

IMMACULATE HEART
Illuminate Your Path



High School and Middle School

The Immaculate Heart

*“Nothing can dim
the light that shines
from within.”*

— *Maya Angelou*

Experience

HEARTS AND MINDS

In its spirit and its style, Immaculate Heart combines a well-balanced mixture of the traditional and the innovative; of discipline and freedom; of play and work; of concern for the things of the heart as well as the mind; of a readiness to create and to celebrate. Immaculate Heart challenges young women to develop spiritually and intellectually and to acquire those values and inner resources which characterize mature, loving, productive members of our society. Immaculate Heart defines its task as simple, but it acknowledges the complexities involved in helping young women to think clearly, choose wisely, and achieve self-respect. Its commitment to these goals spans more than 114 years.

Immaculate Heart
has been
educating the
hearts and minds
of young women
since 1906.



Our Mission

Immaculate Heart is a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school dedicated to the education of young women in 6th through 12th grades.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary established the school in 1906 at the corner of Franklin and Western Avenues in the Los Feliz foothills of Los Angeles. Today, more than a century later, Immaculate Heart remains committed to the intellectual vitality, spiritual growth, moral strength, and social-emotional development of its students.

Immaculate Heart fosters academic excellence and creativity in an environment that empowers students to become women of great heart and right conscience. Reflecting its Catholic identity, the school affirms the dignity of each student and, in doing so, has shaped more than 10,000 graduates.

For generations, Immaculate Heart students have distinguished themselves by their intellectual curiosity, compassion, and courage. Students embrace a lifelong commitment to service, leadership, and humanitarian values.

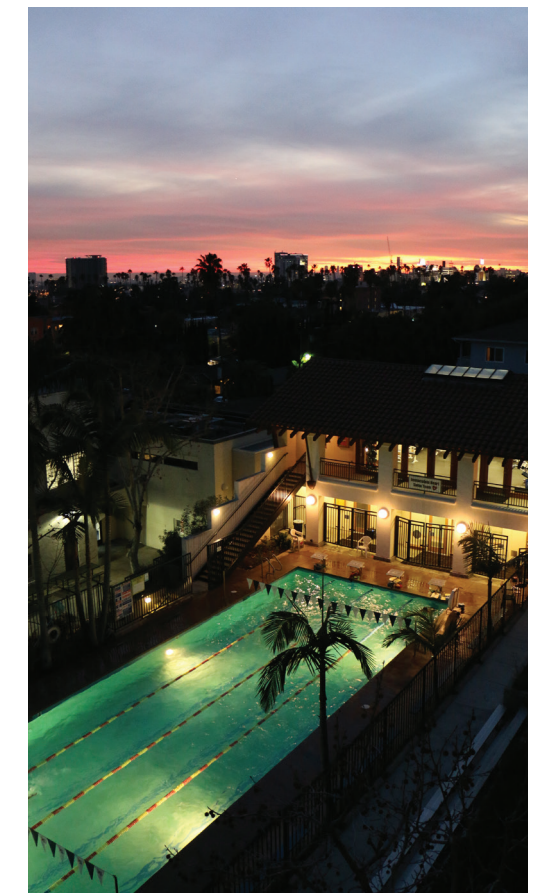


Our Campus

Immaculate Heart's tranquil garden setting in a thriving urban area is conducive to study and enjoyment. Pathways lined with flowering shrubbery lead to the chapel and inspire student reflection. A grassy quad and a cobblestone patio draw students together at lunch and breaks.

Our campus also features:

- A spacious Library Learning Center
- Extensive wireless infrastructure to support the school-wide one-to-one technology program
- Science laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment
- Visual arts studios, including a computer graphics lab
- A versatile auditorium/gymnasium, theatre stage, and dance studio
- An athletic center featuring a weight room and competition-sized pool
- A full-service cafeteria with panoramic city views





STUDENTS

Immaculate Heart attracts highly motivated students with the potential to excel in a challenging academic program. Students come from parochial, private, public and charter schools throughout Los Angeles and surrounding communities. The school is enriched by the ethnic, socio-economic and religious diversity of the students, faculty and staff. While many students are Catholic, young women of all religious faiths are welcome.

