

The Excalibur

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Nazareth – Better Than Ever

By: Xaviah Andrews

Just three years ago Nazareth almost closed its doors with its back against the walls, and now it is thriving with new youth all over the school. There has been a huge increase in students, staff, technology, and sports as well. How did this happen you might ask? Well, the sports programs at Nazareth are achieving great things. The girls varsity basketball team is flourishing with new talent after winning the CHSAA championship, being led by Coach Ron, Head Girls Varsity Coach. Boys Varsity Basketball has worked non-stop to follow suit. The Nazareth Kingsmen Football team has been doing quite well for a team almost made up of completely new players. They still have many improvements to make and many obstacles to overcome but Rome was not built in a day. We will definitely see

even greater performances from them in the years to come. Kingsmen baseball has been doing amazing themselves also, under the supervision of Coach Quiles and baseball staff. Nazareth has been on its grind for the last 3 years and we know for sure that we will reach greater heights. Nazareth has been making a great name for itself in the community and it only continues to get better as new students come to Nazareth to experience what it's like to be a Kingsmen.

Even though sports has been doing top notch in the last few years to bring in new talent, it is not the only reason Nazareth has been expanding. Nazareth's technology has been improving yearly, with new ThinkPad laptops being provided to help students obtain needed information,

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Thanksgiving from the
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- Upcoming 2015 Events -

11/24 NHS Induction Ceremony
11/25 Annual Turkey Bowl
11/26-11/27 Thanksgiving Break
12/7 Fine Arts Winter Program
12/18 Winter Ball
12/23 Christmas Show
12/24-1/3 Christmas Break

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and work on projects and homework. Since 2013, Nazareth has been working efficiently to eventually obtain 1:1 computing devices. For those who don't know, soon students will be able to have their own personal computers provided by the school to let the students work more efficiently without crowding the public computers around the school facility. The process for this new expansion in technology has already been started, as Nazareth will be setting up wireless hotspots around the school, so the students will have strong internet access across the building. New technology and computer science courses should be in at the beginning of the 2016 school year and it will teach students a bundle of things about technology, from general tech to more complex skills. Students could learn about filming, editing, web coding, HTML and a bunch of other great activities that might spark the interest of the young minds of Nazareth. Preparations are being made for the new changes that definitely will mark a new chapter in Nazareth history, we hope you're ready.



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My Adventure at Six Flags Fright Fest

By: Egypt Billups

On October 9, 2015, some of the students and I went to Six Flags for Fright Fest, for a school trip. It was a blast!! When we arrived, the weather wasn't what I pictured it to be. In the beginning, it started to drizzle a little, but that didn't stop the fun!

My friends and I went to the first ride we thought of, which was "Skull Mountain." It was really scary, but we had a great time.

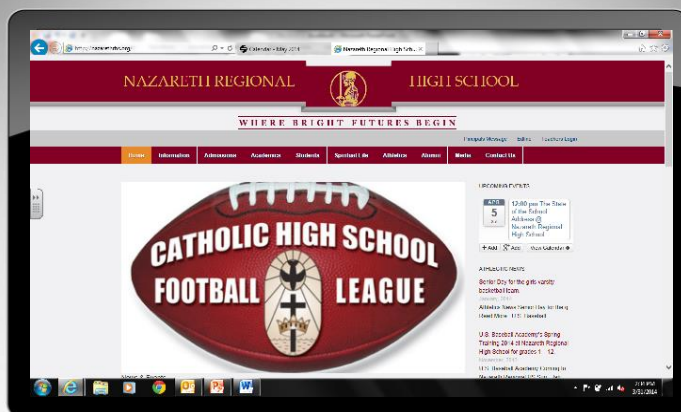
Unfortunately, after we got off the ride, it started to rain heavily. The first thing I did was stress because I hate the rain! But, I realized that it kind of set the mood for being at Fright Fest. The real reason why my friends and I started to seriously panic was because a lot of rides were going to close down because of the rain. And guess what? We were right!

Unfortunately the ride I really wanted to go on, Kingda Ka, got closed down because of the rain. Thanks a lot rain!



My friends and I decided to take a break until the rain stopped, so we went to Nathans to get some chicken tenders and cheese fries. They were delicious! We waited for a little while and then the rain finally subsided. We were ready to hit the rides again! My friends and I had to figure out which ride we wanted to go on and decided to go on one of the roller coasters.

After we got off the coaster, the zombies started to come out! At first I was scared, and was running around frantically! It was like The Walking Dead out there! Eventually we got tired and decided to meet up with the rest of our group at the blood fountain. We got on the bus and headed home. Even though the weather wasn't the best, I still had a great time!



