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Annual Report

including summary of gifts
for July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012

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Our Mission Statement

"Breaking the cycle of poverty through education, one student at a time".

Nativity Preparatory Academy is a Roman Catholic middle school designed for motivated, economically disadvantaged students whose potential for academic success has been compromised by negative social and economic factors affecting them and their families.

Our graduates will leave Nativity well equipped to handle a demanding college preparatory high school curriculum coupled with a strong sense of spirituality, morality and personal responsibility.

Nativity serves inner city Rochester students in Grades 5-8. The school opened in September, 2009, and is jointly co-sponsored by McQuaid Jesuit and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester.

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The Nativity Student Pledge

(recited daily by students at morning assembly)

I am a member of Nativity Preparatory Academy. I am called to become all that God has created me to be. I know that if I believe that I can achieve I will achieve. As a member of Nativity Prep I will strive to practice the five virtues:

Respect

I understand that respect is the cornerstone of all positive relationships. I will demonstrate this virtue by treating others with dignity and compassion, by using my gifts and talents for good, and by being sensitive to the needs of those around me.

Responsibility:

I understand that I have a responsibility to God, my family and my community. I demonstrate this virtue by holding myself accountable for my actions, by being thankful for the gifts I have been given, and by taking care of the people and places around me through both action and word.

Gratitude

I understand that I have been given much. I demonstrate the virtue of gratitude by being thankful to God for the many gifts of creation that surround me and for the many people who care about me and nurture me. I will show my gratitude in my words and my actions and by being a good steward of what has been given to me.

Spirituality

I understand that I am always in the holy presence of God. I demonstrate this virtue by offering my struggles and my successes to Him. Through a constant reflection on my life, I come to know myself and God more fully and to understand His role for me in the world.

Scholarship

I understand that scholarship is the pursuit of knowledge through study and reflection. I demonstrate this virtue by treating all of my experiences as an opportunity for growth. I am committed to making myself a more thoughtful, intellectual person.

As a Nativity student I know these are the virtues I will need to practice to become the person God has created me to be.

Scholarship...

Graduation of the First 8th Grade Class

June 21, 2012

As the 11 students walked slowly down the aisle in their caps and gowns, tears flowed from their families, friends and their teachers. *These were the first graduates of Nativity Preparatory Academy and they all had beaten the odds and accomplished the first step in their quest for an education that could transform their lives. The tears came from those who knew just how far these students had come in just three short years. They all came from families that suffer the disadvantages of poverty and all were several years behind when they first enrolled in the school. Like so many of their peers, their destiny was likely already written if they had not found Nativity. These 11 students worked hard to live the values of the Nativity Pledge and gain the academic competency and life skills that will enable them to be successful as they move on to a college prep high school environment. Their reward has been acceptance into one of the fine Catholic high schools in Rochester including McQuaid Jesuit, Our Lady of Mercy, Bishop Kearney High School and Aquinas Institute. Here they will have the opportunity to continue the path toward their dream of going to college. At graduation, each student gave a short presentation of their dreams and their future and what their time at Nativity meant to them. The messages were revealing and moving. One student closed with a quote from Booker T. Washington:* ***"Success is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome."*** *The Nativity graduates have overcome tremendous obstacles, and their accomplishments clearly demonstrate that given the opportunity, structure and support students have the God- given potential to achieve academically and develop the life skills to achieve their ambitions.*

Where the Class of 2012 is Going

Rustem Aliyev
McQuaid Jesuit

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Our Lady of Mercy

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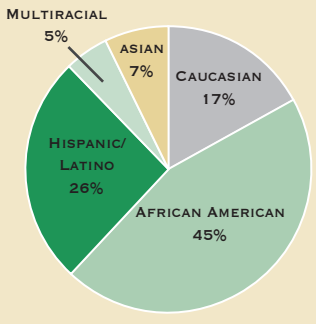
Nativity at a glance

Characteristics of our Students



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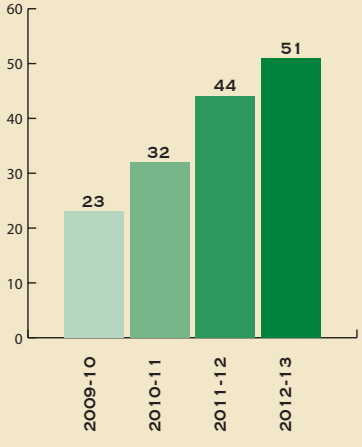

