

ANNUAL REPORT
including summary of gifts
For July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017



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

Nativity Preparatory Academy is a Catholic middle school transforming the lives of under-served students through an education that provides strong academic grounding coupled with a sense of spirituality, morality and personal responsibility.

Within a secure and nurturing environment, we deliver a uniquely effective education through an extended school day and school year, dedicated and caring teachers, personal mentoring and continuing support after graduation.

Nativity serves inner city Rochester students in Grades 5-8. Nativity was founded in 2009 and is 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.

Nativity Graduation

June 20, 2017

Nativity Preparatory Academy's sixth class of graduates bid adieu to our school on June 20, 2017, and moved on to their next adventure in high school. Two of our Nativity graduates shared their thoughts about their time at our school with their classmates and the many guests who joined us for the celebration:

"The advice I would like to give to a potential Nativity student is to never lack confidence, always know your worth, and to always know that you're doing this for you and your future. Nativity saved my life. Without Nativity I would lack the confidence to stand up to people when they're talking down to me, and telling me that I wouldn't be anything in life. I would have never thought of having goals, a future, and a career. Nativity put me on a just and righteous path. Before Nativity, I always thought I would end up like some other kids I have heard about with no education, no moral support from family or friends, or without a strong head on their shoulders. Before I came to Nativity I actually never knew the true meaning of spiritual growth. But now I can say what it means; going beyond the mind and ego and realizing who you really are. The stories I have behind spiritual growth are mind blowing because never in a million years would I have seen myself as a role model for younger students. A few years ago, I was not mature enough to be thought of as a role model. Nativity has guided me well through emerging adolescence and early adulthood. I have seen myself mature so much over the last four years. I went from being shy to properly addressing people as "yes ma'am" "no ma'am," and shaking someone's hand when they walk through the door. I also value the virtues more and more every day. Nativity played an integral role in my success and confidence." Isyss McKnight, Nativity Prep Class of 2017.



it all. If the people at Nativity hadn't believed in me, then I wouldn't be the person I am today. They made me a confident, strong young woman, showing me the right and righteous path to follow throughout life. I used to think that I wasn't smart enough to do things, which made going to class difficult for me. My self-confidence was low. The teachers at Nativity pushed me; pushed me to the point that I felt confident. Now, I feel perfectly capable of doing great things in life, and I would like to thank my great teachers for that. Thanks to my Nativity education, and the overall experience, I feel confident and prepared for the next step in my academic career. I will not only use what I learned at Nativity in high school, but I will also use it throughout my journey in this big world. I would like to finish high school, go to the University of Rochester, get my MBA for business, and start my own business. I have seen a lot of failure in my life, but I will not fail! For the sake of my family, as well as myself, I will not fail!" Manisha Giri, Nativity Prep Class of 2017

Isyss, who is in 9th grade at Bishop Kearney, and Manisha, a freshman at Our Lady of Mercy, are shining examples of the Nativity experience. We wish them well in all of their endeavors, and are proud that they are a part of the Nativity family!



Nativity Class of 2017



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Columbia
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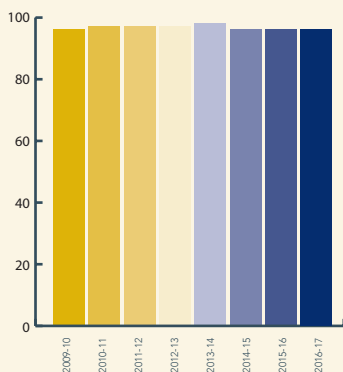
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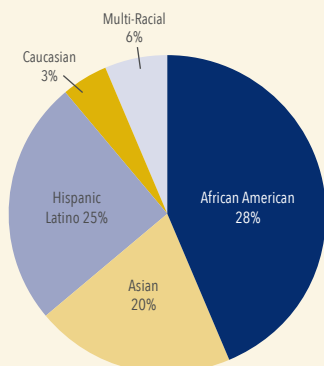
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A Day in the Life

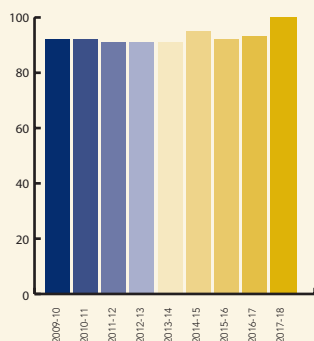
AT NATIVITY PREP



% Attendance by Year



Characteristics of our Students



% Free and Reduced Meals



One of the unique aspects of Nativity Prep is the Extended Day Program. School begins each day at 7:30am and wraps up at 5:30pm Monday through Thursday, and 3:00pm on Fridays.

The day begins with homeroom and breakfast, after which the school community gathers to pray and recite the Nativity Pledge at morning assembly.

After a full day of classes, and a hot lunch, students have an hour dedicated to homework, with a parade of volunteer tutors coming to school to assist in any way they can.

