about different cultures and customs.

Class Notes

HELP! We are in need of yearbooks from the following years: '79-'80, '82-'83, '84-'85, '85-'86, '86-'87, '87-'88. Contact nagsalumni@aol.com

Brian Bateman, '04, is in his Senior Year at the Boston Conservatory.

John Cacchio, '04 is studying at Immaculata University.

Rachele DeSantis, '04, calls Penn State University, University Park, her home when school is in session.

John Fischer, '04, is majoring in Media Arts at Holy Family University.

Adam Gault, '04, is a Political Science and Communications Major at University of Scranton.

Alex Gregory, '04, a student at Temple University, has accepted an internship at Disney for the Spring semester.

Valerie Horvath, '04, will graduate from Chestnut Hill University with a degree in Psychology.

Alex Logue, '04, is studying at Johns Hopkins University.

Capri Mancino, '04, is studying Physical Therapy at Arcadia University.

Matthew McGarvey, '04, is a Senior at Temple University studying Risk Management and Insurance.

Gina Ross, '04, is a Senior at Kutztown University.

Congratulations to **Pam (Serano) Curtis, '04**, who was married this summer to Robert Curtis. Pam is a graduate of Temple University.

2005

Cara Cannon, '05, a student at University of Pittsburgh, will spend her Junior year of college in Barcelona, Spain.

2006

Congratulations to **Kaitlyn Kerr, '06**, and her soccer teammates at Duke University for finishing No. 1 in the NCAA RPI for the first time in the school's history. Kaitlyn, a sophomore, was a key player in helping the team achieve its No. 1 status.

Rebecca Rimkunas, '06, is a sophomore at Ursinus College majoring in molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Pre-Med.

Samantha Talbot, '07, is a Freshman at University of Scranton studying Secondary Education.



Pictured above: **William Singmaster, '06**, visits NAGS on his Fall break from West Chester University, where he is majoring in Education.

2007

Irish Andrews, '07, at right with Sister Martin Duffy, is a Freshman at Bryn Athyn College, where she received a scholarship to study the field of Psychology.



2008

Taylor Steinberg, '08, a Senior at NAHS was the honorary guest speaker at our Student Council Induction in September.

2009

Congratulations to **Deanna Stephens** and her Villa Joseph Marie Soccer teammates on their perfect 22-0 season! Deanna scored a goal and had an assist in the PIAA Championship 5-1 win over Central Valley. At the State Finals at Hershey Park Stadium, unfortunately Villa did not come out on top with a 1-0 loss. Best of luck to Deanna in her Senior year!

2010

Congratulations to **George Vaccarino** and his baseball team who won the "In The Net" baseball tournament sponsored by ECTB in Hershey, PA on October 23, 2011. George is a Sophomore at HGP.



1985

Linda (Lee) Koszarek, '85, and Sr. Mary Ann chat following the Student Council Induction. Linda's daughter Charlotte Koszarek is on the waiting list!

2002

Julie Cassidy, '02, is currently working at World Live Café. Julie oversees the management of VIP's at the venue.

2003

Robert Yerkov, a graduate of Temple University, is currently working at Council Brian O'Neil's office at Philadelphia City Council.

2004

Andrea Apice, '04, works at VCA Animal hospital and is pursuing a career in Veterinary Medicine.



Above: **Matthew Unger, '10; Nicolette Wons, '11 and Madeline Pontarelli, '12** at NAGS' Christmas Concert.

Kevin Kerr, '10, a Sophomore at Holy Ghost Prep, was selected to represent the United States in the Inaugural Winter Youth Olympic Ice Hockey Games held in Innsbruck, Austria. Kevin played a key role in the wins against Austria and Finland!

2011



Danielle Talbot, '11, a freshman at St. Hubert's High chats about her studies, particularly Honors Spanish II and Latin. Danielle is also the starting goalie for the JV Field Hockey team.

2010, 2011

Below: The Christmas Concert provides opportunity for our alumni to re-connect. Left to right: **Eric Steinberg, '11; Sarah Fox, '11; Desiree Cudeyro, '11; Regina Duesler, '11; Stephanie Hughes, '10; Gabrielle Pristera, '10; Lauren Braun, '10 and Emily Wash, '10.**



Above: Sixth graders **Corryne Burdan, Madison Schwegler, Erin O'Brien, Shannon O'Neill, Ruby Malak and Nancy Montanez**, celebrate at the finish line at *Alex's Lemon Run*.

The event took place on Concourse Drive in Philadelphia on November 13, 2011. Over 2,000 participants ran in the event, raising \$150,000.00 for childhood cancer research. The team from NAGS ran in honor of **Taylor Steinberg, '08**. We commend this energetic bunch for taking the spirit of service learned at NAGS literally, out into the streets!
Photo by Kelly Schwegler

Ringing in the new school year is the shiny bell that was presented to Sister Mary Ann at the Class of 2011 graduation festivities. The bell is engraved with "NAGS" and "Class of 2011." The old bell, which has some history of its own, will be retired to the trophy case.



