

# Welcome to Nativity Catholic School

## Answers to the Most Frequently Asked Questions

- *What does Nativity Catholic School Offer?*

Nativity Catholic School recognizes each student as a unique child of God, and provides a learning environment that develops each student's spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, and emotional gifts. Nativity Catholic School offers Catholic education for Pre-K three through grade eight.

- *What about the Curriculum?*

Our curriculum incorporates both state and diocesan guidelines (including Religion, Math, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts, Spanish, Art, Music, Computer Literacy, Physical Education, Health and Media Science).

Offering High School credit courses in Algebra I Honors, Spanish I, and Integrated Physical Science Honors.

We offer an early childhood program for Pre-K three and Pre-K four year olds; which nurtures social and motor development using integrated themed units.

- *Is Nativity Catholic School Accredited?*

We have been accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference (FCC) and recognized by the State of Florida Department of Education since 1973. Nativity Catholic School is also accredited by the National Council for Private School Accreditation (FCPSA).

- *What are your teacher's qualifications?*

All teachers are licensed and certified in the state of Florida and degreed in the areas they teach.

- *What are some of the Extra Curricular activities?*

Some of the Extra Curricular activities include: Volleyball, Track, Basketball, Tennis, Softball, Soccer, Chorus, Band, Theatre, Art Club, Spelling Bee, Science Fair, Technology Club, Talent Show, Karate, Golf, Chess, Math League, Future Cities, National Junior Honor Society and more.

- *What are your hours of operation?*

Our door's open at 7:30 a.m. and the last bell rings at 2:55 p.m.

- *Do you offer Extended Care?*

We offer our students an Extended Day Program which is open from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (During days school is in session). This program offers enrichment opportunities such as a book club, planned recreational activities, karate class, guest presenters, and study hall.

- *What is your total enrollment?*  
We have a total of 770 students from Pre-K three to grade eight.
- *What is your classroom size?*  
We follow all state guidelines regarding student/teacher ratios.  
Early Childhood ratio is 1:10. Intermediate grades have a ratio of 1:18
- *Semesters or Trimesters?*  
We are on a trimester system with conferences at the half way point of each trimester.
- *Do the students wear uniforms?*  
Yes, Ave Maria carries and sells our school uniform. The phone number is (813) 689-3561. Their website is [AveMariaRA@yahoo.com](mailto:AveMariaRA@yahoo.com). Our dress code may be found in the student handbook which is posted on our website.
- *Do you have a hot lunch program?*  
Lunches are available for purchase at school daily or weekly and on line monthly. The lunch menu is posted a month in advance on our website.
- *What age does my child have to be to attend school?*  
A child entering our Three Year Old Program must be three years of age and potty trained by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.  
  
A child entering our Four Year Old Program must be four years of age and potty trained by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.  
  
A child entering Kindergarten must be five years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.  
  
A child entering First Grade must be six years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.
- *Where and when can I get an enrollment application?*  
Enrollment applications are available in the school office and on our website. The school office is open between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on most school days. There is a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee per family.

**For additional information please contact:**

Karen Heitzmann in the school office: (813) 689-3395 ext. 2256

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