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Comic Con – The Experience

By: Aaron Orjiugo

Comic Con is a yearly convention, taking place in many states and countries, solely dedicated to nerd culture. Be it games, comics, manga, anime, YouTube, Twitch, artwork, films and popular or new TV shows, Comic Con is usually at the center of it all. New York Comic Con has been held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center for ten years now, with a size of over 800,000 square feet, there seems to be almost no time at all to do anything.

One of the biggest exhibits for the past couple of years now has been the DC Comics exhibit. The past two years were marked by the 75th anniversary of both Batman and Superman. Costumes from all the movies and TV shows were displayed. This year the costume and gadgets for the upcoming film, "Superman VS Batman: Dawn Of Justice" were put on display. Illustrators of recent DC's published line were autographing throughout the four day weekend. Also free posters, postcards, collectible cards, and buttons were given out to the 170,000 people who attended this year.



Also, on the note of DC Comics, there was a Justice League cast reunion event with the voice actors of the show. Kevin Conroy who played Batman, Phil Lamar as Green Lantern, Static Shock, Hermes Conrad and a plethora of other characters. Marie Canals Babera as Hawkgirl, George Newbern as Superman, Susan Eisenberg as Wonder Woman and Carl Lumbly as Martian Manhunter. Sadly Michael Rosenbaum who was the voice of the Flash and Lex Luthor couldn't make it. Marie Canals said, "It's either a high school reunion or his birthday."

I personally did not play much of the upcoming games on display, however, from what I witnessed, they were good.

Displayed games included: Naruto Shippuden 4, Street Fighter 5, Final Fantasy Explorers, J Stars Vs, Just Cause 3, Dragonquest, Star Wars Battlepod, Sword Art Online Last Song, Tales of Zestiria, and Dark Souls 3. The only game I played was Just Cause 3.

Lastly, I always look forward to cosplay. Cosplay is the act of dressing up in a costume and playing out as that character. Some examples are a 9 ½ foot tall Iron Man Hulk Buster to a Netflix and Chill cosplay. Characters from recent live action TV shows to Charlie Brown shirts and Goku on a scooter. Although I have never cosplayed it is one of the most amazing things to look forward to at Comic Con. I can't wait to return!



Reflections of a Football Player

By: Prince Adeniji

Going to school, doing homework, and playing sports. All of this takes a lot out of you. It's nothing compared to college, though still, it's quite exhausting. If you listen and pay attention, school work and homework are pretty light. But, not all of us can do that. Whether school work is easy or hard, homework just demands your free time, which your mind as a teen thinks it could be spent doing something so much more meaningful. Now the main thing which you love and have so much fun doing, football, now that's something you don't mind. Even though it is fun, there's the teammates who know how to annoy you, the coach who works you to the bone and then breaks you if you slip up by fooling around, but of course, every coach is like that. Though football coaches discipline you like they were once a military instructor, you still have a lot of feelings and thoughts. You may understand a play and have gone over it 100 times, each exactly the same way, but you always find yourself overthinking it in a game.



Some of your teammates are either too excited, too scared or just too calm, and no one knows what the outcome of the game will be, at least not till the last whistle is blown. Fear could easily consume you and throw you off your game. After a play, after the whistle, after the hike, you're always replaying your mistakes and trying to fix them on the next play, but no play is ever the same. Once you've been hit a few good times or dished out some really good hits, the danger doesn't feel like it's really there. Realizing that feelings are only going to slow you down makes you so much more faster and stronger. When it comes to thinking, you don't have to do any more than what you need for right now, right this second, at this very moment. At the end, you can say it doesn't matter if you won or not, which would make for a pretty good feeling. If when you were out there, you did everything you could possibly do, you won't be left with any regrets after that game. Most importantly for your players, did you guys play as a team.



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Nazareth's Open House - A Huge Success

By: Shamariah McCullough

Open House on October 15th, 2015 for the incoming freshman turned out to be a huge success. Currents students from Nazareth took time out their day and volunteered to escort 8th graders and their parents around the beautiful high school. Many kids were fascinated with the new technology that the school was able to display. Nazareth volunteers also went in depth to describe each class and what they had to offer, the extracurricular opportunities that are present at the school and described what general life is like at Nazareth.



The teachers also gave a unique perspective on what their classes are like, what types of activities are done in class, the course material taught and they explained how welcoming Nazareth Regional H.S. is. There were also welcoming gifts given out to the incoming freshman as they arrived in the building. Ms. Fisher did an outstanding job describing the life of Nazareth and what it's like to be a Kingsmen. By the look of the kids and parent's faces, Nazareth will definitely get a tremendous amount of students next year. It's safe to say that the open house was a success.

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