



# NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

*Embracing Faith, Family and Education since 1928*



# The Nazareth Mission



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Nazareth Academy High School is a Catholic, private, fully accredited college preparatory school for young women, sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Nazareth challenges each student to attain her full potential spiritually, academically, and personally. While focusing on service to God and others, Nazareth provides a rigorous academic curriculum and varied extracurricular activities that provides an unrivaled comprehensive experience.

# History and Tradition

## Founded in Faith

Nazareth Academy High School began as a dream of the Foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Mother Mary Frances Siedliska, Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd. She wanted to establish a convent in Philadelphia, and while on a train ride to visit Saint Mother Katherine Drexel in 1893, she viewed the land near the Torresdale train station. Her vision was fulfilled on December 6, 1920, when the twenty-three acre estate was procured by the Congregation.

Four years later, the Sisters purchased the adjoining property, and a groundbreaking ceremony was conducted on April 24, 1927. This building would serve as a provincial home, a novitiate, and a high school. In the Fall of 1928, Nazareth Academy High School welcomed its first ten students.

As curriculum expanded and enrollment grew over the decades, the school called for new and expanded facilities. Nazareth has created areas for academic and student activity usage, such as Music and Counseling Centers, the Innovation Center with three makerspaces and new Student Dining Room. There has been an increase in the Honors programs and Advanced Placement courses offered made possible by the building expansion. In 2014, Nazareth Academy began accepting international students.

In 2017–2018, Nazareth hired its first president incorporating the president/principal leadership model, resulting in improved financial stability, academic success, and student life.

The school climate continues to follow a college preparatory curriculum in a family atmosphere in which each person is valued and encouraged to grow. The intellectual, cultural, moral, and spiritual foundations of a Nazareth Academy High School education have inspired and empowered its graduates to live a life in service to God and others.

## Rooted in Tradition

Throughout its beloved history, Nazareth Academy has remained rooted in its traditions. The unique traditions of the Nazareth Academy High School community set us apart from every other high school! Any student or graduate can fondly recall stories of her class and her celebrations. Among the time-honored school wide traditions, specific days are designated to pay tribute to each individual class.

The beloved Nazareth traditions are reminders that the school is rooted in the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth: loving relationships, faithful listening, and finding God in every day. The charism keeps Nazareth committed to creating communities of love and hope which celebrate the oneness of the human family and of the Nazareth Sisterhood.



# EMBRACING *Faith*



At Nazareth, Catholic faith is the foundation of and the impetus for all that happens both within and beyond the walls of every classroom. The school community recognizes that each is a unique gift from God, but all share the common task of bringing the love, mercy, and justice of God to the community, the nation, and the world.

Nazareth Academy High School aims to educate the mind, inspire the Catholic faith, and build the character of the young women who walk the halls.



# The Immaculate Conception Chapel

The Chapel, located at the top of the school's main staircase, is the heart of the Nazareth Academy campus. Beyond the beauty of its beautiful stained-glass windows and captivating ceiling imagery, there are many beloved school traditions connected to the Chapel. Here, students attend Mass, receive their class rings, are pinned into the Nazareth Alumnae Sisterhood, and celebrate their Baccalaureate Mass. In the Chapel, the Nazareth school community prays and celebrates their faith as a family.



## Christian Service

The Nazareth community recognizes and responds to the needs of the human family, both locally and globally. This belief is enhanced through formal religious instruction and reinforced by service projects, bringing Nazareth to the community and the world. Students at Nazareth Academy High School are required to participate in the Christian Service program. The total education of a young woman reaches beyond the classroom and into the community. Nazareth Academy's reputation for service is legendary. Students are required to perform twenty hours a year

of Christian service, with many students volunteering 5x that amount (100 hours of service each year). These requirements are easily achieved as Nazareth students are given access to opportunities both in and out of the classroom, to get involved in service. We encourage all students to discover what they are passionate about and how to make an impact in our community.

# EMBRACING *Family*



Through academic rigor and a culture of togetherness, a sisterhood is formed among students that create lifelong friendships. Following the teachings of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, students at Nazareth are committed to creating a community of love and acceptance for all they encounter.

# Countless

laughs and  
memories

# 60+

teachers and  
mentors

# 7,000+

alumnae



# 9:1

student to  
faculty ratio

# Over 300

friends and sisters

# 1

family



*Nazareth Academy  
Parent Association*



Nazareth Academy Parents' Association (NAPA) is a non-profit, social organization founded for the purpose of promoting interaction of the members and to serve as a support organization for the school in assisting and enhancing the spiritual and educational experience of its students. Its primary function is to benefit our girls by organizing fundraising events, social functions and contributing to various programs throughout the school year. Last year, NAPA raised \$43,000 that was donated back to the school. We love our students & parents a million!



