



INSPIRING YOUNG WOMEN

to reach their

TRUE POTENTIAL

INFORMATION PACKET

HISTORY



In **1857**, Miss Ernestine Nardin founded Nardin Academy in Buffalo, New York. Miss Nardin and her fellow members of the ***Daughters of the Heart of Mary*** (DHM) were charged with educating the children of the Catholic diocese, particularly girls, in a faith-based community.

The DHM continues to play an integral role within Nardin Academy as current board members and former administrators and faculty members.

THEY ARE DEDICATED TO:

- building a world in which the primary values are equality and justice for all God's people
- being a community in which each member's God-given gifts are appreciated and nurtured
- working for an Earth that is protected and restored

NARDIN ACADEMY

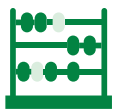


Located in the heart of Buffalo's Elmwood Village, Nardin Academy educates children from 18 months to 12th grade. Our core values are implemented into lessons taught in our Montessori program, through elementary, and throughout high school. This continuity of education nurtures a child to accept and believe these values as his or her own.



Montessori *(18 months-3rd Grade, coed)*

In our Montessori Toddler, Early Childhood and 1st through 3rd grade classes, students learn to work together, allowing for interaction, leadership, and learning between age groups. This program has been developed in accordance to the education system created by Maria Montessori in Italy and is the only program in the region accredited by the American Montessori Society.



Lower School *(K-4, coed)*

Nardin students are challenged through a well-rounded approach of skills, practice, service, and experiential learning. In addition to academics, we care about our students' social-emotional health. Our teachers spend time with each class learning about kindness, team building, friendship, digital citizenship, and mindfulness.



Middle School *(5-8, coed)*

Nardin middle school students learn in flexible classrooms designed to allow for movement and collaboration, project-based work, creativity, and innovation. Our advanced academics within this environment help prepare our students for the rigors of high school. A wide variety of sports (including swimming, squash, lacrosse, and softball) and clubs (such as drama, robotics, recycling, and ski club) keep our students engaged and learning outside the classroom.



High School *(9-12, all-girls)*

As the oldest independent, Catholic all-girls school in Western New York, we are committed to the highest standards of excellence in academics, athletics, the arts, and service. Our young women receive a premier education that prepares them for college and beyond.

NARDIN *by the* NUMBERS



CLASS OF 2020

100%

WERE ACCEPTED INTO
4-YEAR COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES

Nardin Academy consistently outpaces Western New York, New York State and national averages on SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement exams.

WE ARE PROUD of this distinction, and these numbers will tell you even more about our students:

NARDIN GRADUATES HAVE BEEN
ACCEPTED *to* **MORE THAN 300**
COLLEGES *and* **UNIVERSITIES**
SINCE 2016



OUR GRADUATES
EARN *an*
AVERAGE *of*

\$30 Million

in COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIPS
and GRANTS
EACH YEAR



100+ COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES
VISIT OUR CAMPUS EACH YEAR

IN 2020, AP EXAMS WERE ADMINISTERED IN

14 SUBJECTS



Nardin *offers*
scholarships for
incoming high school
students based on the
Catholic High School
Entrance Exam scores.
Scholarships range
from **\$4,000** to **\$10,800**
over four years.

NARDIN *by the* NUMBERS



10:1

student-to-faculty
average ratio

22

athletic teams in 14
different sports

50+

clubs and
organizations

17

faiths represented within
our student body



32

school districts across
WNY and Southern
Ontario are represented in
our student body

24

local farmers and vendors
supply our dining hall
program with food for our
scratch-cooked meals

88%

In our 2019-20 school year, 88%
of 16,299.5 pounds of waste
collected in the dining hall was
diverted to recycling, upcycling,
or biodigesting



Nardin classes complete
service hours over their four years.

12,000+

NARDIN'S BALANCE TRADITION *and* INNOVATION



At **Nardin**, our balance of tradition and innovation sets us apart.

Over the past 160 years, Nardin Academy's traditions are rooted in educating young women to be independent thinkers.

OUR VALUES ARE CENTERED AROUND:

Embracing All

Recognizing, welcoming and celebrating all

Nurturing Talent

Supporting the development of our God-given talents & gifts

Fostering Connection

Cultivating connection with each other, our communities and God

Living & Serving Through Faith

Striving to live and serve our world with dignity, humbleness and compassion

Igniting Possibilities

Sparking intellectual curiosity, inspiring imagination and encouraging exploration

While Nardin continues to model our learning and interaction after these core, traditional values, we strive to implement an environment that best reflects modern learning.

Nardin Academy High School has moved away from the New York State Regents examinations. As an independent school, we have the freedom to use a variety of teaching methods, project-based learning, and assessment tools. We continue to use our AP, PSAT, SAT, and ACT exam results as a standardized measure of our academic excellence. This change furthers our standard of academic excellence and increases the recognition by higher education admissions of our students' achievements.

