

# Excalibur

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## President Welcome

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Dear Nazareth alumni, family and friends:

In the past two years, Nazareth, as well as the rest of the world, have been praying that the worst of this pandemic is behind us. As we start seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, the students returning to school, the re-engagement and prayer held regularly as a community, and laughter coming from the kids walking through the building, we realize how much we have missed each other. This newsletter will hopefully bring a smile to your face, help you reminisce about your high school days and remember the loss of our recent past.

To begin this school year on a more positive note, the Nazareth community will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee (60 years) and of course celebrating 10 years of an ongoing legacy that potentially would not have occurred. As you all remember, 10 years ago, it was announced that Nazareth would be closing its doors due to lack of enrollment and financial difficulties. Since the "Saving of our School" 10 years ago, we have increased enrollment over 30%, started an endowment, restored the facility and most importantly, graduated 836 students. Ninety-eight percent of them have pursued higher education, many doctors, lawyers, professional basketball players, engineers, etc., and have started their professional careers at Nazareth. The student's faces change every year, but the love of God and the commitment from our faculty and staff, and our commitment to our Xaverian spirituality and charisms remain the heart of the school.

Please hold the date, April 9, 2022, to celebrate with your alma mater, our Diamond Jubilee and the ten most recent years which we have fondly referred to as "The Legacy Continues."

Nazareth's Legacy continues to transform our students into tomorrow's leaders by providing a rigorous academic programs that encourage our their pursuit of higher education and influences their career trajectories to make a difference in the ever-changing world.

See you soon!

With Christ,

Mrs. Quiles  
President



## New Principal Announcement

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Congratulations to Mr. Robert DiRe who has been appointed the new Principal of Nazareth Regional High School, effective July 1, 2021. Mr. DiRe has been devoted to Catholic education his entire professional career, encompassing time spent working at his alma mater Holy Cross High School in Queens and Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School in Long Island. He came to Nazareth in October of 2017 as the Director of Advancement.

After nine years working in Catholic education—and particularly the last four under the umbrella of the Xaverian Brothers—Mr. DiRe is prepared to continue the traditions of Nazareth and committed to the mission of the school: to empower and educate the whole student. He knows firsthand both the challenges and the many advantages that a family-oriented Catholic education presents. As Nazareth's Principal he looks forward to working collaboratively with the faculty and staff to ensure that our students are offered every opportunity possible, not only with a rigorous college preparatory academic program but an education that incorporates everything a Nazareth graduate needs to succeed in life.

Mr. DiRe received his B.A. in English from the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College. He has enlisted in continuing his education to obtain a master's in School Building Leadership. He has extensive experience with CYO basketball and coaching football with the CHSFL and has taken part in many aspects of student life at Nazareth as well as being co-creator of the newly formed Nazareth Esports team.

During the pandemic, Mr. DiRe's bond with the students deepened as he helped meet their changing needs and grew even more committed to ensuring their Nazareth experience continued uncompromised by the changing circumstances around them.

A special thank you to the Search Committee, who helped make this an inclusive process with all constituents involved.

## National Catholic Education Association Recognizes Mrs. Quiles with Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award

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We are so proud of our President and former Principal Providencia Quiles for being awarded the Lead. Learn. Proclaim (LLP) Award by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) as an outstanding leader in Catholic Education.

The NCEA announced nine recipients of the 2021 LLP Award, highlighting the outstanding work being done in Catholic education communities across the country. This year the honored individuals are educators, principals and pastors entrusted with the faith formation of our Catholic school communities.

"Catholic schools offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence," said NCEA Interim President/CEO Kathy Mears. "We draw on the Church's long tradition of educating the whole person: mind, body and spirit. This is done as a community pursuing faith, truth, beauty, goodness, wisdom and virtue. These leaders are the core of our Catholic school education system and serve as inspiration to all of us working within the framework of Catholic education."

Mrs. Quiles began her career in Catholic schools as a substitute teacher after a business career. She was offered a full-time position at Most Holy Trinity in Brooklyn, teaching math and science to sixth, seventh and eighth graders until her friend, Mr. DeSimone, suggested she interview at his school, Nazareth. She took the position as a ninth grade English teacher and after three years became the Assistant Principal of Academics. Two years later she was asked to apply to be the Principal.

