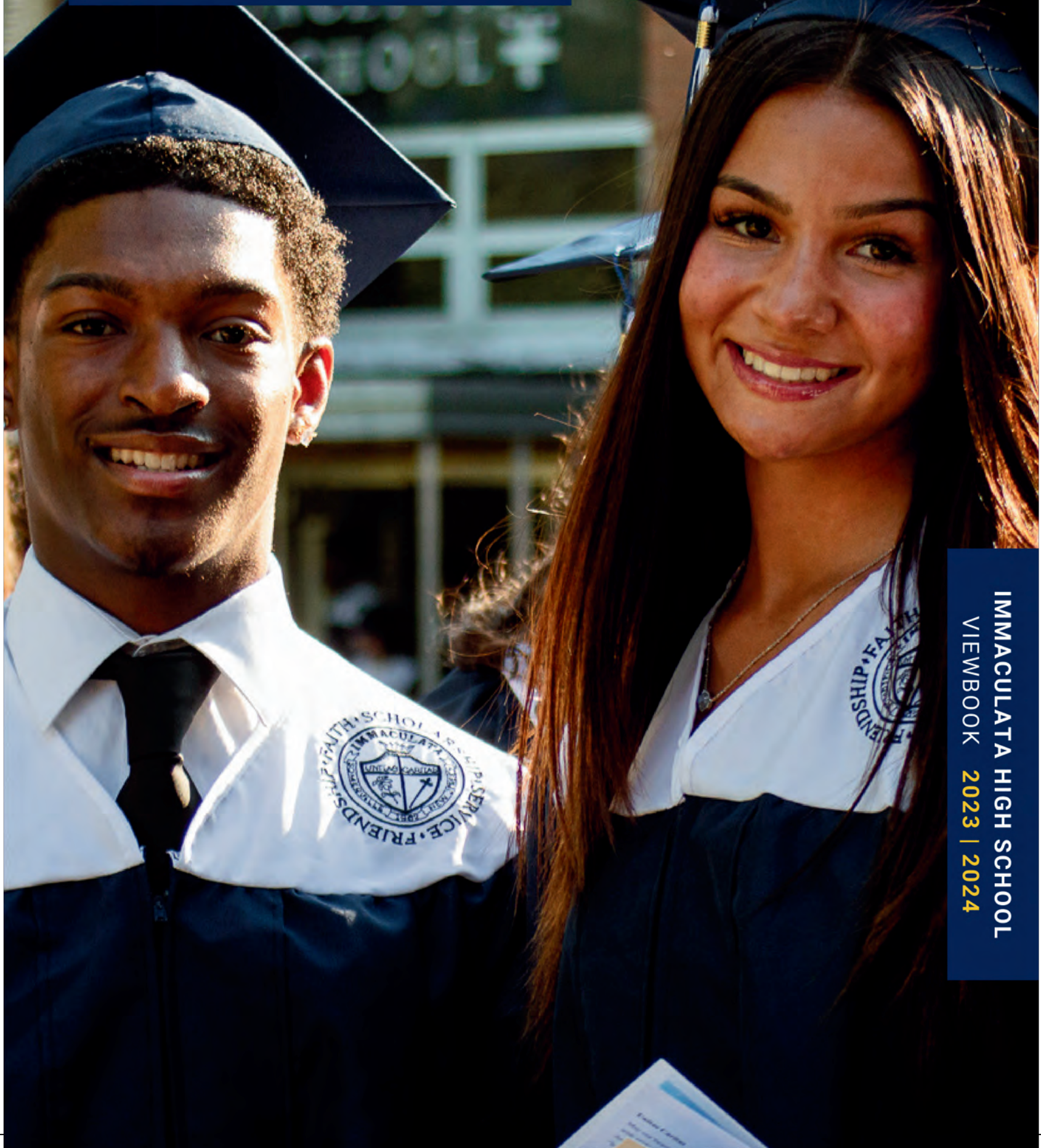




IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL

FAITH • SCHOLARSHIP • SERVICE • FRIENDSHIP



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Welcome to **IMMACULATA!**

GET READY TO PURSUE GREATNESS

Immaculata High School opened its doors in 1962 with a broad yet singular purpose: to provide an education for the whole person – mind, body, and spirit. So what does that mean today?

