



Fall Newsletter 2024
and Annual Report



INTRODUCTION (ABOUT US)



PHILOSOPHY

We are a Jesuit, faith-based Nativity middle school. Located in the Washington Gardner neighborhood of San Jose, we support an underserved, urban community within the Sacred Heart Parish.

We believe that everyone is created in the image of God. To that end, we provide a holistic education that supports the growth and development of a child intellectually, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Our Ignatian tradition nurtures each student to grow within our Catholic faith, to act according to our faith, and to develop a lifelong relationship with God.

Our educational program seeks to create youth who are architects of their own lives and contributing members of their communities. **We believe that the NativityMiguel school structure is the most effective model in educating, building healthy self-esteem, and empowering our students.** This includes an extended school day and year, ongoing assessment and inquiry, strong partnerships with our families, and support beyond eighth-grade graduation.

We seek partnerships with our families and parish, to build a community that supports our students, preparing them to be forces of courage, compassion, understanding, insight, and moral fortitude in the world.

We instill in our students the Jesuit, faith-based commitments beyond oneself, to become people of competence, conscience, and compassion.

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100%

OF OUR STUDENTS
GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL
COMPARED TO NATIONAL
AVERAGE OF 80%

43%

OF NATIVITY ALUMNI
HAVE COMPLETED OR PERSISTED IN COLLEGE
WITHIN SIX YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 14%



MISSION STATEMENT

The Sacred Heart Nativity Schools transform lives through education by laying the foundation for young students to succeed in college prep high school programs, post-secondary education (college, trade/tech/vocational, military service), and beyond. The Schools provide a Catholic education for students of low-income families with priority given to those of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish community. In the Jesuit tradition, Nativity scholars are guided and accompanied as they deepen their relationship with God to become people for others.

Welcome

Dear Friends and Supporters of Nativity,

Sacred Heart Nativity Schools has been a beacon of hope for the communities surrounding Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in the Washington Guadalupe neighborhood of San José since it opened its doors in 2001. Since then, we have graduated around 600 students, with the majority of recent graduates moving on to Catholic high schools in the area. We are proud to say that Msgr. Mateo Sheedy's wish that 100% of the Nativity students who continue on to high schools are graduating. Many find paths that lead to transformative opportunities in 2- and 4-year colleges and universities, as well as certification and licensing programs from trade schools, or enlisting in the military to serve. Their formation as moral and ethical servant leaders at Nativity has created paths for them where they are able to fulfill the Ignatian principle to be people for others.

In my first few months here at Nativity, I am humbled to have witnessed the strength and resilience of our students and families as they navigate the commitments of a robust Catholic education in the Jesuit tradition. The partnerships that have been forged between students, families, and the dedicated faculty and staff have been inspiring. The accompaniment of our community of supporters—board, benefactors, donors, sponsors, and partners—has been instrumental in ensuring that our scholars are formed in Faith that Lives Justice. Every day, we see evidence of our students growing in competence, conscience, and compassion.

Our graduate support team continues to build a bond of lifelong trust by accompanying students and families through high school and college applications, interviews, resúms, and LinkedIn profiles. Through partners, volunteers, and board members, career coaching and mentorship are made available. As you can see, Sacred Heart Nativity is not just a middle school. It is a launching pad for opportunities that many students from our community may not be able to access on their own.

This school year, with the support of our Board of Directors, I am excited to have the opportunity to work with our school leadership to ensure that our students' needs are met with robust wrap-around services; continue to strengthen our ability to meet students' academic needs; and ensure mission-alignment through sound operational practices.

I continue to ask for your prayers and for your financial support in sponsoring scholarships for our students, connecting us with partners who can help us promulgate one of the Universal Apostolic Preferences: *To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future.*

I look forward to sharing many more stories of why I am so proud to be a part of the Sacred Heart Nativity community, where daily, I find God in all things. With gratitude and thanksgiving, I am humbled to be doing this holy work with you.

Sincerely,



Cecile Mantecón
President



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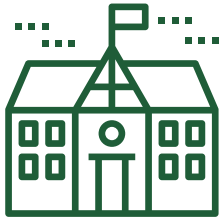
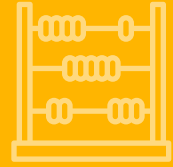
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SCHOOL & STUDENT STATS



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STUDENT TO
TEACHER RATIO



17

NUMBER OF FACULTY
AND STAFF

CURRENT ALUMNI IN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS
(Sacred Heart Nativity School and Our Lady
of Grace Nativity School Class of 2021–2024)

