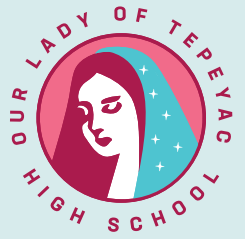


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Tepeyac Girls Deliver

On December 12th, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Tepeyac High School students and faculty honored the school's patron saint, Mary, with a Day of Giving.



Seeing the people lined up for the canned goods we filled into the Love Fridges made me realize how many people go hungry in our city." —Faith, Junior



Putting together hundreds of Blessing Bags with small items like aspirin and soap, I felt proud of what our team accomplished." —Valeria, Senior

Our entire Tepeyac community spread out into the Little Village neighborhood to serve the needs of people experiencing homelessness as well as Catholic grade schools, local senior citizens, and migrant families. Preparation involved collecting hundreds of canned goods, gathering games and art projects for grade school kids, creating Blessing Bags filled with everyday essentials, and packing school vans to deliver donated goods to migrant families living in a nearby park. When the Day of Giving was complete, the student body gathered for prayer and to reflect on Service, one of the main core Values of our High School's mission.

Tepeyac girls were inspired to continue the work that was started on December 12th. **"Watching little kids living in the park with their refugee parents, they had none of what we take for granted, like coats and decent shoes, so we are raising funds through bake sales to purchase some of the items they need,"** says Rashel, a Sophomore.

Tepeyac young women show they care on a daily basis; they give of themselves to make their school stronger and love being together and learning from their experiences. On the 1st annual Day of Giving, Tepeyac is very proud of our students, faculty, staff and alumna for all the work they did on behalf of our Little Village neighbors.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

Layla Bernard, Class of 2025



Layla Bernard exudes confidence. She is funny, smart, and gregarious. It is no surprise that she is always surrounded by her fellow Tepeyac Junior girlfriends, all school leaders seen everywhere from Student Council meetings to the volleyball court. Layla is always ready to help Tepeyac in any way from creating content for our social media to appearing on a local news station on our Day of Giving with only 10 minutes notice.

Layla came to Tepeyac from St. Sabina Academy. Her principal, Helen Dumas, knew that Tepeyac would be the right place for her talented 8th grader. Ms. Dumas, an Advisory Board member at our High School says of Layla,

"Layla Bernard and her family were a blessing to the St. Sabina Academy family. Layla was not only an outstanding student but a role model and leader among her peers. Despite current social trends, Layla remained a young lady who was faithful to her family values that were in alignment with the values embraced and taught at St. Sabina. She was prayerful, focused on her goals for the future, and demonstrated compassion for others and for social justice. She chose her friends

carefully but was outgoing and respectful to all students and teachers. For these and many other reasons, I felt that Our Lady of Tepeyac Catholic High School would be a great fit for Layla and encouraged Layla and her family to apply. Despite the distance and travel challenges, she continues to attend Tepeyac and is flourishing. I am proud of Layla and grateful to have been able to participate in her growth and development."

Upon making her high school choice, Layla wasn't entirely sure she wanted an all-girls environment. "I didn't realize how beneficial it would be," Layla says as she reflects on her experience after 3 years at Tepeyac.

Going to school with all girls allows you to gain confidence. Tepeyac has given me a lot of opportunities to be myself and break out of my shell. I've learned to talk to a lot of different people and this will help me in the future."

We are thrilled that Layla landed here. She has made her mark on this school and will continue to be a force wherever she chooses to take her talents next!



Thank you to all who have supported our girls through the Annual Appeal.

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The Attention You Deserve.



The fall of 2023 brought a whirlwind of excitement to the Admissions Office at Tepeyac as the dedicated team geared up for an eventful recruitment season. Weeks of planning culminated in the unveiling of the 2023-2024 tagline, "The Education You Want. The Attention You Deserve." This tagline encapsulated the essence of Tepeyac's commitment to providing a personalized and enriching educational experience.

In an effort to expand outreach, there was an increased focus on providing prospective students with more opportunities to explore Tepeyac student life. The Admissions team, made up of passionate alumni, offered dynamic Shadow Days, a Movie Night, a spirited Sports Nights featuring volleyball and basketball and a special invite to OLT's Traditional Annual Door Decorating Contest. The events attracted nearly 90 visitors from 70 schools. These events not only showcased Tepeyac's commitment to a well-rounded education but also provided an avenue for Jr. High Girls to witness the school's vibrant culture.

Friend-Raising at Pilot Project Brewing

This Fall, Tepeyac had the opportunity to raise awareness for our school and our mission at Pilot Project Brewing in Chicago! Tepeyac staff along with one of our grads and a board member attended a happy hour sponsored by our volunteers Katie Bailey, Becky Kemin and their generous friends. Guests enjoyed conversation, mixed and mingled and learned about our work as well as volunteer opportunities at the school.



Would you like to help Tepeyac make friends?

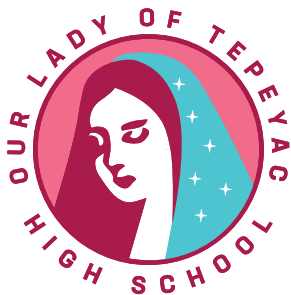
Call Meghan Murray at 773-522-0023 x211 to learn more.

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Calling All
Alumna.



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Join us for an evening of celebration, visit:

Chicago Union Station
225 S Canal St, Chicago, IL 60606

Friday, April, 19, 2024
6:00 – 11:00 PM

Honoring Alumna
and Board Member;
Irene Tapia Balmos '86

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