ACADEMICS

Students enjoy an exciting and challenging curriculum that inspires a love of learning. Immaculate Heart encourages the motivation and self-discipline necessary for success in college and beyond. The one-to-one device program and wireless campus offer the latest technology to enhance instruction and enrich student learning. Classrooms feature multimedia technology, including document cameras, SMART Boards™ and Smart TVs.



Student Life

FAITH IN ACTION

Immaculate Heart complements its academic program with opportunities for student involvement in leadership, community service, and other co-curricular activities. The school encourages students to pursue their interests, develop their talents, and broaden their perspective of the world through such activities as athletics, speech & debate, journalism, and theatre.



In keeping with the school's mission, students put their faith into action in unique and heartfelt ways. The community service and outreach program fosters a lifelong commitment to Catholic Christian values through the personal discovery of what it means to give of oneself to others. Service projects involve direct personal contact with the underprivileged, the underserved, and the marginalized.

Immaculate Heart develops women of great heart and right conscience.

FACULTY

Faculty members are highly qualified, credentialed specialists in their fields, most with advanced degrees. Easily approachable and enthusiastic, they demonstrate their passion for teaching and their desire to provide the best possible learning experiences for their students.



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Immaculate Heart MIDDLE SCHOOL



A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

The Middle School is dedicated to the intellectual, spiritual, moral and social development of young women in grades six, seven and eight. In partnership with parents, the school encourages students to become women with a deep concern for things of the mind and the heart through leadership, service and Catholic Christian values.

Students receive a strong academic foundation, enabling a successful transition into the college preparatory high school with enthusiasm and confidence. Faculty members specialize in young adolescent education, and a low student-to-teacher ratio ensures students receive the individual attention needed at this pivotal time in their lives.

*“Nothing is a mistake.
There’s no win and no fail.
There’s only make.”*

— Corita

Middle School

Students are challenged in an educational environment that is specifically designed for young girls of middle school age. The comprehensive core curriculum includes academics, the arts, health and physical education. Dedicated administrators and faculty oversee the progress of each student to facilitate academic and personal growth. Instruction is differentiated to meet the needs of each individual and all classes are designed to develop the critical thinking skills necessary to excel in a college-preparatory high school.



STUDENT LIFE

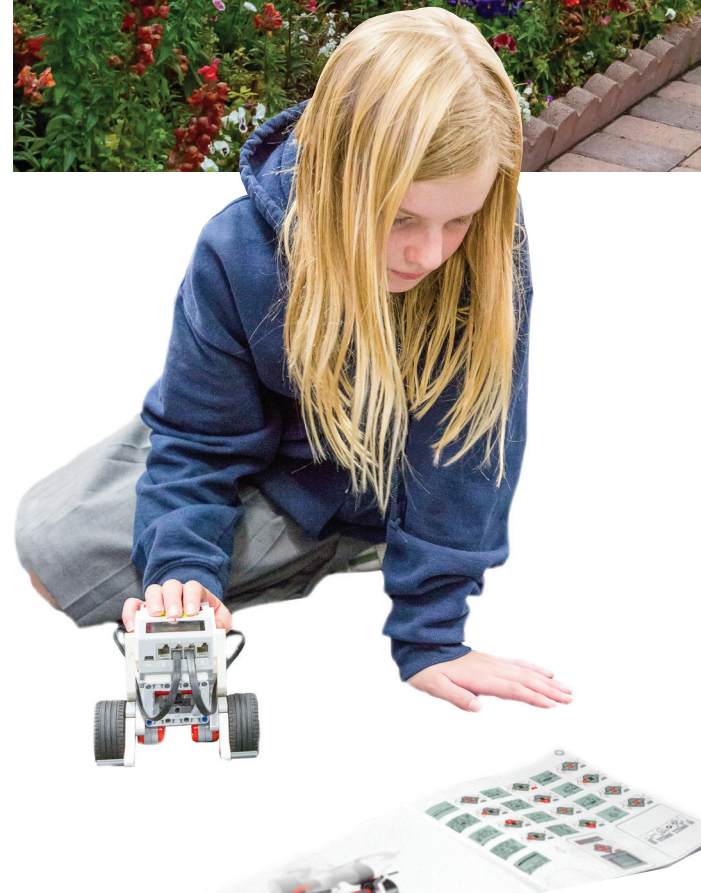
Life outside the classroom is filled with events, activities, assemblies, field trips and celebrations. All are designed to encourage students to identify and to pursue their individual gifts and talents, to sharpen their critical thinking skills, and to broaden their perspective on the world around them.