In her first year as principal, the Nazareth Board of Trustees announced that the school would be closing its doors in June 2011. An impromptu assembly of more than 850 angry and passionate students, parents, coaches, faculty, administration and alumni got to work. Staff, select parent advisory members and especially Sharon Patrick, "our angel," and Mrs. Quiles created and executed a "Save the School" campaign to meet the board-stipulated three benchmarks: 1) Raise \$700K; 2) Enroll 80 students; and 3) Create a specific plan for the future of Nazareth. Nine years later, Nazareth's Legacy continues by educating 99 percent minority students in inner-city Brooklyn with a 100 percent graduation rate and 98 percent of students college bound.

NCEA recognized these esteemed awardees of the 2021 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award with a virtual tribute in April 2021.

## 9/11 Commemorative Prayer

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On September 10, 2021 the Nazareth community gathered to pray and commemorate (in person and via zoom) the members of the school community that were lost during 9/11. Our school and our nation will never forget the horror of that day nor the thousands of Americans who lost their lives. However, we will always remember the heroic acts of courage from our first responders, health care providers and everyday Americans who came together to help save the injured and prevent further loss. Their light will always shine in our school and in our hearts. Let us remember and pray to regain the unity we felt as a nation in those moments. May we carry that same American solidarity in our hearts with us as we confront today's challenges.

Robert Hussa '67  
Thomas W. Kelley '69  
Engine 4, Ladder 15  
James Cove '70  
Donald Regan '71  
Kevin Conroy '71  
John Lennon '75  
Michael Russo '75  
Eric Allen '75  
Peter Milano '76  
Thomas M. Kelley '78  
Dennis Murphy '80 - NYPD  
Maureen Flaherty '80 - NYPD  
Paul Martini '82  
Denis McHugh '82  
Ed Desimone '82  
Gregory Preziose '85  
Dennis McCarthy – Brother of Eugene McCarthy

## Class of '67 Wines and Dines Mr. Marchetta



The attendees in the photo from left to right are: Artie Tully, Jim St. Clair (Class President), Lou Barretti, Arthur Nintzel, Tom Quaranta, Michael Marchetta, Artie Lewin, Marty Ingram, Mark Hehl, Steve Gandley and Vinny Fanuele.

On Friday, September 17, 2021, ten members of the Class of 1967 hosted a dinner for Mr. Michael Marchetta at La Riviera Trattoria in Clifton, NJ. Michael Marchetta was part of the original faculty in 1962 teaching Mathematics/Calculus and Latin. Additionally, he would periodically entertain his students with his exceptional guitar skills and his uncanny ability to solve jumbles. But perhaps most importantly, he taught us life lessons preparing us for what was to follow in our lives. On Friday night, we not only celebrated Michael's gifts to us, but we also vicariously honored the entire faculty of the Class of 1967 for the role they played in ensuring our success in life both professionally and as productive members of society. Following their very successful 50th Reunion in 2017, where 90 classmates gathered, the Class of '67 is NOW planning their 55 Reunion on the weekend of June 25 and 26, 2022 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Somerset, NJ.

For more information, please contact Mr. Steve Gandley at [etiennegandley@gmail.com](mailto:etiennegandley@gmail.com).

## Class of '71 Reunion

On Thursday, September 30, 2021, the Class of 1971 celebrated their 50th Reunion at Baron DeKalb on Emmons Avenue. Over 40 graduates gathered to share a meal, reminisce with their fellow Kingsmen about their high school days and fill the room with laughter. The stories being told around the room were memories of the prom, music class, what a night.



Attendees of the Class of '71 Kingsmen Reunion: Timothy Lang, John Wuestman, Kevin Traynor, Ed Brenner, and John Malone.

A special thanks to Tim Healty and Marty Keating who did a great job coordinating this event. If any alumni is interested in putting together a reunion, please contact Mrs. Providencia Quiles, President, or Mr. Jerome Kilbane, Director of Advancement.

Many members of this class have been generous to Nazareth over the years and for this we are eternally grateful. We continue to strive to develop men and women of your caliber.