# EMBRACING *Education*

## *Student Centered Learning*

At Nazareth Academy, the educational process is student-centered and not limited by the walls of the classroom. The curriculum, including both core courses and electives, with 16 Advanced Placement and 24 Honors courses, demonstrates that there are many roads to success as Nazareth students strive to empower discovery of their unique talents and ambitions. Nazareth provides a well-rounded education that leaves its students extremely well-prepared for college and the world that awaits them.

With an 9:1 student to faculty ratio, Nazareth's small class sizes and faculty involvement create an atmosphere of personal, individualized attention for every student. The close relationship and rapport that develops between students and faculty encourages learning that allows student to develop critical thinking skills, strong written and oral communication skills, creativity, collaboration, and self-confidence.

Average  
Class Size:

15

Students





# College Prep Scheduling

Nazareth Academy follows College Prep Scheduling, a modified block scheduling model. Most courses are held for 80 minutes (full block), but a few courses are 40 minutes (half block) in length. The longer class time allows not only for differentiation, it creates more laboratory work in Science classes, more creative production in Art classes, more debate in Social Studies classes, and more writing and discussion in English classes.

Due to the College Prep Scheduling, the school year at Nazareth mirrors to a great extent the academic year at a college, with classes running by semester rather than for the academic year. Additionally, through this scheduling model, students maximize their opportunity to pursue electives, with most Nazareth Juniors and Seniors carrying a roster of eight courses each year. College Prep Scheduling has proven to exceptionally prepare our students for their successful futures in college.



## Freshman Courses

- Algebra 1 or Honors Algebra 2

- Biology or Honors Biology

- English 1 or Honors English 1

- Freshmen Experience (Art 1, Introduction to Innovation STEM Education, Music Appreciation, Theater Arts, Counseling and Study Skills)

- Theology 1

- World Civilizations or Honors World Civilizations

- World Language (French, Italian, Latin, Spanish)



## Dual Enrollment

Nazareth Academy has partnered with adjacent Holy Family University, a fellow sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. This vibrant partnership makes the transition to higher education easier for 11th and 12th Grade students are eligible to enroll in general education courses at Holy Family University, receiving both high school and college credit at a discounted tuition cost.

Just steps outside of its doors, Nazareth students can experience a college campus, full use of the college multi-media center, gym and other facilities without ever leaving Grant Avenue. This partnership enables eligible Nazareth Academy High School students to take college credit courses at Holy Family University for less than one-third of the cost during their high school years.

## Academic Enrichment

As part of the schedule, students attend classes held in the Academic Enrichment Program that emphasize learning strategies. The Academic Enrichment Center furthers this mission by providing students with mild learning differences the support needed through specialized instruction in learning strategies, Math, and Reading. While accommodations such as extended time on assessments and preferential seating are provided based on learning needs, the curriculum is not modified. The program fosters an environment where every student can achieve academic excellence.

As part of the schedule, students attend classes held in the Academic Enrichment Program that emphasizes learning strategies, with a focus on Math and/or Reading. These classes, for credit, are provided for at least one full academic year, during one daily block. During this time, the student aims for greater self-knowledge and more effective ways of successfully navigating her specific learning challenges. At Nazareth, students and teachers take a team approach, providing proactive support for each other so that all are empowered to achieve a higher level of success.



# Welcome to the Innovation Center

## *Where Ideas Take Flight*

Step into the Innovation Center, where creativity, technology, and collaboration converge to empower the next generation of innovators. The Innovation Center is where our students' ideas take flight. Whether they're a future engineer, artist, entrepreneur, or all of the above, this is the place where they can explore, create, and innovate.

## *Explore Your Potential*

Dr. Gregory Severino, our Innovation Center Director, helps students explore professional work endeavors in Aerospace, Product Design, CAD Engineering, Electronics, Sustainability, Urban Design, Business and Entrepreneurship, and Digital Arts. The Innovation Center offers them the tools and environment to explore limitless possibilities. Whether they dream of building the next groundbreaking invention, designing a stunning piece of art, or coding a game that captures their imagination, the Innovation Center is equipped to make their vision a reality.



