

Garces Memorial High School

Founded on Faith, Rooted in Tradition, Growing in Excellence

Ready to Be a Ram?



Founded on Faith

Garces Memorial High School is a Catholic college preparatory school established in 1947 by the Christian Brothers and Dominican Sisters. Today we faithfully continue the vision of our founders.

- We begin and end every day with a prayer
- Mass with students and faculty every week
- Four years of theology
- Chaplain and Campus Minister
- Retreats for every grade level
- Four-day Kairos retreat for our senior and junior students
- Christian Service Program



Rooted in Tradition

What makes Garces Memorial unique is its rich history and traditions. For 75 years, the school has provided thousands of young people with a valuable education, inside and outside of the classroom.

Our graduates go on to be leaders in industry, in their communities, and in life. Our alumni return to campus frequently to share their gratitude for the life lessons learned during their time at Garces Memorial.



Growing in Excellence

Garces Memorial provides rigorous academics, preparing our students for post secondary education. The school provides them with the necessary tools and knowledge needed to succeed. It does not matter whether a student is in advance placement or college prep courses; our faculty and staff work to instill the importance of balance between academics and all areas of their high school experience.



A Holistic Approach

It is important our students have a sense of belonging, and understand they are crucial to the Garces community. Only then can they receive the full benefit a Garces education academically, spiritually, and socially.

Our faculty and staff are committed to ensuring every student knows Garces Memorial is where they belong.



A Message From our Principal

Hello all prospective parents and students!

As the Principal of Garces I would like to take the opportunity to formally say thank you for your interest in Garces Memorial High School. We strive to provide a school environment that allows students to be fulfilled in and out of the classroom. As a Catholic school we are rooted in our Faith. Catholic education gives students an opportunity to excel academically and be college and career ready, but also grow as a service minded individual who has an opportunity to reflect and develop one's moral compass in a safe and supportive environment to become the person God created them to be.



Garces students have a rich educational experience through faith formation including weekly mass, opportunities for adoration and confession with our Chaplain, Father David, and retreat opportunities every year. We have a vibrant student life with multiple clubs and activities throughout the year and our academic expectations paired with our academic support programs help our students prepare for college and career. Most importantly, we foster our students to grow as compassionate, service minded individuals who are motivated to give back to the community. I look forward to welcoming you to our community to grow in our four pillars: Knowledge, Faith, Compassion and Justice.

Noel Leon
Principal



Meet our faculty who were selected by senior football players to wear their jerseys for the day. *Jersey Impact* is one of the many ways that Garces students express gratitude to their committed and caring teachers.

From our Faculty

In the Spring of 2023 we asked some of our faculty one simple question...Why Garces? Scan the QR code below to watch the video of their responses.



BE PREPARED

Garces Memorial focuses on maximizing learning for all students by offering various curricular programs. The school is preparing students to succeed in a higher academic setting through a core curriculum with classes that meet California State, UC and CSU approval.

Course List

AP = Advanced Placement H = Honors
P = College Prep G = General

ENGLISH

AP English Language Composition
AP English Literature Composition
Creative Writing I (P)
Creative Writing II
English 9 (P or H)
English 10 (P or H)
English 11 (P) English 12 (P)
Writing Lab

SCIENCE

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
Biology (P or H)
Chemistry (P or H)
General Chemistry (G)
Environmental Science (P)
Life Science (G)
Physics 12 (H)
Physical Science(G)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

AP Spanish Language & Culture
Spanish I (P)
Spanish II (P or H)
Spanish III (P or H)
Spanish IV (P)

HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE

AP European History
AP Macroeconomics
AP United States Government & Politics
AP United States History
Economics/Government (P)
AP Psychology
U.S. History (P)
World History (P)

MATH

AP Calculus
AP Pre-Calculus
Pre-Algebra
Algebra I (P)
Algebra II (P or H)
General Algebra II (G)
Geometry (P or H)
Math Analysis (P)
Statistics (P)