NAGS students showcased their talents as Munchkins and Lollipop Kids during the Nazareth Academy High School theater presentation of "The Wizard of Oz." Above, during intermission, Sr. Mary Ann chats with **Molly Dugan, Gr. 3; Kathleen Harmon, Gr. 2; Keely Gallagher, Gr. 3; Santina Cerquetelli, Gr. 2 and John Bonfini, Gr. 3.**



Below: **James Duesler, Gr. 5; John Bonfini, Gr. 3; John Duesler, Gr. 6; Samuel Hellings, Gr. 6 and Joseph Wons, Gr. 7.** *Photo by Terri Hellings*



See page 21 for the Class of 2004 Reunion with Ling Young!

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Class Notes

OLIVIA SHARKEY, '05 : A VOLUNTEER'S STORY

Olivia Sharkey of the Class of 2005, is a Junior studying Theology at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. Olivia, sister of Alex Sharkey, '02, is a former NAGS Student Council President and NAHS Class President, and was also the President of the Class of 2013 last year at St. Vincent's. We are pleased to share Olivia's thoughts on a recent service trip in Taiwan and China.

I arrived home from my travels in Taiwan and China. What an experience. I learned quite a lot on this trip. I learn more about myself through my encounters with others, while also learning how to better understand and appreciate other people's gifts through my interactions with them. I reaped the benefits that come from keeping an open mind and trusting that God did indeed have a purpose for me on this journey, even when it was challenging to notice. This trip was different than any other that I had previously been on. I didn't exactly see eye to eye with my coordinator at all times, and my primary focus of service for the trip may not have been the same as some of my fellow group members—but both these things afforded me the opportunity to learn and grow.

Our service work consisted of interacting with children - right up my alley! We had the wonderful opportunity to work with four separate groups of children: two separate Taiwan villages, a Taiwanese orphanage, and a Chinese orphanage. It was great to have the chance to experience a glimpse each child's daily reality, if only for a short time.

The Taiwanese villagers were just full of life and knew exactly how to love every minute of it! We tie-dyed t-shirts with them, gave tattoos and face painted and had a water balloon toss. Even though there was a language barrier, that didn't stop us from communicating one bit. We had the awesome privilege of being invited to attend their Sunday village mass. WOAHH! One of the highlights of the trip for me - if only everyone could have the opportunity in their life to be a part of a mass like that. What a celebration! Their music and chanting was invigorating and their sense of community was overwhelming. What I noticed about the Taiwanese and Chinese people both times we attended mass during our trip was that they sing with their whole hearts, and everyone actively participates, even the children.

Another service we performed in the villages was the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sense of community in the villages was again made visible in this sacrament, and their vulnerability and ask for help was humbling.

Our visit to the Taiwanese orphanage (Jonah House) also consisted of the same activities of tie-dying shirts, etc. with the kids. We broke into groups and visited with different children each day, varying from babies, preschool and elementary kids.

A majority of these children were mentally challenged in some way or another. It was difficult switching from the village environment to the

orphanage. They each had their own issues: the village kids may have had parents, but many of them battled alcoholism, while the orphans had no family at all. As I held a Taiwanese orphan, I began to sing the song that my dad always sung to me — "You Are My Sunshine." As I sang, I became emotional because I realized that this child does not have a dad to sing them this song when they are upset, sick or cannot fall asleep. They do not have parents who understand them and wants the best for them in life. Yes, they have wonderful caretakers and nurses, who are as unconditional as they can be, but they have many children to tend to, and they come and go in shifts. However, this reality did not dull the hope that radiated in their eyes and in the smiles - It was contagious.

The preschoolers in the Taiwanese orphanage were a great deal of fun. They enjoyed just being carried and swung around, thrown in the air, and chased after. It was interesting to notice their ability and willingness to share with us, but not always with the other orphans. We realized



that this might be due to the fact that they are unable to really call anything their own - nothing was solely theirs that didn't need to be shared. This again was quite the realization.

The orphanage in China (China Little Flower) had just a substantial impact on me. The Chinese government only allows each family to have one child, so naturally the Chinese want their child to be healthy. Therefore, many of the children in this orphanage were either physically and/or mentally deformed. The sad reality is that many of these children were left by their parents at the hospital. The China Little Flower orphanage was a special place because it was a "half-way house" in a sense. These orphans came from their home orphanages to receive proper care for their disabilities and to recover from surgeries, sicknesses, or for premature children to more fully develop. Then, once they healed or became well enough, they returned to their home orphanage. Sister Gertrude, a director of the orphanage, said that many are in fact adopted upon their return, usually by foreign families. However, China Little Flower is also used as a hospice center for children who will most likely not recover.

On my first day at the orphanage, I became particularly attached to a baby girl named Li

Jing Fang, whose baptized name was Hannah. I came to learn that she has a heart murmur as well as Down Syndrome. Even though she was approaching a year, she had no physical strength. She was unable to crawl, stand, or even support her own neck. But she honestly was the most content child I have ever encountered, never once crying or fussing. Her face usually was a simple expression, but a big smile would spring across her face when I tickled on her sides. I honestly could not let her go.