An Immaculata education means living beyond our comfort zones, pushing ourselves to try new things, and immersing ourselves in experiences that will help shape the rest of our lives.

An Immaculata education means striving to make our communities and our world better, as a caring, understanding, and welcoming community that takes our motto to heart: *Unitas Caritas*, or Unity through Charity. But for us, it's more than a motto: it's the reason we exist. It's the understanding that we are called to love deeply, to develop lasting friendships, and to respond to the needs of others, doing all of this with love; and it's the foundation of our four pillars: Faith, Scholarship, Service, and Friendship.

An Immaculata education means working toward academic freedom, and pursuing knowledge wherever it may lead. Learning takes place in every corner of our campus, and through every interaction, in the classroom, in community gatherings, on the field or on the stage, and in one-on-one interactions. Through it all, we push the boundaries of academic expectation in the pursuit of greatness.

An Immaculata education means preparing here to go into the world out there, so that our students exit our doors with a sense of self-purpose, a sense of belonging, and a readiness to *pursue greatness!*

GREAT *academics* FOR GREAT MINDS

An Immaculata education is built on academic rigor, driven by intellectual curiosity, and supported by an ever-evolving curriculum. Our students are encouraged to pursue their passions, carving out individualized academic paths and choosing from our offerings of 150 academic courses, 40 honors courses, and 22 advanced placement courses.

Immaculata Spartans are required to take some traditional core courses to meet curriculum and New Jersey Department of Education requirements, but can also participate in our offerings, such as:

- American Sign Language**
- Introduction to Psychology through Literary Theory**
- Multimedia Communications**
- Drama Intensive**
- History and Sports**
- Forensic Science**
- Dynamics of Healthcare in Society**
- Investments and Financial Markets**
- Selected Topics in Discrete Mathematics**



AP CAPSTONE

The main focus of this two-year course is research in cross-curricular areas. Students are encouraged to explore multiple perspectives and lenses related to the theme of human rights, while thinking critically and creatively about real-world issues.

DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Our special partnerships with several higher education institutions – among them Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, and the University of Delaware – allow students to explore their passions through high-level courses of study and earn college credits without ever leaving the halls of Immaculata.



UNITAS PROSPERITAS

We recognize that just as each student is different, so are their learning needs. All students who have an individualized service or accommodation plan are assigned a dedicated school counselor who regularly checks in on their progress. Classroom and assessment modifications and accommodations are tailored to each child's individual strengths. This tailored learning is coupled with the support of their teachers' specialized differentiated instruction. Each child's plan is reviewed yearly by our team of board-certified individuals: our school psychologist, learning disabilities teacher consultant, and coordinator of special services.



HONOR SOCIETIES

Immaculata places great emphasis on preparing our students to lead, innovate, and excel both in their time here but also in their communities after graduating. Immaculata students earn honors and recognition through their academic experiences, with more than 1/3 of our student body inducted into one of our six honor societies, among them: National Honor Society; Tri-M Music Honor Society; Spanish Honor Society; French Honor Society; Latin Honor Society; and Rho Kappa (Social Studies Honor Society).



MARIAN SCHOLARS

The invitation-only Marian Scholars program, named in honor of Mary, the school's patroness, is dedicated to developing students' high level research and presentation skills on key local and global topics, with the goal of fostering academic freedom and a lifetime of passionate pursuit of knowledge.