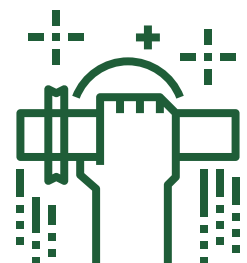
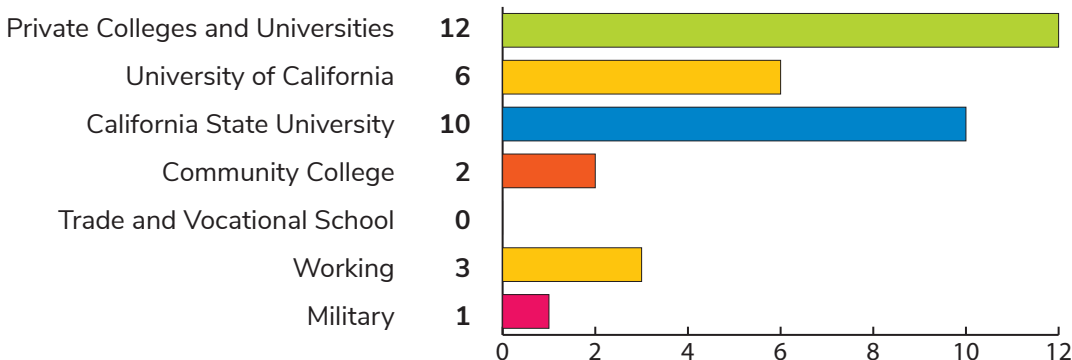
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- 12 Notre Dame San Jose
- 23 Presentation High School
- 9 Archbishop Mitty High School
- 14 Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School
- 4 Saint Francis High School
- 8 Public
- 4 Charter High School



\$27K

COST FOR
ONE STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIP

SACRED HEART NATIVITY SCHOOL & OUR LADY OF GRACE
NATIVITY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020



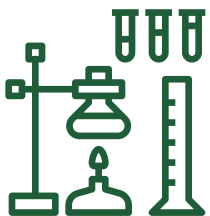
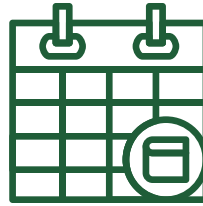
Student Life

At Sacred Heart Nativity Schools the NativityMiguel model includes an extended school day and Saturday School programming to enhance our student's learning experience.

Within our extended day, students are on campus until 5 pm. This extension allows our students to participate in sports, clubs (academic and performing arts) as well as the ability to seek out additional homework assistance from our faculty and volunteers. These opportunities enhance the work in the classroom while providing students with a more robust middle school experience. Opening our students to these experiences in middle school makes them more engaged high school students at one of our six Catholic high schools.

Our Saturday School programming is your traditional idea of being in school on a weekend. Saturday School is held in partnership with our six Catholic high school's and local businesses. While there are the traditional campus tours students get a chance to experience new learning opportunities such as a dance class at presentation the STEM classrooms at Archbishop Mitty or a friendly sports game at St. Francis. Our community partners such as BridgeBank have hosted students for Saturday school to learn about personal finance and sit in the conference rooms picturing themselves at that table in the future as leaders.

It is these enhanced learning experiences that bring the full mission of Nativity more to life and help prepare our students for their educational journeys beyond our doors.



Think Like a Scientist



THANK YOU!



We are grateful for the many individuals, foundations, and corporations who embrace our mission of being a place **Where Scholars are Formed in Faith that Lives Justice**. Those who contributed between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 are acknowledged below.

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FY24 Unaudited Financials for Annual Report

REVENUE

Unrestricted Gifts	\$2,062,009.57
CA School Nutritional Subsidy	\$59,483.56
Summer Camp & Misc. Fees	\$86,505.00
Quasi Endowment Draw	\$0
Misc. Revenue	\$0
Total Revenue	\$2,207,998.13

EXPENSES

Academics	\$ 1,189,515.20
Management & General	\$ 1,022,862.08
Martha's Kitchen Lunch Payments	\$59,483.56
Fundraising	\$358,826.47
Total Expenses	\$ 2,630,687.31

*Note: These results are preliminary as they were prepared prior to the conclusion of the school's annual financial audit.



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January 31, 2025

This Luncheon Event celebrates the memory of Fr. Mateo Sheedy whose dream it was to open Sacred Heart Nativity Schools (formerly Sacred Heart School) on the campus of Sacred Heart of Jesus church. Students give campus tours, entertain with their talents, and share their stories about the impact of Nativity.



May 3, 2025

Fiesta is not only a time for Nativity family and friends to celebrate together but a cornerstone event for Sacred Heart Nativity Schools. This annual spring auction helps fund critical operational and instructional costs which enable Nativity to carry out the mission of breaking the cycle of poverty through education.



September 2025

The Peter Pabst, S.J. Legacy Golf Tournament is a premier Golf Event. Held at the exclusive, members-only San Jose Country Club, our tournament is all about Fun and Philanthropy while honoring the legacy of Rev. Peter Pabst, S.J., Nativity's founder and first president.