I held her for the entire day. My mindset again revolved around the recognition I had while singing, "You Are My Sunshine," that Li Jing Fang had no one to call her own, so I decided that I would be hers for those three days. It was my way to afford her some constancy and unconditional love.

There was another child there named Pan Hong, who was four years old. She had a severely enlarged head and was only able to lay on her side in her crib. She was hooked up to breathing machines and it seemed that her mental development was minimal. My heart was broken when I saw her. I could not imagine a life that consisted of solely laying on your side looking out the same window, switching sides and having the crib turned around after bathing. I thought about volunteers and nurses there, and how many people actually interact with her on a daily basis. Despite the other children's disabilities, they are still able to come out of their crib and play on the floor, or to be held, or even cry out. Pan Hong could only lay there and I wondered how many people just took the time to sit with her. One day, as I sat rubbing her head while holding Li Jing Fang, I remembered learning in Psychology that humans need sensory stimulation to properly develop. We need to be touched and held. Knowing this just saddened me because I feared that Pan Hong was not receiving all that attention and sensory stimulation that comes with childhood.

The people that I met these past two weeks will forever be in my heart. Their realities have opened my eyes to the many blessings that God provides for us in our daily lives, and how we can fail to recognize them or can take them for granted so easily. These children taught me the true meaning of being grateful and how important it is to live out that appreciation every day.

So thank you very much for caring about me, taking an interest in my life, for supporting me, and for providing me with such love. It was your influence in my life that allowed me to meet these children, learn from them, and provide them with a little more love. But it was not just me there — it was you, because your love is what has shaped me into who I am today.

Shang Di Bao You Ni (God bless you)

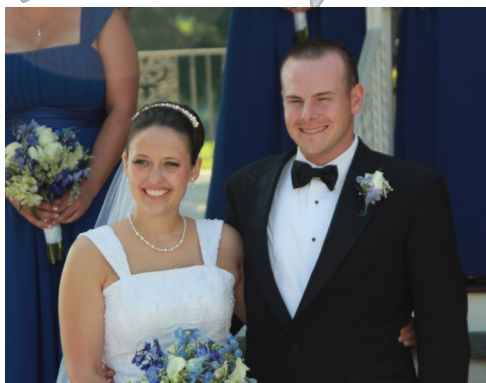
Olivia

"Worry looks around. Sorry looks back.

Faith looks up."

Photo above was taken on service trip to Guatemala, where Olivia plans to return in January 2012 to teach religion in Spanish.

Faculty News



Erin Bateman, Technology instructor, wed Thomas Ricca on August 20, 2011 at Our Lady of Calvary Church. Congratulations to the happy couple!



Congratulations to Art teacher **Maria Niamonitos** who wed Francis Thomas Sheehan, III on Sunday, October 13, 2011.



Susan Hujber, (left), former teacher at Queen of the Universe, is now the 6th Grade teacher, after Mrs. Heather Martello's departure this past summer. Mrs. Moira Murphy (right) has taken over the reigns in 4th Grade from Mrs. Maura Fox, who teaches 8th Grade with the retirement of Cathy Achilles.



Above, 8th grade teacher **Molly Fox** was surprised by the 8th grade students and faculty with Baby Showers. One month later, Patrick James was born on December 3, 2011. God bless the newest addition to the Fox Family!



Above: Julie Antoni, formerly **Miss Matucci**, 1st Grade teacher from 1989 through 1992, visits NAGS Open House with her son Jude. Julie is pictured above with **Sally (Gaughan) Unger**, '81, Athletic Director and Teacher's Aide.



Please join the school community in remembering our beloved departed.

- Joseph Daukaus** ~ Grandfather of Kathryn Tereshko, Gr. 4 and Laura Tereshko, Gr. 1
- Joseph Gregory Gindel** ~ Cousin of Driscoll Family
- Augusto Greghini** ~ Father of Augusto Greghini, '03, and Charles Greghini, '05
- Regina Grimmer** ~ Aunt of Madeline Pontarelli, Gr. 8
- Brian L. Harr** ~ Father of Denver Harr, Gr. 8
- Michael P. Kennedy, Sr.** ~ Father of Rhyann Kennedy, Gr. 1
- Margaret Lacorte** ~ Grandmother of Dillon Lacorte, Gr. 6
- David Monteith, Sr.** ~ Grandfather of Catherine Monteith, Gr. 4
- Regina M. Pearse** ~ Mother of Dean Stephens, Maintenance, and Grandmother of Deanna Stephens, '09

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Today, Nazareth Academy Grade School relies more than ever on private donations for scholarships, faculty development, facilities maintenance and support for critical programs throughout the school. A successful Annual Fund is a sign of a growing and healthy school. Your gift is a key to that success! **Thank you!**