### Here's what awaits you:

#### 1. Cutting-Edge Technology:

Imagine working with state-of-the-art 3D printers, laser cutters, and industrial printers, turning digital designs into tangible creations. Our specialized workstations allow you to dive into programming, automation, and virtual reality.

#### 2. Creative Freedom:

Whether crafting with building materials or designing with software, the Innovation Center is your creative playground. From fashion to furniture, gadgets to games, you can make it here if you can dream it.

#### 3. Collaborative Spaces:

Our modular workstations and flexible zones are designed to foster collaboration. Work together in teams, share ideas, and learn from one another in an environment that encourages innovation through community.

#### 4. Support and Mentorship:

Whether new to making or an experienced creator, you'll find the support and resources to grow your skills and achieve your goals.

#### 5. Real-World Experience:

The Innovation Center isn't just about learning—it's about doing. You'll gain hands-on experience in project management, problem-solving, and design thinking from the initial concept to the final product. Plus, you'll be able to showcase your work to peers, parents, and the broader community, building a standout portfolio.

# EMPOWERING *Young Women*

## *Something for Every Student*

Through the co-curricular and extracurricular programs at Nazareth, young women engage in hands-on, interactive experiences that allow them to both explore and enhance their talents. Nazareth offers a variety of clubs and activities that keep students well-rounded and involved. With more than 40 clubs and activities to choose from, there are countless opportunities for students to explore and develop leadership skills.

## **Inspiring Students'** *Hearts and Minds*

The goal at Nazareth Academy is to inspire students' hearts and minds. The faculty and staff understand the importance of creating a culture of learning, while at the same time creating a level of confidence that motivates young women to pursue the education and experiences necessary to achieve their dreams. The environment at Nazareth Academy High School is rich in Catholic values and mission, and the curriculum and school atmosphere empower students to be creative, think critically, voice their opinions, and develop into the future leaders of society.

## *Naz-A-Thon*

Naz-A-Thon is a year-long fundraising event and a Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon that raises funds and awareness for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)! Naz-A-Thon started in 2014 and has grown bigger and better each year to raise funds and awareness for the kids (4TK). Over the past ten years, Naz-A-Thon has raised over \$1,000,000 and has supported various departments throughout Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Through Nazareth Academy's relationship with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, students are given a variety of opportunities for service through events at CHOP.

∞ As a result of raising over \$1,000,000, Naz-A-Thon is a part of the President's circle at CHOP.

∞ Naz-A-Thon was awarded Best High School Dance Marathon from Children's Miracle Network in 2023.

∞ Naz-A-Thon received the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award from the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2023.

Naz-A-Thon teaches our students leadership by allowing them to join one of eight committees: Fundraising, Entertainment, Finance, Community Outreach, Morale, Family Relations, Public Relations, and Dancer Relations.



# The ARTS

## at Nazareth

Whether it is learning a musical instrument, playing in Ensembles, singing in the Chorus, performing in plays, or discovering beauty in Art, there is plenty of opportunity for creative expression at Nazareth Academy.

As each student is challenged to reach her full potential academically, spiritually, and personally, students especially dedicated to the Arts may opt to major in Music or Art through Nazareth Academy's Performing or Fine Arts programs. Students are exposed to an in-depth study of the Fine Arts and receive academic credit for these courses. Nazareth educators invest their extensive talents, expertise, passion, and knowledge to enrich their students' creative abilities while supporting each student as she learns to hone their interests and skills.

### Music

Music at Nazareth is an integral part of the school's life. All genres of music are mastered from symphonic works for orchestra and chamber music for a variety of ensembles, to the worlds of pop and jazz. At Nazareth Academy High School, every student's individual musical interest is an option, and she will be challenged to reach her full potential in that field.

Nazareth Music students have traveled all over the world, including Germany, Austria, Ireland, and France. Through the years, Nazareth students performed at prestigious venues, including the Vatican for the Beatification of the martyred Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the North American Music Festival, Carnegie Hall in New York, and various musical events both internationally and in the United States.



### Theater Arts

Nazareth has a long-established and vibrant theatrical tradition, nurturing the talents of its creative and passionate students. Students involved in Theater at Nazareth emerge as young women with emotional intelligence who can process, articulate, and implement a creative vision. The Theater Program at Nazareth offers students diverse opportunities to develop skills in all aspects of performance and production. As a member of Theater, talented Nazareth students learn creative skills that will enhance their lives both at Nazareth and beyond.