The final hour of the day is used for our Enrichment Program, where students have the opportunity to participate in dozens of extra-curricular activities, including tennis, basketball, music lessons, step dancing, cooking, bowling, computer programming, field trips the choices are endless!

At the end of the day, our students head home with an abundance of knowledge, endless stories to share about new experiences, and memories that will last a lifetime!



Summer at Nativity

One of the important aspects of a Nativity education

At Nativity Preparatory Academy, summer is not a vacation but rather a time for continued academic development as well as cultural enrichment and bonding for our students in a safe and supportive environment. At Nativity's Summer Gear-Up Academic and Leadership Program, we focus on:

- Providing academic continuity over the summer to prevent summer learning loss.
- Improving critical reading, writing and math skills.
- Offering students a unique offsite overnight camp experience.
- Reinforcing the values of selflessness, integrity, discipline and "Nativity Spirit."

This year's program included:

- A one week academic remediation program for any student who did not achieve grade level performance in a core subject
- A two week all day academic and enrichment day camp to focus on core academic needs in the morning followed by enrichment sessions for "experiential learning" in the afternoon
- A one week overnight camp experience at Camp Asbury on Silver Lake, which was clearly the highlight of the year for our students!

Typically the Summer Program is only available to returning students, but this year, we decided to invite all of our incoming students as well. The experience not only offered our new students the many advantages of the program, but also gave them an opportunity to begin their immersion into the Nativity community, and become members of the Nativity family!

Our Summer Program is one of the many unique opportunities at Nativity Prep, and it is clear that the experience set our students on the path to a successful academic year!



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We thank all those who have provided services, books, school supplies and other items that helped defray expenses that otherwise would have been absorbed by the school.

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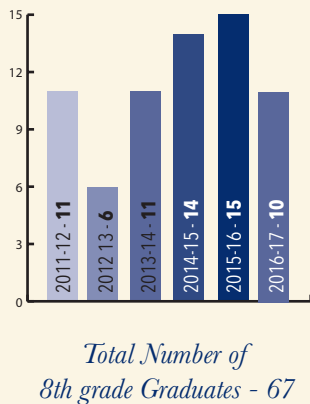
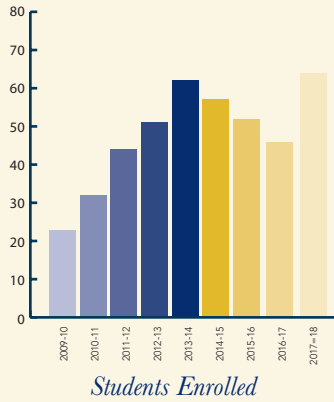
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Nativity Happenings

Students by the Numbers



NATIVITY PRESENTS *The Little Mermaid*

The Nativity Preparatory Academy stage was transformed into an aquatic wonderland for our production of *The Little Mermaid*! Nativity students worked tirelessly to prepare for the two performances which were enjoyed by nearly sold-out crowds. Our sincere thanks to Tricia LaBuzetta, Cori Turchetti, and Mary Ann Hanna who volunteered countless hours to bring the show to life. The production was most definitely an event to remember!





BILLY D'ANTONIO SUMMER CLASSIC

In 2017, the 5th Annual Classic marked the return of the tournament to Shadow Lake, where it all started in 2013. For the first time in the history of the Classic, the event had back-to-back champions, as 'The Greats on the Lakes' hoisted the coveted trophy yet again. Congratulations to Colin McNulty, Ryan McNulty, Patrick Durkin, and Corey Pender!

This year, the tournament's fundraising efforts brought in over \$45,000, which raises the tournament's total fundraising to \$215,000. The success of the event is a result of the dedication of the event committee, and the generosity of so very many people who honor the memory of Billy D'Antonio, who was a great champion of Nativity Prep. Collectively, these efforts provide motivated students an opportunity to learn, grow, and become capable of achieving their potential, which is what Billy D Golf represents.

We look forward to the 6th Annual Billy D'Antonio Summer Classic, which will be held on August 4th, 2018 at Shadow Lake in Rochester, New York. Be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

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BILLY D. DAY

Each spring, the Nativity family celebrates the life of a beloved teacher and friend, Billy D'Antonio, with a day dedicated to service and reflection. The day culminates with a celebration, which this year included a balloon launch.

Two perpetual awards have been established in Billy's memory. The "Billy D. Scholarship" is given to a student who best exemplifies the character and qualities that made "Mr. D" such a valued member of our school. This award was presented to Susan Subba, who is now at McQuaid Jesuit. The "Livin' the Dream Award," a recognition given by Nativity's faculty and staff to the student who shares the same positive characteristics as Billy, was given to Makaylah Brooks, who attends Our Lady of Mercy. John Hancock Investments in Boston established the "Man for Others Award" in Billy's honor, given each year to the person in Billy's office who shares the same generous spirit as Billy. They also sponsor an annual Nativity scholarship.