The Nazareth Legacy Continues.



The two first ladies of Nazareth, MaryEllen Sparno Nazareth's very 1st Cheerleader and Providencia Quiles, Nazareth's first President.



## Florence Roberts Scholarship

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A special thank you to the faculty and staff of Nazareth Regional High School. Recently, Ms. Roberts, Assistant Principal of Academics, lost her mom after a very long and wonderful life of 93 years. Instead of sending flowers, Ms. Roberts suggested honoring a student with a scholarship since her mother was a teacher for over 40 years. Our faculty and staff have been extremely generous and they donated \$2,200 towards the Florence Roberts Scholarship, which Ms. Roberts will select the student recipient.

The work and service Ms. Roberts provides the students, families and faculty is invaluable and was demonstrated by the generous gifting of the faculty and staff. Nancy Roberts has a long history with Nazareth (26 years), 20 years as a Guidance Counselor and the last 6 years as the Assistant Principal of Academics.

This gift is a prime example of our Xaverian call of compassion. Thank you all for your generosity!



## The Students Returned To Nazareth



Nazareth began the year with remote learning as we remained dedicated to keep our students, families, faculty, and staff safe during the pandemic. All the stakeholders were invited to participate in that dialogue in order to come to that decision.

We were thrilled to be able to invite students back into the building on November 9th as we entered hybrid learning. On top of all the protocols in place for every person entering the building, including temperature checks, social distancing, and use of PPE for safety, our students were invited back in shifts, with Cohort A in the building on Monday and Tuesday and Cohort B welcomed on Thursday and Friday. Each student remained in distance learning on the remaining days, with Wednesday being a full remote day in order to deep clean the building.

Although every family has the choice to opt out of in-person learning during this time, having so many of our students back in the building has brought such positive energy to the Nazareth community. And while we have been so impressed by our students, faculty, and staff during remote learning, it is impossible to replace the presence in the building.



This hybrid learning has enabled us to bring the whole school together in a way that is both tangible and often creative. We are able to gather socially distanced for Mass in our chapel, while live streaming the celebration to our students at home for remote learning and allowing them to participate in the Mass as if they were there. It has also allowed our after-school activities to continue in a more traditional way. We loved having all our coaches and club moderators and students participating in workouts and club meetings on Zoom, but being able to have some of our students in the gym and in the classroom has pushed those activities further in a way so important to the education of the whole student.

Our athletic teams returned to action this spring with abbreviated seasons for Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Football. Having our teams practicing and competing has been so important for our

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student athletes, particularly our seniors who have worked hard over their academic careers and deserved a final sendoff with their teammates.

On top of that, we have had our students painting after school, all grades participated in a socially-distanced version of Nazareth Follies, playing games as classes to promote camaraderie and school spirit, and most importantly the students who thrive back in the classroom have the extra layer of in person support back in a more normal and traditional scenario.







# *The Legacy Continues*

NAZARETH, TRANSFORMING LIVES, DEVELOPING LEADERS



## Nazareth Remembers Brother Matthew Burke

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It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Brother Matthew Burke, C.F.X. on Friday, November 27th 2020 at Nazareth Home in Louisville. Although Brother Matthew had tested positive for COVID-19, his death was due to the complications from the dementia he has suffered from the past few years.

He came to Nazareth in 1962 as a teacher at the brand-new high school, and in 1967 was named Deputy Principal. He was appointed Principal two years later, serving in that role from 1969-1975. He was beloved in both roles by the entire Nazareth community, and he remained a part of the school long after he moved on to lead other schools and other missions. Brother Matthew was a frequent guest at the many reunions our classes had over the years and became great friends with many of his former students. He was a lifelong supporter of Nazareth, always willing to help in any way to improve the future of this school. Brother Matthew was a great figure in Nazareth's history, not only as a faculty member and principal during Nazareth's formative years, but as a great supporter of Nazareth his entire life. He has touched the lives of so many who have been honored to know him, and he will be missed tremendously by the entire community.

