

# Garcés Memorial High School

FOUNDED ON FAITH • ROOTED IN TRADITION • GROWING IN EXCELLENCE



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# 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

## Our Mission Statement

Garces Memorial High School is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school. Our school educates youth to fulfill the mission of Christ by developing students spiritually, academically, and socially.

Our mission calls us to instill in every member of the Garces Memorial community the courage to act with faith, knowledge, compassion, and justice.

# THE GARCES WAY

## 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

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 advanced 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.

# Why Garces?

## 1 RIGOROUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM

All Garces students compete a rigorous college preparatory curriculum designed to exceed the entrance requirements set by the University of California and California State University systems. Students can apply for one of our Academic Pathway programs, which provide additional advanced coursework and project-based learning experiences in 2 different disciplines: Engineering (PLTW) or Agribusiness/FFA.

## WE ARE FAMILY!

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The family spirit at Garces is felt the minute you set foot on campus. No matter what grade a student is in, where they are from, or what they are involved in at Garces, our Rams will have a family to lift them up and challenge them.

Forming bonds that last a lifetime, alumni share a true sense of pride in their alma mater and in their fellow classmates' accomplishments far beyond Garces.

## 3 CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING ATHLETICS

Garces is one of the most successful schools in the Central Section CIF, ranked in the top 5 all time Valley history. To date, Ram teams have won over 140 Central Section Championships. Over two-thirds of Garces students participate in at least one sport.

# 4 FAITH BASED EDUCATION

Garces Memorial High School is a Christ-centered community of faith that seeks to provide the best spiritual and academic formation for every student. Our Christian focus offers an environment where students can develop spiritually, academically and socially. These values enable them to recognize their potential as people of God.

# PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS

Garces graduates are excelling at colleges and universities all across the nation. 98% of our graduates attend college. Over 35% of our student graduate with a 4.0 GPA or higher.

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# 6 The BEST high school staff in town

Over the past 30 years we have averaged a quarter of the staff being Garces Alum making the Garces Family more than just hyperbole. Generations of alumni have passed on the Ram tradition to the next generation.

# Why Garces?

*"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**

## Voted Best Private School in Bakersfield 6 years in a row!



*"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 is exploring our passions and interests outside academics.*

**Jayla Ward '25**

# At Garces we take pride in 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.

## Service Opportunities

Students regularly have the opportunity and are encouraged to participate in community service even beyond the required service hours to graduate. Whether it is giving back to our community, or helping here on our campus, our Garces Rams are always finding new ways to give back and make a difference.

Scan to hear from our school principal, students and president about what makes Garces special.

Our students love being a Garces Ram for so many reasons – practicing their faith, rigorous academic instruction, numerous opportunities to participate in activities they love, and building lifelong friendships.



# Course List

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

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.

## **ENGLISH**

- English 9 (P or H)
- English 10 (P or H)
- English 11 (P )
- English 12 (P)
- Writing Lab
- AP English Language
- Composition

## **SCIENCE**

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- Biology (P or H)
- Chemistry (P or H)
- Physical Science(G)
- Anatomy & Physiology (P or H)

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

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

## **HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE**

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

## **MATH**

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Pre-Calculus
- Pre-Algebra
- Algebra I (P or H)
- Algebra II (P or H)
- 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 (P)
- 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)
- Ag Mechanics (P)

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

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

## **ELECTIVES**

- ASB Leadership
- Jazz Band
- Marching Band
- 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
- Hist B17A
- Hist B17B
- AGRI B5 - Leadership in Agriculture
- AGBS B3 - Intro to Ag Business

# Academic 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

Agri-Design: Ag Mechanics and Engineering Design

## Engineering

Introduction to Design

Introduction to Engineering Design

Principals of Engineering

Civil Engineering & Architecture

Digital Electronics

Engineering Internship

# Student Life

## SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

Adulting 101

Art Club

Asian Culture Club

Baking Club

Basque Culture Club

Bible and Rosary Club

Black Student Union

Campus Ministry Club

Chess Club

Company G Drama Club

Engineering Club

Future Medical Professional Club (HOSA)

Investing Club

Italian Culture Club

Knitting Club

Hispanic/Latino Culture Club

Latina Leaders of Kern

Media Productions Club

Public Speaking Club

Red Cross Club

Society of Women Engineers

We the People Club

## SERVICE CLUBS

Helping Hands Club

Interact Club

Got the Dot

## ACADEMIC CLUBS

CSF

Mock Trial Club

National Honor Society

Engineering Club

Rambotics Club

## ATHLETIC CLUBS

Rams Lacrosse

Rugby Club

Sports Marketing Club

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# ATHLETICS

Garces Memorial High School Athletics offers its student-athletes lessons in discipline, dedication and teamwork. These character-building tools further the school's mission of forming young men and women who are good Christians and honest citizens.



Garces competes in the Central Section and has been one of the top athletic departments in the Central Section CIF. With over 140 Central Section Championships, Garces is consistently ranked in the top 5 all-time successful schools.



## FALL SPORTS

Football

Boys Water Polo

Girls Water Polo

Cross Country

Girls Golf

Girls Tennis

Volleyball

## WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

Boys Soccer

Girls Soccer

Wrestling

## SPRING SPORTS

Baseball

Softball

Boys Golf

Boys Tennis

Swim and Dive

Track & Field

Girls Lacrosse

# EXPERIENCE GARCES

At Garces, you can explore a rich world of academic and extracurricular possibilities while making real connections with a diverse student body. With the school's holistic philosophy, students are empowered to reach their full potential spiritually, academically, and socially. Students gain a sense of belonging through class retreats, service to others, and an active and vibrant faith community. There is no mistaking a Garces student, see for yourself!

## Shadow Days

Shadow Days are a great way for your student to experience a day in the life of a Garces Ram. They will be matched with a current student with similar interests and shadow that host throughout the day. Shadow Days are open to both current 8th graders and high school students interested in transferring to Garces.

## More Admissions Events

Meet current students, coaches, teachers and counselors during these on-campus events. Scan the QR code for more information.



# APPLY

Our application process truly looks at the whole person and not just a test score. That's why Garces opts to use a placement test designed to help us understand the individual student better by examining proficiencies in math, writing, and reading comprehension (the foundation blocks of a college preparatory education) through tests we create and score. Our application process also includes a student essay and a personal meeting with our applicants and their families. This is important to us because we want to get to know the student who is applying to Garces. It's a personalized approach because we value every one of our students.

It is the goal of our admission team to communicate care and attention throughout the entire admissions process. Please reach out if we can be of assistance in any way.

For more information, please call or email our Director of Admissions Jenny Asaro at (661) 327-2578 ext. 160 [jasaro@garces.org](mailto:jasaro@garces.org) or visit our website @ [www.Garces.org](http://www.Garces.org) and head to our admissions page.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

At Garces Memorial High School, we believe that no family should have to choose between a quality education and making ends meet. To achieve this goal, Garces Memorial has developed a truly unique personalized tuition model. Our tuition subsidies are need-based and tailored to each family's income level and their individual circumstances. Garces Memorial does not offer athletic or special achievement scholarships.



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