Scholars work with faculty mentors, as well as our Marian Scholar program coordinators, on specialized research projects and presentations and receive co-curricular enrichment through excursions, seminars, and speakers.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

At Immaculata, students are encouraged to explore their interests and embrace the subjects they are passionate about. Partnering with a school counselor, advisor, and the academic office, students are invited to participate in our Signature Programs, giving them a glimpse into the coursework that could shape their professional careers.

At this time, Immaculata offers Signature Programs in: Health Science; Music; Art; and Catholic Classical Studies.



GREAT IS THY *faithfulness*

Not only is our Catholic faith at the heart of our mission, but it's on the heart of our students too. Strengthened by faith, Immaculata students are committed to the pursuit of truth; they are dedicated to serving others; and they live their faith boldly, not just in words but in their actions.

With the support of our dedicated director of Catholic identity and our chaplain, our students not only learn about the faith, but they practice it. Through regular Masses in our chapel, all-school Masses in our church, Eucharistic Adoration, and retreats, Immaculata students are immersed in the faith and the traditional values are integrated into who we are, both as individuals and as a community.

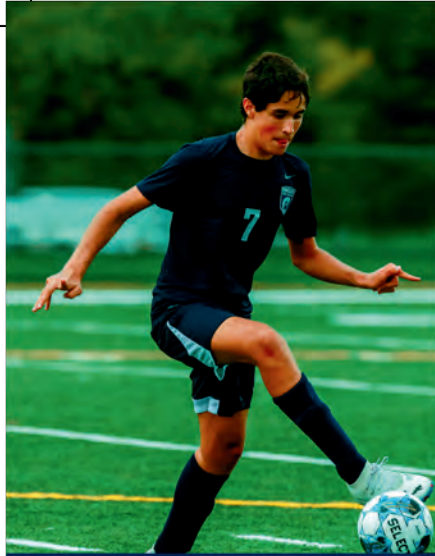
As a Theology of the Body campus, Immaculata's curricula gives our students an understanding of how we were each created in the image of God, our identity in Christ, along with our gifts and givenness, so that we may see ourselves and others the way God intended.



And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

— Luke 1:46-49



IMMACULATA
offers
 a wide variety of sports,
 each supporting a range of
 teams open to athletes at
 every skill level.



FALL SPORTS

- Boys Soccer
- Cross Country
- Football
- Football Cheerleading
- Girls Soccer
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Volleyball





WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball
Competition Cheerleading
Girls Basketball
Indoor Track and Field
Swimming
Wrestling



OUR ATHLETICS



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SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Boys Lacrosse
Girls Lacrosse
Golf
Softball
Spring Track and Field



GREAT ART, CREATED

Whether on the stage, in our video production studio, firing up our ceramics kiln, or behind the microphone of our student-produced radio or news network, Immaculata students are encouraged to embrace their talents and learn new skills.

Alongside our faculty, who bring a world of experience into the classroom, our students learn the skills they need to succeed in classes and in life. Using professional equipment and techniques, students put their skills to practice, while also learning to collaborate, produce, and connect with those around them.

Concerts, musicals, recitals, exhibits, and popular “open-mic” coffeehouse evenings fill the school calendar. They not only broaden and enhance learning, but also bring energy, culture, creativity, and balance to our community.





