
FACT SHEET

School History

The Church of the Nativity Spiritual Formation Center was constructed in 1992. After its completion, Rev. Salvatore Ciullo and the Parish leadership sought the help of the various communities to establish and construct a school for the Parish. The Felician Sisters, a community founded by Blessed Angela Truszkowska, responded to the invitation to staff Nativity Catholic School. In July 1996, Sister Lisa Marie DiSabatino (Principal), Sister Therese Bednarczyk (2nd Grade), and Sister Victoria Bartkowski (Parish Minister) arrived in Burke. The doors of Nativity opened for the first time on August 26, 1996, with nine full-time teachers offering a Catholic education for children from Kindergarten through 8th Grade. In its initial year, enrollment was 235 and quickly grew in the following years. PreSchool and Pre-Kindergarten programs were added in 2003.

Accreditation

Nativity Catholic School was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education through the No Child Left Behind program. Nativity is fully accredited with the Virginia Catholic Education Association, which is recognized as a valid accrediting agency for private schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia by the Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE) as authorized by the Virginia Board of Education. Nativity is a member of the National Junior and Elementary Honor Society.

Vision

As an educational center where Gospel values are learned, embraced, and integrated by all members, Nativity Catholic School is a center for life-long learning, which both challenges and empowers persons to assess the present and to design the future. The School also creates an integrated curriculum that accommodates the diversity of learners in today's global society.

Faculty

Nativity Catholic School requires teachers to hold degrees, certification, license and experience in their areas of expertise; majority of our teachers hold Masters Degrees. It is our goal to have the best teachers possible. The teachers at Nativity regularly attend various continuing education programs. Our teaching staff has an average of 14.2 years of experience. In addition, Nativity's rate of faculty turnover has consistently stayed low.

Facilities

Our classrooms are fully equipped with Activboards, visual presenters, computers and mobile laptop centers. We offer special facilities for Science, Library, Resource and Computer, Art and Music.