Beyond Nazareth, Brother Matthew made a tremendous impact in many other ways as a Xaverian Brother. Not only was he able to reach the lives of many in school communities, but he was a leader of many missions and projects of great importance. To read more about Brother Matthew's entire life, find the Xaverian Brothers statement on his passing by clicking [here](#). Please remember his sisters and their families who mourn his passing, as well as the Brothers at Ryken House, his friends and former students who remained close to him.

# Brother Matthew Burke Scholarship Fund



The Nazareth we remember would simply not have been the school that it was, without Bro Matthew Burke. He led via creating the roadmap, environment, and culture for the Nazareth “experience” all of us so proudly embraced. Nazareth today is still familiar in many ways. Today’s students continue to exemplify the identity and spirit that we were part of when we were at Nazareth, as they prepare for their adult lives.

In his deserving memory we have formalized the **Brother Matthew Burke Scholarship Fund**. This is an Annual Scholarship fund open to donations by all. Our commitment is to fund this each year. The goal is to award two equal, \$5k scholarships to qualifying juniors annually. Any amounts raised over the awarded scholarships will remain in the Brother Matthew Burke Scholarship Fund for subsequent year funding.

The recipients of this scholarship will display the values and principles that Brother would have supported – based on objective and subjective criteria, including:

- Financial need
- GPA
- Community/service to others
- Christian faith
- Strong values including the respect and inclusion of others
- Commitment to action
- Passion for achieving and learning

Thanks to the generosity of some of your former classmates we are off to a great start to hit our goal. With your support, we together can positively impact a young student’s future while continuing to foster the legacy of a great leader, teacher and principal.

We will provide updates on the selection of the Brother Matthew Burke Scholars and their subsequent year progress as Seniors. We believe you will be impressed by the values and education that Nazareth offers and these great young men and women.

Click [here](#) to learn about how to contribute to the Brother Matthew Burke Scholarship Fund. You may also contact the Advancement Office at Nazareth by emailing [rdire@nazarethrhs.org](mailto:rdire@nazarethrhs.org) or calling 718-763-1100 ext. 232. Thank you to committee members Denis Wuestman '73, Mike DiFede '73, Gerry Ferrante '73, Jesus Linares '73, Bob Liodice '73, and to everyone has made donations to this fund already.

## Thank You, Dr. Clarke, For Your Service to Nazareth

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Dr. Una Clarke has come to the end of her term as a member of Nazareth Regional High School's Board of Trustees. Her service to Nazareth has been integral in forming the school's current standing with the community, and she has been a great resource in the school's continuing mission to be on the cutting edge of high school education and keeping Nazareth affordable for all students.

Dr. Clarke was the first Caribbean-born woman elected to the New York City's legislature; her hard work and tireless advocacy had been benefitting Nazareth long before she became officially affiliated with us. As an elected official she sponsored more than 300 pieces of legislation on a wide range of issues including child welfare, education, health and mental health issues, economic development, public safety, and transportation.

An educator by profession, she has leveraged millions of dollars to upgrade schools in her district and made them technologically ready for the 21st century with computer labs in every school and a model program for multi-media instruction. In addition, Dr. Clarke fought to expand services for the elderly, rebuild parks and playgrounds and increase quality childcare programs. Dr. Clarke was appointed in 2001 by Governor George Pataki as Director of the Empire State Development Corporation for the borough of Brooklyn, and in 2015 she was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York (CUNY).

We are unbelievably thankful for the time and effort Dr. Clarke has given to Nazareth over the years, and we appreciate her taking a stand with Nazareth. While she will no longer officially be a member of our Board of Trustees, the impact she has made on our students has created a legacy that will last forever. The Board and administration look forward to her continued support as an ally and a friend, and lifetime member of the Nazareth community.

God bless Dr. Una Clarke, and may He watch over her in all her future endeavors. She will always be an important part of the Nazareth family.