WITH GREAT *passion*

ACHIEVING GREATNESS BY *staying active*

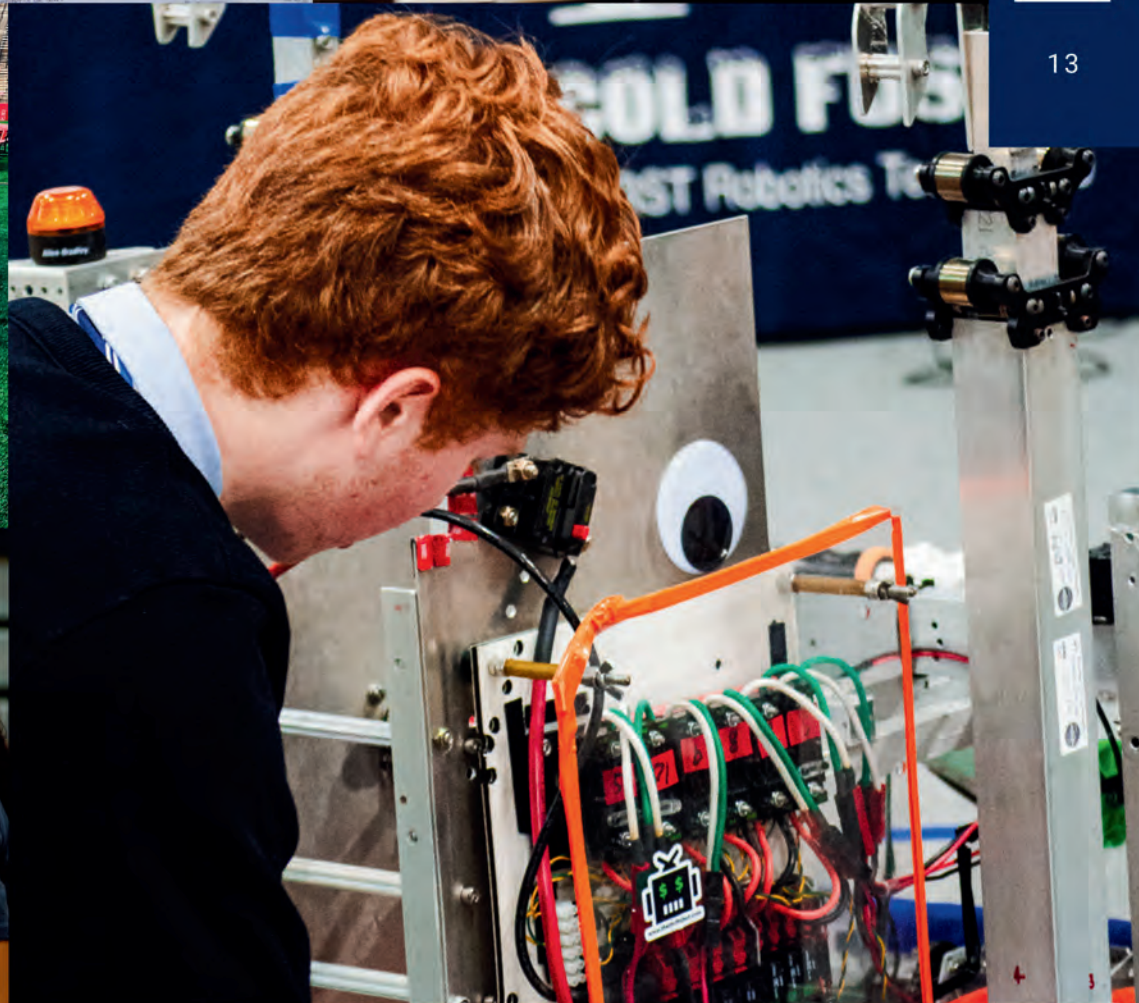


The number of student activities — among them academic interests, Catholic social outreach, diversified interests, environmental interests, honor societies, our award-winning performing arts, visual and media arts, and a number of other clubs and organizations— is a testament to our students' involvement and their desire to engage, explore, collaborate, and create beyond the classroom.

With the majority of our student body involved in at least one activity, new clubs are starting every year as students explore their interests or plan ways to share their passions with their peers. There is truly something for everyone — and always the opportunity to create something more.