Billy's spirit lives on at Nativity, and with the countless people whose lives he touched.



Nativity Happenings



NATIVITY FAMILY POT LUCK DINNER

Nativity hosted a Pot Luck Dinner for our students and their families as a way to celebrate the start of the school year, and to bring our families together to further connect them to our school. It truly does take a village to raise our children, and we are honored that these families have chosen to entrust us with educating their children during their middle school years.



NEPALESE CELEBRATION

Holi is a Hindu spring festival in Nepal, known as the "festival of colors." Part of the celebration includes people gathering in the street and painting each other's faces. Nativity is fortunate to have a number of Nepalese students at our school, and we took a moment to celebrate one of the culture's favorite traditions. Smiles were abounding, as was the pride our students showed as they shared a piece of their history with their classmates.





BREAKFAST BLESSING

The Nativity Preparatory Academy community started the school year with a special gathering of local leaders who partner with us throughout the year. Guests enjoyed a reception and joined us for our morning assembly, which includes a daily prayer. The event culminated with a traditional Nativity "Welcome to Our School," handshake from each of our students, and our faculty and staff.



TENNIS PROGRAM

Greg Yahia from Midtown Tennis Club shares his skills and knowledge twice a week with our students during our weekly Enrichment Program. The Tennis Program is one of our students' favorite Enrichment Activities, and we are eternally grateful to Greg, Kathy D'Antonio, Kathleen DiPasquale, and Midtown Tennis for sharing their time, talent and resources with our students!



COACH JIM JOHNSON & JMAC VISIT NATIVITY

Jason McElwain (J-Mac) is a local hero, having scored 20 points for the Greece Athena basketball team, helping his team to win the division title in 2006. Jason, who is autistic, was the team's manager, and his coach, Jim Johnson, put him in the game in recognition of the hard work that Jason had done for the team over the years. Coach Johnson and J-Mac visited Nativity on the 10th anniversary of that historic day, sharing their story, and playing a bit of basketball with our students.



GIVING THE GIFT OF SAFETY

Jean Triest, from the Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety, spoke to Nativity students about bike safety and gave each of our students a new bike helmet! We are grateful to Jean and Monroe County for taking the time to enlighten our students and keep them safe!

NATIVITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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 incredibly grateful to those individuals who have provided multi-year gifts in support of our students.

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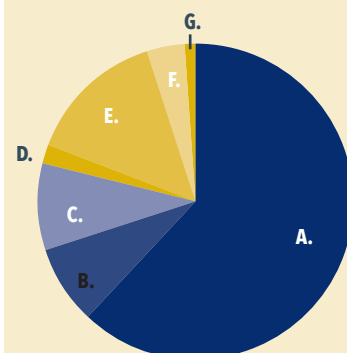
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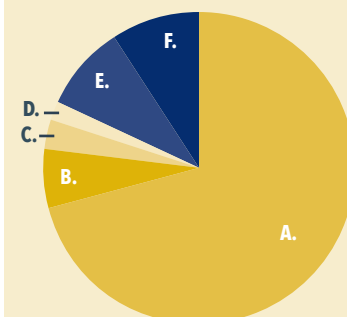
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Fiscal Year 2016-17



Revenue: \$688,159

A. Individual Donations: 62%
B. Ministry Related: 8%
C. Foundations: 9%
D. Corporate: 2%
E. Fundraising Events: 14%
F. Federal & State Support: 4%
G. Tuition: 1%



Expenses: \$691,600

A. Payroll & Benefits: 71%
B. Advancement: 6%
C. Administrative: 3%
D. Summer Program: 2%
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of all those who are involved in our mission, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for all you have done over the years on behalf of Nativity and our students.

As a quick update, Life at Nativity continues to be exciting as we begin our ninth school year. We welcomed a record number of new students this fall with a full 5th grade class as well as 6th and 7th grade enrollment at our target of 20 students. All of our faculty have returned to meet this challenge and

have worked to develop creative new ideas for both our academic and enrichment programs.

As for our graduates, last June we placed ten more students in local high schools including, McQuaid Jesuit, Our Lady of Mercy, Bishop Kearney and Allendale Columbia. To date, that brings the total number of graduates attending area college prep high schools to over 70 students, an accomplishment that could not have happened without your support. In June, we also saw the second graduating class from Nativity from just four years ago complete their senior year in high school. It was again wonderful to see these young men and women complete the second phase of their educational journey and receive acceptances to college. This year Nativity graduates have added the University of Rochester and the University of Buffalo to the list of colleges where they were accepted which also include Canisius, Siena, St. John Fisher, RIT and MCC. We are incredibly proud of them all.

So, the journey continues for Nativity and our students and we have you to thank for making it all possible.

God Bless!

Bill Carpenter

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