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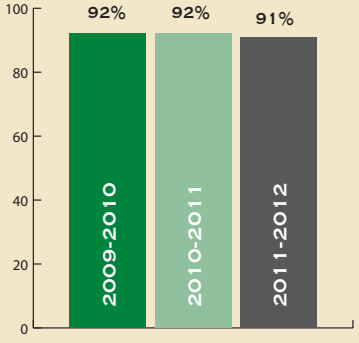
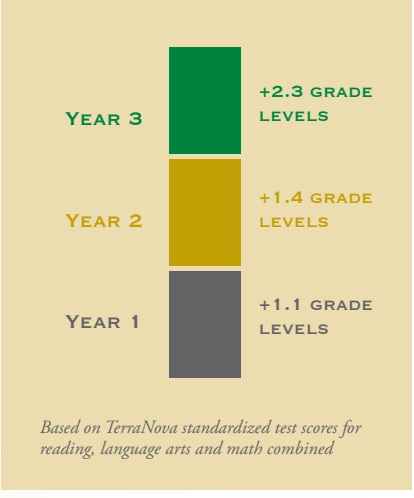


Respect...

Academic Day and Extended Day Program

One of the important aspects of a Nativity education is the extensive individual learning process that it provides each student. The typical day at Nativity Preparatory Academy runs from 7:30 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. and includes academic classes, mandatory study hall sessions, and afternoon athletic and fine arts activities.

Recognizing the importance of nutrition, each student is provided with breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Students are required to complete their homework at school and Nativity is blest to have over fifty-five tutors who work with students throughout the week during their homework time. This allows the students who need it to receive one-on-one assistance, with the goal of eventually being able to work independently. Nativity extends student learning through required Saturday enrichment classes, twice a month. These classes provide field trips for "hands on" experiences to enhance the curriculum. In total, Nativity students receive over 550 additional hours of academic and enrichment programming than their counterparts in Rochester City schools.



Based on TerraNova standardized test scores for reading, language arts and math combined

Nativity 8th Grade Class 2012

+4.8 Grade Levels over 3 Years

The ultimate impact of this intense educational program is the accelerated academic progress seen by our students, most of whom entered Nativity two to three years behind grade level. For example, one girl who entered in the 6th grade tested, on average, at the 4th grade level. At graduation last June, she had progressed to the 9th grade level across the core curriculum and is now attending Our Lady of Mercy High School. Her academic progress is consistent with the rest of her classmates who advanced almost 5 grade levels during their three years at Nativity.

Responsibility...

Nativity Summer Program

All Nativity students are required to attend a three week summer camp program. The first two weeks are held on the Nativity campus and include morning remediation in math, reading comprehension, grammar and writing. The afternoon provides for enrichment activities – visits to museums, swimming, service programs and a variety of physical recreation activities. The third week provides a week long overnight camp experience at Camp Asbury on Silver Lake. Students are supervised by Nativity staff in coordination with the Camp Asbury counselors, who oversee the outdoor activities.

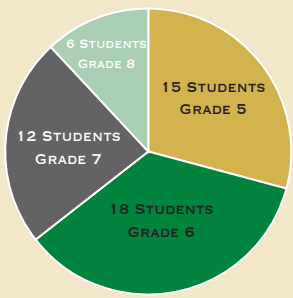
This experience has provided our urban students with a unique opportunity to spend time in the country and experience the activities of an overnight camp; swimming, archery, water sports, spending nights "stargazing", building a bonfire and spending time enjoying the outdoors (electronic devices and television are not allowed at camp). Students build responsibility, leadership and teamwork skills. They are required to make beds; keep their room neat and organized and teams assist in setting the table for meals, helping to prepare the meals and washing dishes and clean up.

Graduate Support

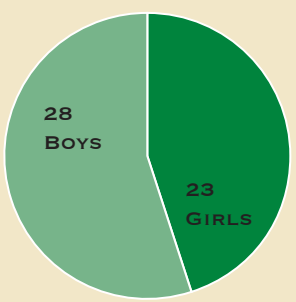
With our first graduation class, Nativity has added a Graduate Support Director to assist parents and students as they transition to high school, progress through their high school years and then provide support in preparing for college testing and the admission process. The Graduate Support Director visits the high schools where Nativity students are attending at least weekly and more often as needed. They will meet with admission directors, principals, counselors as well as the Nativity graduates to address any concerns or issues that might surface and provide needed tutoring support to the student for continued success.

Nativity at a glance

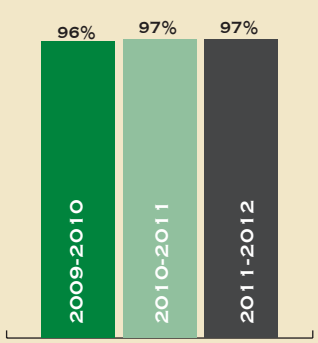
2012-13 Enrollment: 51 Students



Students by Gender



Attendance by Year



Gratitude...