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2010 Annual Fund Appeal	\$ 16,208.00
Sister M. Celeste Memorial Award	\$ 2, 227.00
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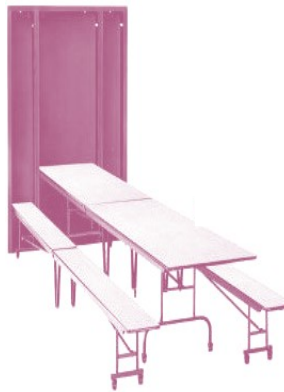
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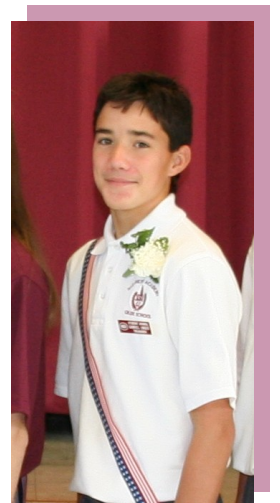
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The 2010 recipient of the Sister M. Celeste Slowick Memorial Award was Gabriel Unger, '10, pictured at right.



IN MEMORY OF KATHTEEN SMITH

We are blessed to have known her, to have learned from her, to have worked with her and to have laughed with her. Mrs., Smith was a wise a devoted teacher and will remain an inspiration to us all as we learn from her legacy at NAGS. We are grateful to the donors whose support instills a love of learning in our students.

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MEMORIALS

In 2010-2011, students at NAGS benefited from gifts made in loving memory of the following individuals:

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GIFTS IN KIND

We thank the following individuals and companies for their generosity of time, talent and financial support of the 2010 Annual Fund and the mission of Nazareth Academy Grade School.

Bill Brandley

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Carmen Cantwell ~ Liberty Floor Covering

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MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies and corporations offer Matching Gift programs, an easy way to double your gift to Nazareth Academy Grade School. To participate, simply inquire about the program at your place of employment.

The following company has supplemented their employee's support of Nazareth Academy Grade School's 2010 Annual Fund.

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FOUNDATION TUITION ASSISTANCE

From year to year, the efforts of many individuals ensure the success of the EITC program making a large impact on the affordability of a Catholic elementary school education. We gratefully recognize the following individuals, alumni and organizations who have provided students the opportunity to excel at Nazareth Academy Grade School:

Joseph Brancato Memorial Alumni Scholarship

Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia

BLOCS

Nazareth Family Foundation

Bravo Foundation

The Leona V. Patterson Living Trust ~ Sr. Rita Partyka, CSFN
In memory of Leona and Elvin Patterson

Bridge Foundation

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The following restricted scholarships were received in support of the students of the Class of 2010:

Philip P. Gaughan Memorial Award

Grace Stinson Memorial Award

Sara LaSalle-Tarantin Award

Sister M. Celeste Slowik Memorial Scholarship

Nazareth Academy Grade School Parents' Association Award

Father Bob Votta Memorial Award for Excellence in Spanish

Members of the Class of 2010 were awarded over \$156,500 in high school scholarships and grants. We could not be prouder of all of our students' efforts in utilizing their God-given talents to further their education and pursue their dreams!



*"We cannot do great things on this Earth,
only small things with great love."* ~ Mother Teresa

With appreciation, we recognize the dedicated parents who give their all in working with the school administration in making NAGS the best school it can be! *Through the successful efforts of our Parents' Association, a gift of \$58,000.00 was presented to the school in May, 2010. Thank you and God bless !*

2010 - 2011

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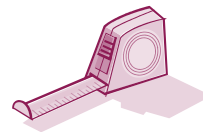
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| Rita's Water Ice Night | NAGSPA Board |
| Santucci Pizza Lunch | Lisa Bristow |
| Bingo Night | The Brown Family |
| Pasta Fundraiser | Patti Bozarth and
Cristi Keares |
| Santucci's Family Night | The Santucci Family |
| Halloween Party | Patti Carbone and
Kathy McCaffery |
| Derby Daze/Shopping Craze | Patti D'Andrea,
Bernice Duesler and
Debbie Hague |
| Christmas at NAGS | Heather Tereshko and
Bridie Tobler |
| Bat-a-Thon | The Manto Family and
The Cipolloni Family |
| Roller Skating Party | The Wash Family |
| Joe Corbi's Pizza Sale | Connie Dema and
Andrea Showers |
| Family Bingo Night | The Brown Family |
| NAGS Auction | Lisa Bristow and
Jen Gallagher |
| Family Fun Night | Maureen Pristera |

CLASSROOM AMBASSADORS

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| First Grade | Mary McQuaid and Dottie Shead |
| Second Grade | Lisa Bristow and Jen Gallagher |
| Third Grade | Kathleen McCaffery and Catherine Monteith |
| Fourth Grade | Michelle Scipione and Suzanne Spangler |
| Fifth Grade | Kristen Malik and Kelly Schwegler |
| Sixth Grade | Megan Kennedy and Lisa Vittorelli |
| Seventh Grade | Patti D'Andrea and Donna Livingstone |
| Eighth Grade | Donna Simon and Luann Wons |



Multi-Purpose Room Renovation Complete



Before...