Extracurricular activities include: California Junior Scholarship Federation, Chorus, Speech & Debate, Mock Trial, *The Heart Beat* – Literary Magazine, *The Panda Press* – Newspaper, Pandas with Purpose - Community Service, Coding, Robotics, Student Council, Theatre Arts, and Yearbook.



“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts.”

— Dalai Lama



CAMPUS MINISTRY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Throughout the year, students participate in liturgies, retreats and prayer services. Students also contribute their time and energy to helping others through our community service program, Pandas with Purpose. With the assistance of faculty members, students organize a variety of community outreach projects. In addition to many other activities, the student body annually hosts a Halloween Carnival and other holiday programs for the young children at a local elementary school.

CURRICULUM

GRADE 6

English Grammar & Writing Mechanics
Literature
Mathematics
Earth Science & STEM Robotics
Ancient History & Geography
Art/Mixed Media
Choral Music & Theory
Fitness, Nutrition & Health
Religion: The Old Testament
Community Service

GRADE 7

English Grammar & Writing Mechanics
Literature
Mathematics: Pre-Algebra
Life Science, Coding & Technology
World History & Geography
Art/Mixed Media
Choral Music & Theory
Fitness, Nutrition & Health
Religious Studies: Experiencing God
Community Service

GRADE 8

English Grammar, Writing & Literature
Spanish I
Mathematics: Algebra I
Physical Science, Coding & Technology
U.S. History & Geography
Art/Mixed Media
Choral Music & Theory
Fitness, Nutrition & Health
Religious Studies: Scripture/Christian Moral Values
Community Service

To enhance the academic experience, all students are issued an iPad and all classrooms are equipped with SMART Board™ technology and document cameras.

Middle School



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

As part of the core curriculum, students enjoy classes in art, choral music and dance. Christmas celebrations, Spirit Week, Spring Showcase Night and Family Heritage Day provide additional opportunities for students to perform for the school community. After school, gifted teaching artists offer a theatre arts program that culminates with two original musical productions.



“I am continually inspired by my classmates and friends. I am much more confident in my future, thanks to Immaculate Heart.”

— Cameron Cornelio, IHMS '15, IHHS '19



ATHLETICS

Young women benefit significantly by participating in sports. The comprehensive athletic program is part of the Delphic League, in which students compete with other private middle schools. Across the years, many of our sports teams have won league championships. Students of all grade levels are encouraged to participate in Cross Country, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track & Field and Volleyball.