## Welcome Nazareth's New Board Members

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### Ms. Rhonda Tomlinson



Ms. Tomlinson serves as the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the Adjudications Bureau of the New York State Board of Parole. She attended Nazareth for her freshman year of high school, where she was a shy freshman who became a member of the Mrs. Cargulia's Speech Team. While she wasn't able to stay at Nazareth as a student, she continued competing as a one-person speech team sanctioned by the Diocese and was able to keep in touch with her friends at Naz as she went on to do great things. She graduated from Cornell and received her Juris Doctor from Hofstra University, beginning her legal career in public service as a criminal law practitioner. Her love of teaching is satisfied as an adjunct professor at CUNY School of Law. Ms. Tomlinson has experience working on school boards in the past, and her connection through Nazareth Trustee Dr. Una Clarke brought her back to Nazareth in this role. The culmination of all her experiences from her freshman year on has put her in a position to help bring our school forward, and we are thrilled to have her back as a part of the Nazareth family.

### Dr. Sean Yetman '92



Dr. Yetman is a Vascular Specialist working at medical clinics in the New York area. He completed his under-graduate coursework at MIT and earned his medical degree from Columbia University. At Nazareth, Dr. Yetman was active in a variety of clubs and activities and has particularly fond memories of his time on the track team and particularly Coach Will Thomas. Coach Thomas represented the best of what Nazareth has to offer, being more than a coach but the figurehead of a Nazareth family. He embodied the idea that there were many ways to receive the fundamentals of education, but that the building of social bonds and the development of relationships add value to the character of the students that follows them throughout their lives. While Dr. Yetman practices medicine professionally, he hopes his expertise in finance and investing will serve as an asset to Nazareth, with goals of increasing our endowment efforts as part of our Board of Trustees, and helping to shape a curriculum that puts an emphasis on the financial education of our students so they are prepared for success as graduates of Nazareth, so he can help impact the next generation of Nazareth alumni. We welcome his enthusiasm and expertise and look forward to working with him as a part of our Board of Trustees.

## Esports Comes to Nazareth

Nazareth has officially joined the world of online gaming. Esports is one of the fastest-growing sources of college scholarships, and Nazareth now has a team to give our students an outlet to compete. The club has been in the works for a while, but with the leadership of our students we have formally created a team that is actively practicing a number of popular titles, including Apex Legends, Rocket League, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, among others and looking to add more.

Esports has really given our students a sense of belonging and community. It has been particularly significant to our new 9th graders who have not yet had the opportunity to be in the physical building of our school with the entire student body. Through online gaming they have had a chance to be amongst their classmates and upperclassmen and form the bonds of community Nazareth prides itself on. In a short time, the Esports team has become a small family of its own.

Our team has the option to compete at home on their personal computers and consoles, or in person in our computer lab where we have set up a number of machines for online play. Whether they are home or in the building, the team is connected through Google Meets like any other class or club where they can see and talk to each other, and they are also utilizing popular gaming apps such as Discord and Twitch to connect with each other outside of school.

In the coming years, we expect our Esports program to compete on a Varsity level, and eventually the goal is to have multiple teams playing a variety of titles, and to nurture a Junior Varsity team to develop skills for students still learning some of these games. We hope to inspire our competitor schools to initiate their own Esports programs and give us the ability to compete not only globally and nationally, but locally as well. Esports has been part of the plan at Nazareth since before the pandemic forced us into remote learning, and while this program has made huge strides in the past year and has been vital to the life of the school since initiated, we only look for the program to get stronger as more students return to the building. Developing and investing in

this new venture will create opportunities for our students both in fostering their interests in a socially productive way, but it will lead to more opportunities to get noticed and separate themselves from their peers while competing for scholarship money at the college level.



## Ms. Davis Published in St. John's University Humanities Review

Ms. Tiffany Davis, an English Teacher at Nazareth, recently had her anthology *Within Those Forty Minutes* published by the St. John's Humanities Review (Volume 17 Issue 1, Winter 2020). Her poems are structured like a school day, with each period – representing the titular 40 minutes – containing its own themes and context as individual school subjects.

Below is an excerpt from the anthology, containing the first part or "Homeroom" period, as well as the link to the St. John's Humanities Review where you can read *Within Those Forty Minutes* in its entirety.