After forty years, the original Multi-Purpose Room was finally the focus of a major improvement project this past summer. For three weeks, workers scraped, hammered and cemented their way to pave the way for a safe, sleek and efficient multi-purpose space.

After the original tile floor was removed, workers removed the tables that had hosted many lunches, assemblies and activities. The custom pocket-tables were delivered and installed in just a matter of hours. Sister Mary Ann stated, "The original pocket tables have seen advances in design since 1967. With one touch, the tables safely and effortlessly spring up and down, locking automatically into place. This is a major improvement for the school!"

Following the table installation, a new tile floor was laid, making a vast difference in the visual expanse of the room.

This project was made possible through several efforts and fundraisers. We are grateful to our Annual Fund donors, Quarter Quest and Walk-a-thon endeavors, as well as a DCED grant obtained through State Representative Dennis O'Brien and NAGS parent Mike Driscoll. We commend NAGS parent Christine Cerquetelli for organizing the Quarter Quest, as well as our students and their families in helping raise the funds needed to meet our goal.

Our thanks to Carmine Cantwell of Liberty Floor Covering Inc. for his guidance in planning the project. In addition, we thank School Installers, K & K Insulation, and Ray Conner of Diamond Contract Flooring for their expertise and assistance in the completion of this project.



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In the event that the new tables are ever removed forty or fifty years from now, a "2011 TIME CAPSULE" will be revealed. It contains:

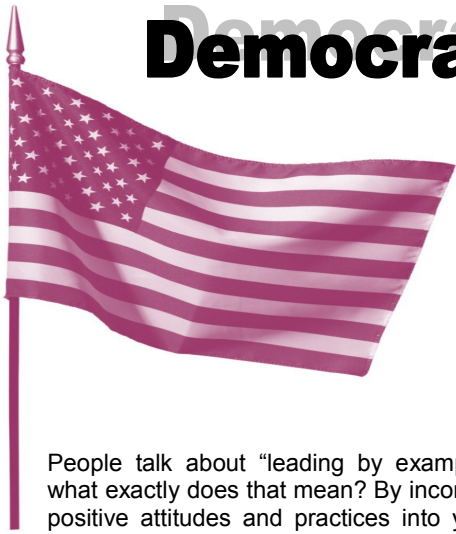
- **2011 Yearbook**
- **2011-12 School Calendar**
- **School Song**
- **Frances Siedliska prayer card**



After!



Democracy In Action



*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more,
do more and become more, you are a leader."*

~ John Quincy Adams

People talk about "leading by example," but what exactly does that mean? By incorporating positive attitudes and practices into your life, you will not only improve your own life, but also begin to fashion yourself into the kind of person that others will follow and emulate - *the* very definition of leading by example.

The Student Council offers 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students the opportunity to actively participate in school wide initiatives, lend their hand to community causes and see democracy in action.

While representing NAGS, the students lead by example, gain responsibility, help increase pride in their school and promote awareness of needs at local and global level. The council is moderated by 5th grade teacher Mai Dang, who truly leads by example through her faith, energy, creativity and dedication.

The Induction of Student Council officers took place on September 23, 2011 and featured guest speaker **Taylor Steinberg, '08**. Taylor is a young woman who possesses the character that has pushed her to be a positive leader in so many aspects of her life, both inside and outside of school. Taylor spoke from the heart about her experience in fighting acute promyelocytic leukemia, all the while, maintaining her grades and uninterrupted participation in NAHS athletics.

As Sr. Mary Ann, Mrs. Dang, Taylor, parents and students watched, the Student Council Officers recited their oaths. Michael Fluehr was sworn in as President, Eric Kasperowicz holds the Vice-President position, Madeline Pontarelli will act as Secretary and Ava Roberts completes the Council as Treasurer.

Congratulations and best of luck to our Council and Representatives throughout the school year!



Above: Mrs. Mai Dang, Student Council Moderator; Eric Kasperowicz, Vice President; Michael Fluehr, President; Taylor Steinberg, '08, Madeline Pontarelli, Secretary; Ava Roberts, Treasurer and Sister Mary Ann Allton, Principal

Left: Taylor Steinberg, '08 and Sister Mary Ann



CAREER DAY

November 14, 2011 marked the date of our annual Career Day for our fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Designed to help students begin to explore and collect information on a variety of career paths, NAGS alumni, parents and friends of the school visit the campus to share their knowledge and experience with current students.

Among the many professionals representing a wide range of careers, NBC10 Meteorologist Michelle Grossman was a special guest through the efforts of NBC10 Producer Tina (Stoklosa) Tomaszewski, '87.

We are grateful for the time and efforts of those who participated in the event and shared advice regarding their profession with our students.