THEOLOGY

History of the Catholic Church/Sacraments (P)
Morality& Ethics/Social Teachings of the Catholic Church (P)
Old Testament/New Testament (P)
Theology of Body/Faith & Revelations (P)

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

AP Studio Art (AP)
Advanced Band (P)
American Film I (P)
Art I (P)
Art II (P)
Dance I (P)
Dance II (P)
Dance III (P)
Floral Design (P)
PLTW-Intro to Design (P)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Boys PE (9-10)
Girls PE (9-10)
Fitness Boys (10-12)
Fitness Girls (10-12)

ELECTIVES

Agriculture Communication & Leadership (P)
Agriculture Internship
American Film II
ASB Leadership
Introduction to Agriculture (P)
Jazz Band
Marching Band
Civil Engineering & Architecture (H)
Digital Electronics (H)
Introduction to Design (P)
Introduction to Engineering Design (H)
Principles of Engineering (H)
Publications Journalism (P)
Study Skills
Virtual Business

DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES

ENG B1A-Expository Composition
ENG B1B-Introduction to the Types of Literature
AGBS B6-Agriculture Sales and Communication
COMM B11-Skills for Online Presentation
ANTH B4-Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology
HEIT B60-Human Form and Function
PBHS B20- Introduction to Public Health

Pathways

Many of our students enter high school with a career goal and/or aspirations to pursue a desired course of study in a particular field. While our college-prep curriculum provides the traditional academic track, we have also designated learning pathways in Engineering and Agriculture to meet the needs of our students. Growing evidence shows that pathways hold promise for increasing academic achievement and learning, and increasing students' earning power when they graduate. Our goal is to connect learning experiences and opportunities across subjects, establish internships within the community, provide fieldtrips that enrich concepts learned in the classroom, expose students to guest speakers and lectures by entrepreneurs, professors, and community leaders to provide a view of career interests outside the realm of the classroom and connect what students are taught in school to real- world issues.

Agribusiness

Introduction to Agriculture
Floral Design
Agriculture Communication & Leadership
Agriculture Internship

Engineering

Introduction to Design
Introduction to Engineering Design
Principals of Engineering
Civil Engineering & Architecture
Digital Electronics
Engineering Internship

LET'S HEAR FROM OUR

STUDENTS



"Garces offers a lot of freedoms when it comes to some of the amazing academic programs like a competitive Robotics team, successful Mock Trial program, and my all-time favorite, the very popular Project Lead the Way/Engineering Pathway. Students also have the opportunity to be a part of both California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society."
Isaiah Chrisco '24 - Co-ASB President

"When I think of Garces, I think of the family it holds and the lively spirit it generates. The students and faculty come together as one big family which makes our school unstoppable. Each student has something they're so incredibly passionate about, whether it's music, or sports, academics, or just establishing life long relations here at Garces. The spirit of the Rams shines so bright and can never be put out."
Jocelyn Sala '24 - Co-ASB President

"Where else can you begin and end the day with a prayer? Garces develops the whole person, educating students of diverse backgrounds, whether they are Catholic or not. It instills confidence, acceptance, grace, and faith. Garces also has high academics and structure, which allows us teens to thrive. I thank my parents for sacrificing and sending me to Garces, it has truly formed who I am and allowed me to grow stronger in my faith."
CJ James '25

"I like the fact that Garces is a small school that is open to our ideas and needs. As the President of the Garces Black Student Union, it's great to see the different cultures and student interests represented through the various clubs and programs. Time in the classroom is of course important, but so exploring our passions and interests outside academics."
Jayla Ward '25

"Garces has been the best place for my high school experience. The support I have received during my time here has been so helpful. My coaches, teachers, staff and classmates really care about me."
Jacob Ruiz '24

"Having come from a different high school this year, I wasn't sure what to expect with the block schedule. I actually really like it. It gives us more time in the classroom to work on our assignments and plenty of time for my teachers to provide instruction and review. I'm so glad I made the move to Garces!"
D'Angelo Flynn '25