Ms. Tiffany L. Davis  
**Within Those Forty Minutes**

\*Bell Rings\*

### Homeroom

They—  
    walk in  
Tired—from late calls, throwing balls, Biggie  
Smalls  
    Blasting—through wireless things  
    How—technology swings  
    the  
minds of our youth, as they—  
    walk in.  
Tuck in—  
    your shirt now!  
Pull up—  
    your pants now!  
Did you iron your shirt? What length is your skirt?  
Good—  
Morning ----- What's wrong?  
Tuck in—  
    your shirt now!  
Pull up  
    Your pants are sagging, dropping,  
falling  
Into their thoughts and patterns  
Moods swing, Babies bring  
Their issues, need tissues  
Sit. Down. Now!

Quiet.

As the announcements begin, which sports team will win  
And who will spend  
Their time in deten-tion  
Detain and refrain from what your world has taught you?

Are you prepared for what this world has brought you?

I pledge,

    We pledge,

        Recite pledge, but hold no

allegiance

to those who scare your freedom

Those who dare to bleed them

    from the cradle to the grave

Just say the pledge and behave!

Proceed.

*Forty Minutes* by Ms. Davis please click the link below to access the full issue.

[St. John's Humanities Review Winter 2020](#)



## In Memoriam...

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Nazareth Regional High School is deeply saddened to announce the deaths of the following members of our family who have passed away recently. We pray for each of them and their families during this difficult time.

### **Brother Matthew Burke, Former Principal and Faculty Member**

Brother Matthew is one of the most important figures in Nazareth's history, and he is commemorated in this issue of Excalibur on the front cover, as well as pages 11 and 12.

### **Mr. Pete Holmes, Former Faculty Member**

Pete Holmes passed away on January 13. He was a beloved teacher for more than two decades at Nazareth, who had a tremendous impact on our students during the formative years of the school. He taught in the History department and oversaw the Theatre and Arts departments at Nazareth. He is remembered lovingly by our alumni, and by his wife Joan.

### **Mr. Fred Protopappas, Class of 1966**

Fred was a record-setting track athlete at Nazareth High School, and was recruited to Georgetown University, from which he received a track scholarship. At Georgetown he received a BA, MA, and PhD in Chinese Language and Literature. Fred spent his professional career at the Library of Congress, where he began as a cataloger of Chinese language materials. He retired as Senior Overseas Operations Officer, having traveled to and worked with the Library's offices in Cairo, Rio, New Delhi, Nairobi, Islamabad, and Jakarta.

### **Coach Isidro "Izzy" Padilla**

Coach Izzy was a former Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Basketball, and Swimming Coach at Nazareth Regional High School. He was beloved by all his student athletes, as well as his fellow coaches, and as a New York City teacher, impacted the lives of thousands of young men and women over his career.

### **Mr. Kevin Gillespie, Class of 1985**

Kevin grew up in Brooklyn in Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC) parish, attended Nazareth RHS and graduated from Marist College. He worked for years on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange before relocating to Florida to be closer to his father Tom Gillespie, a retired NYC police officer, teacher and basketball coach at Nazareth RHS. Kevin cherished his four years at Nazareth and the long-lasting friendships he made. His twin brother Thomas was also a graduate of Nazareth RHS, class of 1985.

### **Mr. Owen McVeigh, Alumni Parent**

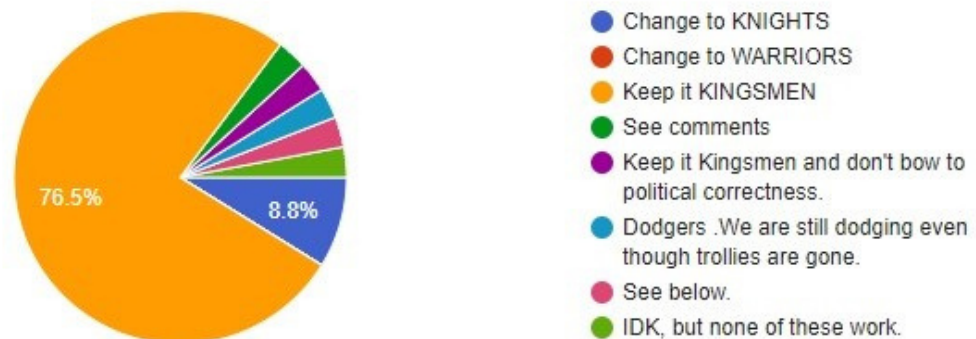
Owen was the loving father of 10 children of which eight graduated from Nazareth Regional High School. He passed away peacefully on January 25, 2021 in Palm City, Florida surrounded by his family. He was a veteran of the Korean War and served as an officer in the NYPD for 26 years.