Above left: Attorney Rhonda L. Thomas directs students as they demonstrate examples of real-life courtroom litigations. Above right: Motorola Engineer Mike Agnew, an experienced NAGS Career Day speaker, pauses with students after his presentation.

Top photo: Anne Nguyen, HEI Hotels, explains the complexities of staffing hotels across the United States.

Channel 10's Meteorologist Michelle Grossman presented an eye-opening lesson on forecasting the weather.

A round of applause to our Presenters:

Mike Agnew - Engineer, Motorola

Donna Agnew - Assistant Professor, Arcadia University

Clarissa Cheatham - Associate, Legal Shield

Marina D'Angelo, PhD, '77 - Professor of Anatomy, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Tiron Dash - Associate, Legal Shield

Bernice Duesler, MD, '79 - Physician/Neonatologist, University of Pennsylvania and Holy Redeemer Hospital

Jessica Gaspero, '02 - Pastry Chef, R2L Restaurant

Michelle Grossman - Meteorologist, NBC10

Sean Heron - Mutual Fund Manager, Glenmede Trust Co.

Thomas Kenny - Attorney, Tom Kenny Law

Mike LeCompte - Singer/Songwriter, LeCompte

Eric McClendon - Bomb Disposal Unit, Philadelphia Police

Anne Nguyen - Talent Acquisition, HEI Hotels

Michelle Scipione - VP, Cash Reserve, Federal Reserve Bank

Stephen Stratoti - Principal Developer, Ferrilli Information Group

Rhonda L. Thomas - Senior Counsel, Wells Fargo

Leah Tsikalas - Mobile Therapist, Behavior Specialist Consultant

James Wash - Pilot, FlexJet



Anatomy Professor **Marina D'Angelo, PhD, '77**, allows students the opportunity to examine human bones.

Bernice Duesler, MD, '79, Physician and Neonatologist, and students hold tiny diapers made for premature babies.

Photos by Sue Trotter





Safety in the car was in the minds of our First and Eighth grade buddies during Merck's "Buckle Up For Safety" presentation by NAGS parent Julia Roberts.

Mrs. Roberts, the mother of Ava, Gr. 8 and Chloe, Gr. 6 and employee of Merck, Sharp and Dohme, volunteers her time to bring science related projects to Nazareth.

In the hands-on activity sponsored by the Merck Institute for Science Education, the buddies teamed up to make a device to protect an egg in a simulated "crash." The students learned that proper use of car safety seats can keep children safe!



On November 10, 2011, four of our students travelled to West Catholic High School with 8th Grade Teacher Mrs. Molly Fox to participate in the Geo Bee sponsored by the Geographical Council of Philadelphia. Competitors were chosen to represent the school based on an "in-house" competition.

Mrs. Fox was thrilled to announce that our NAGS team won First Place and brought home a \$500 prize for the school! We are proud of and congratulate: Anthony Pantalone, Gr. 5; Chloe Roberts, Gr. 6; Stephen Pons, Gr. 7 and Ava Roberts, Gr. 8.



Left: The Social Studies book series, purchased in memory of Mrs. Kathleen Smith, has greatly helped our students in preparing for the Geo Bee!



THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

The students at NAGS have earned their wings and are ready to soar!

An American eagle has long represented the NAGS students on and off the playing fields and in the classrooms.

Recently, the students were surprised by the official costumed appearance of the Nazareth Academy Grade School Eagle in the flesh!



To make the mascot purchase, the Student Council sold the plump pumpkins grown and donated by the Roberts family to our community. We salute the Student Council, the Roberts family and Moderator Mai Dang for their efforts on behalf of all NAGS students.

The soaring eagle represents the students' goal to become strong Christian leaders, keenly focused on academic, athletic and extracurricular achievement. We look forward to our Eagle soaring through school, helping build patriotism and school spirit at NAGS events for many years to come!



MAKING AN IMPACT

NAGS is making an impact with the need for donations at several local agencies.



The school teamed up with Emily Culp, '98, a teacher at **Faust Elementary School** to support the hungry families in our area. Thirty-four needy families in Bensalem received a Thanksgiving basket filled with the ingredients for a bountiful Thanksgiving meal, including turkeys, pies and fresh bread. Baskets were delivered by our faculty door to door and were also picked up at a local shopping mall parking lot. Above, faculty members Mai Dang, Marie Maddox and Nancy Lydon join Sister Mary Ann in distributing the baskets to the needy. We salute Mrs. Dang, the Student Council and Mrs. Kathleen Culp for facilitating the effort at NAGS.

A fundraiser for **Make-A-Wish Foundation** was organized with the help of alumni parent Kathleen Gregory to honor the wishes being granted to: Jake Gregory, **Christian Gregory, '08**, **Taylor Steinberg, '08** and Ryan Cartafasa, nephew of Music teacher Sue Trotter. After purchasing silver stars to decorate, the students' artwork was displayed in the lobby. Gretchen Smith, Development Associate of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Philadelphia and Susquehanna Valley spoke to the students about their mission to fulfill the wishes of seriously ill children. A plaque was also presented to Sr. Mary Ann in appreciation for raising \$1,155.00 to help make those wishes come true.