Nardin has implemented an improved schedule. Students attend 55-minute periods rather than traditional 42-minute periods.

PROVEN BENEFITS OF EXTENDED CLASS TIME:

- Teachers have time to delve deeper into the subject matter.
- Students are able to reflect, ask questions, and interact with the teacher.
- The classroom environment is more flexible and productive.
- Teaching methods become more varied and interactive, appealing to different learning styles.
- Overall mastery and retention of the material is achieved.

LIFE *at* NARDIN



Nardin's young women develop their true potential through competition in athletics, leadership in clubs and organizations, and acts of service. Through all these activities and other opportunities beyond the classroom, they make a big impact in our community. Whatever a girl's interest, there is a place for her to thrive at Nardin Academy High School!



SPORTS

Compete with one or more of our **22 teams** and **14 sports**, in:

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|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| ■ Basketball | ■ Golf | ■ Softball | ■ Track and Field |
| ■ Bowling | ■ Ice Hockey | ■ Squash | ■ Volleyball |
| ■ Crew | ■ Lacrosse | ■ Swimming | |
| ■ Cross-Country | ■ Soccer | ■ Tennis | |



HOUSE SYSTEM

Our young women are assigned to one of our nine houses, each a special community made up of students from all grades.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

*Be involved in more than **50 clubs and organizations** to choose from, including:*

- Business Club
- International Dining Club
- Kazookulele Ensemble
- Mock Trial
- Political Debate Club
- Student Council
- Yarnivores

SERVICE

Volunteer with several organizations, including:

- Feedmore WNY
- Friends of Night People
- Hearts for the Homeless
- Journey's End Refugee Services
- Our Lady of Black Rock School
- Response to Love Center
- Salvation Army
- Transformative international and national service trips

LIFE *at* NARDIN



WinterMission

Prepare for an enriching week-long program that provides real-life work experience, including:

- Local, State, and Federal Government - guided by a special agent from Homeland Security
- The Beautiful Brain - an exploration of the experience and treatment of mental illness
- Immersion trips to Philadelphia and New York City
- Nard"EN VOGUE" - view the world of fashion up close, ending in a multimedia fashion show
- Oishei Children's Hospital Experience - observe and volunteer in various capacities within the hospital

DISTANCE LEARNING

Nardin Academy is committed to providing the highest standards in academics for all our students even when our faculty teach remotely. In March, we transitioned seamlessly to our Distance Learning program when New York State mandated the closure of schools.

- Students continue to follow their daily 8:00 am - 3:00 pm class schedules, including core subjects, Physical Education, Art and Music.
- Faculty livestream classes and offer office hours for extra help.
- Each student has her own Chromebook, allowing for uninterrupted learning.
- Guidance counselors and our psychologist provide extra support.



ADVISORY

Each student transitions into high school with the help of a freshman guidance counselor, who guides her throughout her first year. Also, a faculty-led advisory guides each student during her time at Nardin.



CLASS OF 2025

Admissions Season **KICKOFF**

Sunday, October 4 from 11 am - 2 pm

Please join us for a drive-through kickoff to celebrate the start of the admissions season. 8th grade girls and their families are invited to drive-through our Cleveland Avenue campus to receive admissions information and Nardin gifts.

Pre-registration is required at
NARDIN.ORG/APPLY

➤ **Virtual OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, Oct. 4th at 7 pm

After our kickoff celebration, Nardin will launch our Virtual Open House. Explore Nardin's campus virtually and learn about the tradition, innovation and merit of an exceptional Nardin education. A link to Nardin's Virtual Open House will be emailed to all kickoff registrants.

➤ **Virtual EXPERIENCE NARDIN**

**Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm:
Oct. 10, 17 & 24**

8th grade girls are invited to experience Nardin through a series of fun and interactive Zoom classes where they will have the chance to meet Nardin faculty and future classmates. Sign up for one Saturday or for all! These programs are free and pre-registration is required. Space is limited, so please sign up early.

➤ **Virtual ENTRANCE EXAM**

Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 am - 12 pm

Nardin will hold the Catholic High School Entrance and Scholarship Exam virtually. Students should register for the exam at their first choice school.

➤ **Virtual GATOR GUIDES (2020 SHADOW PROGRAM)**

8th grade girls will be paired with a student ambassador from the Junior or Senior class to get a glimpse of what life is like as a part of the Nardin community. Students will connect with their ambassador via Zoom, email and text to learn more and have their questions answered.

➤ **Virtual ENTRANCE EXAM REVIEW COURSE**

**Saturdays from 9 am - 12 pm:
Oct 31., Nov. 7 & Nov. 14**

In preparation for the Catholic High School Entrance and Scholarship Exam on Saturday, November 21, a review course will be offered remotely via Zoom for 8th grade girls only. Space is limited, so please sign up early. Cost: \$100 (review book included)



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