### Visual Arts

The Visual Arts at Nazareth – photography, ceramics, painting, design, mosaics, and much more – allow students to explore creative processes and develop new perspectives of the world.

Studying the visual arts at Nazareth Academy High School, students gain an understanding of and appreciation for the various aesthetic and disciplinary elements involved in the production of art. The goal is to provide a basis from which the student will maintain a life-long appreciation of the visual arts.



# ATHLETICS *at Nazareth*

The Athletics program at Nazareth Academy High School is a vital part of the school community. Athletics are an extension of the classroom. Nazareth student athletes learn about commitment, dedication, hard work, discipline, and teamwork through participation in sports. They represent the Nazareth community with great pride.

Just as Nazareth teachers, moderators, and counselors do during the school day, after the dismissal bell sounds, all coaches at Nazareth oversee the development of their program from the Junior Varsity team to the Varsity level. Nazareth coaches lead with dedication, expertise, and compassion, while inspiring their student athletes to be confident and competitive young women.

Nazareth Academy High School is a member of the Pennsylvania Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). Since the 2023–2024 school year, Nazareth also competes in the Philadelphia Catholic League (PCL) and District 1 of the PIAA. Nazareth Athletes compete at the highest level which challenges them to strive for league, district, state, and national recognition. After Graduation, student athletes can be nominated for the Athletic Hall of Fame. This honor recognizes the achievements of students who made a significant contribution to the athletic program, or who have distinguished themselves at the collegiate or professional level after participating in athletics at Nazareth Academy.

## FALL SPORTS

- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Volleyball

## WINTER SPORTS

- Basketball
- Indoor Track
- Swimming

## SPRING SPORTS

- Softball
- Lacrosse
- Track and Field



# PREPARING

## Nazareth Students

### Counseling at Nazareth

The College Counseling program supports students as they develop the knowledge and awareness to determine the educational path that is best for their future. College counselors work closely together regarding each student's course selection and activities, focusing on the college application and financial aid process.

Nazareth graduates are admitted to a wide range of academic institutions, including Ivy League and smaller liberal arts-focused colleges, that are always best suited to her strengths, aspirations, and goals for the future.

Nazareth understands that applying to colleges is an important major milestone in our students' high school careers, and with the help of college counselors, Nazareth students select the school that is the best fit for their specific goals, interests, and talents.



### School Counseling

The School Counseling Department at Nazareth Academy High School is dedicated to working with students the minute they arrive on campus. From their first week as Freshman until graduation, the School Counseling Department is here to support students academically, socially, emotionally, and in career and post-secondary endeavors. With four full-time counselors, supplemented with services from CORA, Nazareth Academy provides all students access to support throughout their four years of high school.



The national average student to counselor ratio for the 2022-2023 school year was...

**385:1**

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recommends a student to counselor ratio of...

**250:1**

Nazareth Academy High School has a student to counselor ratio of...

**150:1**

Nazareth Academy surpasses the national average for student to counselor ratio.

# NAZARETH

## Graduates



100%  
college  
acceptance rate

Attending  
28  
colleges  
and universities

over  
\$28.7  
million in  
scholarships  
and  
grants

Attending  
college in  
10  
different states

10  
full tuition  
scholarships  
awarded





# THE

# Nazareth Network

With over 7,000 Alumnae, the Nazareth Sisterhood is as strong as ever. As a Sisterhood that embraces faith, family and education, Nazareth prepares students to continue to incorporate these values into their lives and careers beyond their time here at Nazareth.

Through events like Career Day, virtual career panels, and Alumnae mentorship opportunities, Nazareth students learn from and network with the best and brightest leaders – their very own Nazareth sisters. Students leave prepared for college and beyond, they are also leaving with a network of talented, driven women – a Sisterhood that truly lasts a lifetime.