The Annual Report of Giving

This Annual Report is a means of saying thank you for the many gifts from our friends and supporters. We gratefully recognize the following individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations for contributions to Nativity Preparatory Academy of Rochester between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2012.

Thank you so much for all you do for Nativity Prep!

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The success of Nativity rests on those who believe in the value of investing in the education of inner city youth. Our sponsorship program provides an extremely important source of support for our mission and we are extremely grateful to those individuals who have provided multi-year gifts in support of our students.

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Nativity Fundraising Events

Photofinish 5 K Event

Nativity students helped raise money for the school and honed their running skills during the Photofinish 5k fundraising event sponsored by the George Eastman House. Over a thousand runners participated, supporting over 60 charities in the Rochester area. It was a great experience for our students and all tolled, they raised over $4,000 for the school from individuals who sponsored their involvement. In addition, Nativity received the Wegman's Educational Prize for being one of the top fundraisers, which included an additional $1,000 donation. Our thanks to Bill & Victoria Cherry for getting us involved and covering the registration costs and to all of you who provided donations to sponsor our runners.

Nativity in Bloom

Nativity held its first annual fundraiser, "Nativity in Bloom" at the school on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The evening was well attended by over 180 supporters, including Nativity's 8th grade students, who had the opportunity to meet and talk with the guests. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while bidding on spring-themed items in the silent auction donated by local businesses and individuals, and by donating funds for items needed by the school by adding buds to a "Wishing Tree". The highlight of the evening was the introduction of our 8th grade students, our first graduating class, who recited the Nativity Pledge and spoke about how Nativity has changed their lives. Over $60,000 was raised. We thank all those who so generously contributed their time, talent and treasure to the event.

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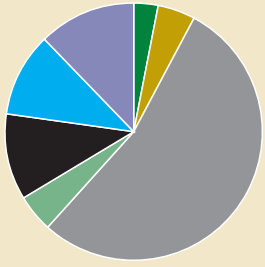

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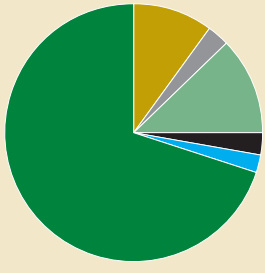

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:
Thanks to your help our goal to transform the lives of the students at Nativity is truly happening.

We reached a major milestone last June with the celebration of the first graduating class. To say it was an emotional experience for all in attendance would be a major understatement. Eleven students received diplomas reflecting their academic achievement as well as their personal growth as "Nativity Leaders." Importantly, all were accepted to one of our private Catholic high schools with four recently starting at McQuaid Jesuit, three at Our Lady of Mercy, three at Bishop Kearney and one at Aquinas.

This is a remarkable achievement for these young men and women who entered Nativity well below grade level three years ago and, in many cases, with "life skills" that were in significant need of improvement. Their academic progress was remarkable but of equal importance is the way these students matured in attitude and character. We recently received a call from one of the high schools the sole purpose of which was to compliment our students on their maturity and respectful attitudes and willingness to volunteer. He signed off with the request of, "Please send us more." I think that recognition meant more to the staff than any of the academic gains achieved by their students, since they all remember the chaotic days of September 2009 when these same boys and girls first walked through our doors.

This is clearly a mission of heart and justice for all those who have been involved with Nativity over the past three years. Without your support none of this would be possible. On behalf of the students and staff... THANK YOU!

God Bless,
Bill Carpenter

Transition in Leadership

Dianne Crowley, after over 40 years in education, has decided to retire from her role as principal with plans to pursue some volunteer activities in social ministry. As the first employee of Nativity four years ago, Dianne has been instrumental in creating the school and, more importantly, establishing a nurturing and structured environment that has helped our students to grow academically, spiritually and socially. While Dianne will be greatly missed, we fully expect to keep her engaged in the Nativity mission in the future.

With Dianne's departure, we are excited to welcome Becky Maloney as the new principal of Nativity. She is truly an experienced Catholic school administrator who has all the skills and attributes necessary to continue the development and mission of Nativity. She has spent over 30 years educating elementary and middle school students. Her fifteen years of administrative experience as principal at St. Ambrose, Our Mother of Sorrows and Holy Cross School clearly provides the administrative grounding, curricular expertise and commitment to mission that will benefit Nativity in the years ahead. We are truly blessed to have Becky join Nativity.

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