If you have a friend, classmate, or loved one you would like included in a future Nazareth "In Memoriam..." please contact the Advancement office at 718-763-1100 ext. 232 or by email at [jkilbane@nazarethrhs.org](mailto:jkilbane@nazarethrhs.org).

## Nazareth Kingsmen? Poll Results!

Should Nazareth consider changing its mascot from Kingsmen to something else? Let us know your thoughts!

34 responses



Thank you to everyone who responded to last issue's poll question on whether we should update our school mascot to something more gender neutral. More than 75% of respondents voted to keep with tradition and stick with Kingsmen, while nearly 9% chose Knights out of the options given. In separate responses, "Royals", "Regals", "Nazarenes", "Crusaders", "Spartans", and "Guardians" were put forth by the class of 1967, although they suggested the student body select the name.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the poll and gave their input on this poll question!

"I was in the first Nazareth class and was involved in developing many of the traditions the school participates to this day. There was a lot of thought that went into our decisions. And it's these traditions that define the school. Why change them. None of them are offensive nor meant to be."

"There is something to be said about tradition."

"I really don't think it should be changed but I understand today's realities. I can live with Knights."

"Can we 'reverse engineer' our current name? I'm going to guess that it is a reference to Christ the King, as well as Kings County. Can we come up with another name that would embody both of these?"

"We've been Kingsmen for years don't change it."

"I always thought the King comes from Kings County that Brooklyn is called."

"The mascot is a suit of armor. Is it a man or a woman ? It's neither. I'm all for inclusion but the mascot and the name Kingsmen is synonymous with Nazareth. Some traditions need to endure despite the pressures of today's overly sensitive world. Besides - what would I do with all my shirts!"

"The problem with getting rid of 'Kings' is that it references the county. How do we keep Brooklyn in the name?"

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

# NAZARETH CALENDAR 2021-2022

## OCTOBER 2021

- Annual Fund Mailing
- Breast Cancer Walk
- Athletic Sponsorship Available

## NOVEMBER 2021

- Paint Night
- **11/30:** Tuesday Day of Giving

## DECEMBER 2021

- Annual Report (Dec/Jan)
- Ryken Celebration

## JANUARY 2022

- Homecoming
  - Raffle
  - Meet & Greet (Alumni)

## FEBRUARY 2022

- Excalibur Newsletter
- Casino Night at Nazareth

## APRIL 2022

- **04/09: HOLD THE DATE** President's Gala - Diamond Jubilee and 10 years to celebrate *The Legacy Continues*
- Parents Game Night

## MAY 2022

- Excalibur Newsletter
- Golf Outing (TBA)

## JUNE 2022

- **06/03:** Graduation Celebration
- **06/04:** McCarthy Run







NAZARETH

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

# OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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- 60 COLLEGE CREDITS AVAILABLE
- VARIETY OF SPORTS (BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, TRACK, ETC.)
- STUDENT RECEIVES A CHROMEBOOK
- ENGINEERING CLUB WITH 3D PRINTING
- FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

RAPID TEST AVAILABLE  
ON SITE

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## Excalibur Poll



While we are announcing the Brother Matthew Burke Scholarship in this issue of Excalibur, many of our alumni have been active in creating scholarship funds over the years. The Class of 1967 has invested in an endowment fund. And we also have an endowment in the name of Charles L. Reiter and Nora Coakly Reiter. We also have yearly scholarships named for Chris Thomas, Class of 1977, the Bavetta Family, Sister Catherine McAuley, Donald Kennelly, and the Blanco Family.

Additionally, in recent years after the passing of beloved members of the Nazareth community such as Mr. Pete Holmes, Ed Bradley Class of 1968, and Ed Feeley, Class of 1967 we have raised donations in their names for general financial aid and scholarship.

So this issue we ask our alumni if they have anyone near and dear to their Nazareth experience that we could consider creating a named scholarship in honor of or in memory of.

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