SOME OF OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Academic Team
- Antioch Retreat
- Art Club
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Club
- Astronomy
- Black Student Union
- Book Club
- Catholic Athletes for Christ
- Campus Ministry
- Chess Club
- Chick-fil-A Leadership
- Color Guard
- C.A.B. (Culture, Art, and Beauty)
- Debate Club
- E-Gaming
- Fashion Club
- Fencing Team
- Fishing Club
- French Honor Society
- Future Teachers of America
- H.O.P.E. (Help Our Planet Earth) Club
- Hispanic Student Union
- International Travel
- Indoor Percussion
- Investment Club
- Italian Cultures
- Jazz Band
- Lata Living
- Latin Honor Society



- Marching Band
- Math Assoc. Contests
- Mission Club
- Model United Nations
- Music Ministry
- National Honor Society
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Philosophy Club
- Photography Club

- Respect for Life
- Revelations Retreat
- Rho Kappa (Social Studies) Honor Society
- Robotics
- Students Against Destructive Decisions
- School Store
- Senior Retreat Team

- Ski Club
- Spanish Honor Society
- Spartan Choir
- Spartan Radio
- Spartan TV
- Spring Musical
- Student Council
- Tri-M (Music) Honor Society

- Video Club
- Visions Retreat
- Wildlife Conservation
- Women in STEM
- Youth and Government


THE IMMACULATA MOTTO



UNITAS
CARITAS:

Unity

SMALL THINGS DONE WITH *great love*



Immaculata students don't just talk about the school motto, they live it. They are companions to the homebound, dog toy makers, bingo facilitators, and personal food shoppers for senior citizens. They are meal preparers, composters, and home builders.

Unity through Charity is part of the fabric of our community, and a piece that every student carries with them long after graduation. Our campus ministry program is intentionally flexible, allowing athletes, musicians, artists, and any student with varied interests to participate while also pursuing their extracurricular passions. While service is not a requirement for graduation, last year's graduating class gave over 16,803 hours of service during their time at Immaculata.

THROUGH *Charity*



SPARTAN SPIRIT

Ask any current student or Spartan alumnus about their favorite memory of their time at Immaculata and they will most likely cite Spartan Spirit, Immaculata's battle of the classes. While this core memory is a time-honored tradition and a highlight of our school year, it also allows our students to come together by grade level in the week leading up to game day and then as one giant community for a day of fun and games, from tug of war and sack races to three-legged races and skits.

WHAT MAKES US GREAT?

LATA LIVING

At Immaculata, we understand that starting at a new school can feel intimidating. The newness of it all can feel unsettling, which is why we gather with our new students and their families at the start of each school year to join together in camaraderie, prayer, and over a meal, to help new students become acquainted with the school and to ease those first-day jitters.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS

On each first Friday of the month, our school community walks down the street to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, our school's sponsoring parish. For decades, this has been a cherished Spartan tradition by which we celebrate our faith as one community. It is in the Mass, when together we enter more fully into our faith and our personal communion with Christ's redeeming act and perfect worship, that we are fortified for all that lies ahead.



RETREATS

Each retreat is unique but all find fullness in the grace and love of God, and welcome people of all faith backgrounds and experiences. Peace, hope, laughter, joy, faith, healing, wisdom, and friendship (and food!) are among the many blessings we receive on retreats. Our grade-level and weekend retreats help us to accompany students as they seek God in their daily lives and as they discern who they are and how they will live as men and women for and with others.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The halls of Immaculata are always abuzz with school spirit and ingenuity but never more so than during our Catholic Schools Week celebrations. From our faculty vs. student volleyball game and “anything but a backpack day,” to our summer in winter barbeque and vocations session, there is always something to look forward to in celebrating our Catholic school.

CAMPUS MINISTRY GARAGE SALE

Each May, thousands of hours go into holding our annual Campus Ministry Garage Sale. Even with two days off from school to accommodate the massive undertaking, more than half of the student body helps with the sale to reach out into the community, to raise money for our campus ministry program, and to also help provide for the needs of the people in the community around us. In the last school year alone, the garage sale was just one of more than 260 service-based events through which students gave more than 12,000 hours of service.

SPARTAN NATION

Spartan Nation is the official student section/fan group of our Immaculata Spartans. A wide range of students support and celebrate their peers at each game or performance, and bring an undeniable passion and energy that contribute to the overall fan experience. The student-led Spartan Nation coordinates themes and carries on traditions to best represent our school's grit and determination.