Just in time for Christmas, guests at the **Woodstock Family Shelter** in North Philadelphia were the recipients of hand-made fleece tie blankets. With the support of parents, students in grades four through eight purchased colorful patterned fleece and the blankets were assembled in Art Class under the direction of Miss Maria and Mrs. Bridie Tobler.

Mrs. Tobler and the Student Council officers delivered the blankets to the shelter and were met with open arms and great appreciation. In addition, NAGS families donated personal size toiletry items and the first, second and third grade students assembled bags for the homeless shelter's residents.

Other efforts included a Bake Sale, spearheaded by Christine and Dino Cerquetelli (pictured at right.) The fundraiser raised \$173.00 for the **Race for Hope** and the **National Brain Tumor Society**.

Dozens and dozens of jars of peanut butter and jelly were collected to fill the shelves of the **Archdiocesan Food Bank**.

We look forward to several additional efforts throughout **Catholic Schools Week** to support the Sister M. Celeste Slowik Memorial Scholarship Fund, Holy Child Missions as well as a coat drive for the homeless and needy.






Nazareth Academy Grade School
Parents' Association

Presents

**NAGS CELEBRATES
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**



We cordially invite our
families, alumni and friends
13th Annual Silent/Live Auction

Saturday, April 28, 2012
6:00 P.M.

The Maltese Room
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\$40 per person includes
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CLASS OF 2004 REUNION WITH LING YOUNG



As the Class of 2004 was preparing for their Christmas break, they were also reserving a date for a reunion with a very special friend. The alumni, most of whom are now college seniors, had received an invitation from NAGS to reunite 9/11 survivor Ling Young at a Luncheon on January 5, 2012.

The Young Family's lives were changed forever on September 11th when Ling, who was on the 78th floor of the South Tower when the hijacked airplane hit the building. Although she was severely injured, Ling was one of the lucky people who escaped through the assistance of "the man in the red bandanna," Welles Crowther.

Several months after the 9/11 tragedy, Sister Mary Ann read about the long and excruciating recovery that Ling would face. Ling had stated that many people had perished in the disaster, but the injured survivors were being forgotten. Sister Mary Ann wanted to ensure that Ling would know that people cared about her and wanted to reach out to her with prayers, sympathy and love. Sister encouraged the Class of 2004, who were in sixth grade at the time, to begin writing and praying for Ling who was hospitalized for months. The special relationship we now hold with Ling and her family had begun. Along the way, Ling's journey of facing tragedy and loss was transformed into one of a renewed sense of hope and love of life.



Fast forward eight years: On the morning of January 5th, Ling was accompanied by her husband Donald, son Richard and granddaughter Julia. One by one the students waited their turn to greet Ling. She had seen the students grow from 6th to 8th graders but had not seen them since their June, 2004 graduation. In the eight years that had passed, the alumni had grown into adults! Ling, after enduring over forty operations to repair burns to her face, side and arm, looked radiant!

There to document the festivities were NBC, CBS, ABC and KYW radio. As the cameras rolled, the alumni and Ling joked about their photos on a display board and caught up with each other's lives.

Following the luncheon, all of the students, alumni and special guests assembled in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Student Council Officers presided over the program, explaining to the students how this unique relationship had developed and grown. Each class presented Ling with hand-made gifts made in Art class with Miss Maria, such as an American flag mural, a collage and a book of poetry. In addition, the Class of 2004 presented to Ling a recorded version of the book, "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

After the Sunshine Kids gave an enthusiastic singing performance, Ling addressed the students, stating, "I have no words. I am overwhelmed and I thank you for such a beautiful show of support and love, for your prayers and for keeping me in your thoughts."

We salute Ling for the example she has set for all of us: one of courage, strength, faith and love. We thank her for taking the time to open her heart to the Class of 2004 as well as our current Nazareth students. Our students' lives are enriched through the friendship we enjoy with Ling and her family.

To the Class of 2004, we express our thanks for sharing the true Nazareth spirit and mission of family with Ling. We thank our alumni for their empathy and kindheartedness and most of all, for their attendance at the luncheon. The most important thing we can offer another person is our presence. The presence of the Class of 2004 is a testimony to the staying power of the lessons the students learned here at NAGS and to the sensitive and mature adults they are today!

Links to all news coverage are posted on www.nazarethacademy.net. Go to "News and Events" page and click the link to television and radio links. Or, go to the NAGS group page on Facebook to view the stories that aired on January 5, 2012.



Seated left - right: Gina Ross, Alex Gregory, Ling Young, Brian Bateman, Adam Gault. Standing left - right: John Cacchio, Capri Mancino, Andrea Apice, Sister Mary Ann Allton, Rachele DeSantis, Valerie Horvath, Pamela (Serano) Curtis, John Fischer, Matthew McGarvey and Donald Young.