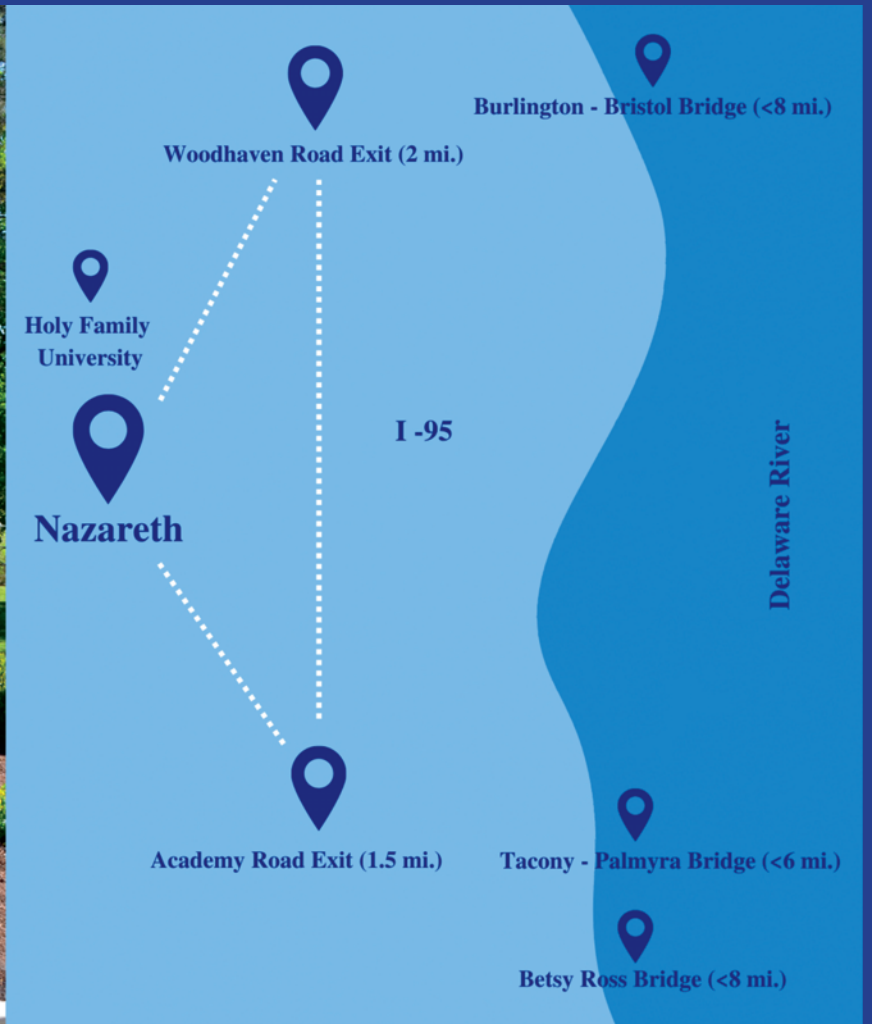
*“Nazareth Academy provided me with the foundational values and support system crucial for both my personal and professional growth. Embracing their mission of family, the school fostered a community where I learned the importance of empathy, collaboration, and lifelong relationships. These principles have guided me through challenges and successes, shaping my character and career trajectory positively.”*

— Nina Ingulli '98 P '28, Private Wealth Advisor and Franchise Owner, Ameriprise Financial



*“Nazareth allowed me to explore, encouraged my curiosity, and gave me the foundation let me thrive in college, graduate school, and in my career. The skills and lessons I learned at Nazareth continue to inspire me today.”*

— Karen Uslin, Ph.D., Director of Research, Defiant Requiem Foundation, Adjunct Professor Jewish studies, Stockton University

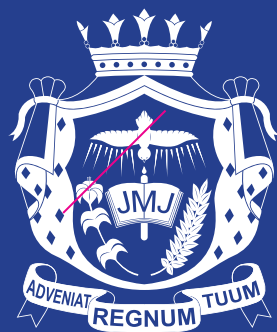


## *Location, Location, Location*

The best way to get to know Nazareth Academy High School is to visit the campus and experience the warm and welcoming community for yourself. Nazareth Academy, located just outside of Bucks County in beautiful Northeast Philadelphia, shares a suburban-like campus with Holy Family University. Nestled on an expansive 30-acre plot, the campus is surrounded by nature, providing a beautiful setting for a peaceful, and positive learning environment.

Nazareth Academy is conveniently located under 2½ miles from both the I-95 Academy Road and Woodhaven Road exits. With this convenient access and the Burlington-Bristol and Betsy Ross Bridges both less than 8 miles away, Nazareth students come from Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia Counties and New Jersey Gloucester, and Burlington Counties.

The student body is made up of students from all around, near and far. Nazareth welcomes students from the city and suburbs, with more than 35 zip codes. From Philadelphia to Bucks County to Moorestown, New Jersey, the diversity of student hometowns makes Nazareth Academy home to all.



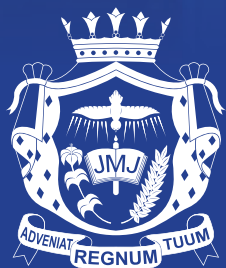
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