LATA THE DOG

Some of our favorite days are when Lata comes to visit. Owned by our pastor and director of schools, Msgr. Joseph G. Celano, the three-year-old affectionate Golden Retriever enjoys making rounds to the classrooms and receiving all the cuddles and snuggles from our students. But, of course, Lata is very respectful of the boundaries for those students who may not love her quite as much as she loves them.



DESTINED FOR *greatness*

At Immaculata, we want to know who you are and what matters to you, so we can help you direct your talents, ambition, drive, and energy toward becoming a successful, global citizen who works to improve your community and the world.

Here, we want to empower you to explore the world out there. With this in mind, our five full-time professionals in the Office of School Counseling partner with our students and parents to navigate the college admissions and financial aid process, to help facilitate our college fair and university visits to our school, and, most importantly, to guide and support each Immaculata student toward a meaningful journey once they graduate. We're dedicated to your success because as faculty, coaches, school counselors, and administrators, your success is our life's work.



MEET KELMS AMOO-ACHAMPONG, M.D. '05

HOMETOWN: FRANKLIN TWP., NJ

EDUCATION: BACHELOR'S, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA; DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI; ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY RESIDENCY, DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER; FELLOWSHIP, HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY

"Immaculata was the foundation for everything I've accomplished. Students here are in a very unique position and very blessed by the amount of resources and support; it's really a family-like environment. The academic rigor at Immaculata prepared me well for any challenges but also helped me to persevere in pursuing my dream. Immaculata provided the perfect balance of academic and athletic excellence and, throughout high school, I felt very well supported in my endeavors from the day I stepped onto campus up through graduation day. The faculty and teachers helped me identify my goals and provided me with the structure and freedom to achieve them; they treated me as family. I have always been proud to call myself a Spartan."

— Dr. Kelms Amoo-Achampong '05

MAKING A GREAT EDUCATION *affordable*

As you browse the pages of this book, one thing should be exceptionally clear: Immaculata is all about community. Our community is made up of students from all over Central New Jersey, representing various cultures, perspectives, and talents. It's what makes us who we are and it's what elevates our academics, athletics, arts, and faith. We know that our community thrives on our varied experiences, and we also know that an Immaculata education must be affordable to those with varied experiences.

Partnering with the Diocese of Metuchen, we offer tuition assistance to help offset the cost. Families are eligible to apply for tuition assistance only after they have submitted an application for admission. Immaculata also offers merit-based academic scholarships as well as privately funded scholarships. We encourage you to visit immaculatahighschool.org/tuitionassistance to learn more about what we can do to make an Immaculata education affordable for you.



IMMACULATA

Immaculata's most recent
graduating class earned

**\$32.2
MILLION**

in college scholarships,
helping to offset the cost of
high school tuition

80%

of Class of 2023 graduates
were awarded academic or
athletic scholarships to
college

\$300,935

is the average amount of
college scholarship dollars
awarded to our recent
graduates

2023-24 Tuition and Fees:

Tuition (Grades 9-11)
\$17,250.00

Fees
\$950.00





READY FOR *greatness?* HOW TO APPLY

STEP

1

Connect **WITH US!**

Be added to our mailing list:
[immaculatahighschool.org/
connectwithus](http://immaculatahighschool.org/connectwithus)

STEP

2

COME see US!

Imagine your life as a Spartan
by spending the day with us as a
Spartan for a Day. Register at:
immaculatahighschool.org/s4d

STEP

3

Apply

using the online application on
[immaculatahighschool.org/
admissionsprocess](http://immaculatahighschool.org/admissionsprocess)

STEP

4 Register

to take the High School Placement Test at Immaculata. To register, visit: immaculatahighschool.org/HSPT

To learn more about us, about

applying

to Immaculata, and about applying for tuition assistance, visit immaculatahighschool.org/admissionsprocess

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