VFW "Patriot's Pen" Essay Contest



The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary recently conducted the Patriot's Pen nationwide essay contest. The 2011-2012 theme was "Are You Proud of Your Country?"

The contest is open to students in grades 6 through 8 enrolled in public, private or parochial schools. The first prize winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and a three-day trip to Washington, DC from the veterans organization. Thomas Goodman, Commander of VFW Post 1597 located in Croydon, Pennsylvania sponsors the contest in our area.

Under the supervision of 5th Grade homeroom teacher Mrs. Mai Dang, several of our 6th and 7th grade students submitted essays explaining their heritage and pride of the United States of America.

In December, Commander Goodman presented *Youth Essay Certificate of Merit* to both Michele Anzabi, Gr. 6, and Mary Kate Gould, Gr. 7. The winning essays were chosen to compete in a district-wide contest with Mary Kate Gould's entry being chosen to go on to a national level contest.

As we wish Mary Kate much luck in the national contest, we encourage students to begin thinking about next year's essay topic. The 2012-2013 essay theme is "What Would I Tell America's Founding Fathers." This essay is due November 1, 2012. For additional information, visit www.vfw.org.



Above: Mary Kate Gould, Gr. 7, Commander Thomas Goodman and Michele Anzabi, Gr. 6.

At right, Mary Kate reads her essay to her classmates.



**Can you make a place in your family for a special child?
Catholic Social Services is seeking single or married adults to become
foster parents to children of all ages, races and religions.**

**Some children have emotional or medical needs,
some are siblings who want to live together.**

For information, contact 267-331-2502

Sharing the *Spark* of Excellence

2011-2012 Annual Fund



We at Nazareth Academy Grade School are firm believers in igniting a spark of excellence in all things!

Nazareth Academy Grade School has upheld a vision of excellence for the over 70 years. As educators, we embrace our role as teachers and share the vision, spark and access to excellence with all of our students every day. Each student is a unique child of God and we strive to help each grow to his/her full potential to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

One of the most important ways to support this special school comes from the contributions made to the Annual Fund. The participation and support from families, grandparents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends helps continue the legacy of excellence, spiritual growth, leadership and character development critical to the education of its students.

It is only through your Annual Fund gifts that we are able to make our vision of excellence a reality. Tax-deductible donations provide every student with the exceptional education resources required for a premier Catholic grade school experience.

The extraordinary 70-year commitment and generosity of our community has enabled NAGS to flourish and grow as a well known and respected educational institution.

Each year as we continue our work with the wonderful children of Nazareth Academy Grade School, we feel a renewed appreciation for everything that makes this school so vibrant and successful. Each year we build upon prior efforts of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth as we continue to grow and nurture our children. Please join us in ensuring that the Annual Fund continues to be part of the secure bedrock upon which NAGS will build its future.

"We are what we repeatedly do.

Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

- Aristotle

Thank You

We are energized by the commitment and support of *so many* in our school community! As a result of your generosity to the 2010-2011 Annual Fund, over \$35,000 in donations and grants was received to help enhance learning and faith development on every grade level, replace the Multi-Purpose Room tables, benches and tile floor, augment faculty development and support salaries, and keep tuition costs to a minimum.

Igniting the Spark

This is a special appeal for you to reconsider and renew your commitment to NAGS and thereby continue helping to preserve the traditions upon which the school was founded.

We are grateful to the many hard-working men and women who continue to support the school financially and donate their time to NAGS. **We hope that everyone will support this important Annual Giving initiative!**

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
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Maroon and Gray Club.....	\$1 to \$99

* Perpetual membership

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| February 22, 2012 | Ash Wednesday |
| March 5 - 9, 2012 | Terra Nova Testing |
| March 7, 2012 | Registration due for
2012-2013 School Year |
| March 8, 2012 | NAGSPA Meeting |
| March 23 - 25, 2012 | "Aladdin Jr." Theater Presentation |
| April 2, 2012 | Living Stations, NAHS Chapel, 7 PM |



NAZARETH: A SMALL SCHOOL WITH A BIG HEART

Our dream to build a gym was highlighted recently in a contest sponsored by *Clorox*. Physical Education teacher Mrs. Terry Vaccarino discovered the contest online and the school jumped into action to participate! The "*Power A Bright Future*" voting competition was a contest to win a \$50,000 or \$25,000 grant. Once again, the ever-present need for a gymnasium was in the forefront of everyone's minds.

Hundreds of schools and organizations applied through Clorox and we were soon out-voted by larger, more populated schools. This fact did not diminish the hope and valiant effort by our families in weighing in with 2,458 votes!!

With the 2006 expansion of four classrooms, a new gymnasium would complete our future planning objectives. The existing Multi Purpose room is inadequate in size to host larger school, community and athletic events.

The dream continues! We persistently seek the financial support required for the project and appeal to our families, friends and alumni for their involvement!

At left is our "big heart" photo entry and project summary as it appeared online.