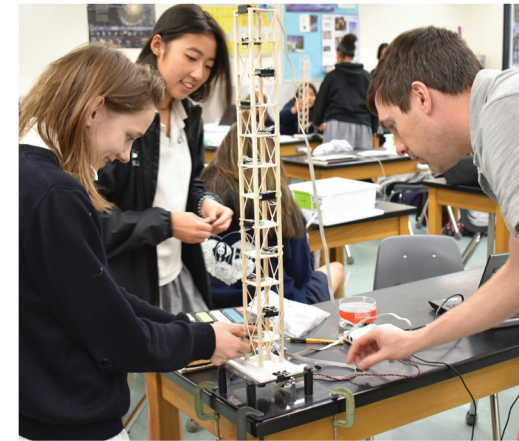
Middle School Traditions

- Welcome Day is a special event to celebrate all new students and to foster community spirit.
- Grade-level retreat days help to develop friendships and build community as students reflect on their relationship with God and with others.
- The IH Family Picnic and the Spring Luncheon are activities sponsored by the Parent Council.
- The IH Walk brings Middle School & High School faculty, students and parents together for this major fundraising effort.
- On Family Heritage Day, students recognize and celebrate their cultural diversity through ethnic dress, music, dance, stories and international foods.
- Big, Middle & Little Sister activities are coordinated by the Student Council and occur throughout the year.
- During the Spring Showcase Night, faculty and parents acknowledge and celebrate the academic and co-curricular successes of students.
- Eighth graders graduate at a formal ceremony in the IH auditorium wearing white caps and gowns and carrying red carnations.



Immaculate Heart HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



The Immaculate Heart High School experience is an exciting four-year journey that develops young women intellectually, spiritually, morally and socially. The school's rigorous academic program and co-curricular activities encourage personal excellence and maximize each student's unique potential.

Today, more than a century after the school's founding and over 10,000 graduates later, virtually 100 percent of Immaculate Heart's students matriculate to college, including to the most prestigious universities in the country. Many receive significant academic scholarships. All are prepared to make a difference in the world.

*“Let us continue to wonder
about the purpose and
meaning of everything.”*

— Pope Francis

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CURRICULUM

AP COURSES

AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus
AP Chemistry
AP Computer Science Principles
AP English Language
AP English Literature
AP European History
AP French
AP Physics
AP Capstone: Research
AP Capstone: Seminar
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art
AP U.S. Government
AP U.S. History

HONORS COURSES

Honors Algebra II with Trigonometry
Honors American Literature
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors English I
Honors French II
Honors French III
Honors Geometry
Honors Pre-Calculus
Honors Spanish II
Honors Spanish II for Speakers
Honors Spanish III

Honors Spanish III for Speakers
Honors World Civilizations I

SAMPLE ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications
Advanced Fitness
Advanced Topics in Computer Science
Art Photography
Chorus
Creative Writing
Engineer Your World
Ethnic Women Writers
Graphic Arts
Illustration
Introduction to Directing
Introduction to the Visual Arts
Journalism
L.A. Noir: Studies in Mystery Fiction
Marine Biology
Musical Theater
Physics
Physiology
Printmaking
Psychology
Religions of the World
Shakespeare
Stage Management
Statistics & Probability
Studio Art
Supreme Court
Yoga

High School

Immaculate Heart offers college preparatory coursework with graduation requirements that exceed the criteria for admission to the University of California system. The core curriculum includes English, foreign language, mathematics, physical education, science, social studies, theology and visual/performing arts.



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University
Bard College
Boston College
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
California State University, All Campuses
Carnegie Mellon University
Claremont McKenna College
Columbia University
Cornell University
DePaul University
Emerson College
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Harvey Mudd College
Howard University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Macalester College
Marquette University
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke University
Mount Saint Mary's University

New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Reed College
Rhode Island School of Design
Saint Mary's College of California
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Smith College
Stanford University
Seattle University
Syracuse University
The Catholic University of America
The George Washington University
Tufts University
University of California, All Campuses
University of Chicago
University of Oregon
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
Vassar College
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Whitman College
Yale University

Visit Immaculate Heart's website to view additional college and university acceptances: www.immaculateheart.org



ACADEMIC COUNSELING

Ongoing college preparation begins in the freshman year under the guidance of grade-level counselors who provide services in academic, personal, career and college counseling. Counselors work as a team, in collaboration with parents and teachers, to help each student achieve her potential. College counselors provide resources for students and parents for the college search and application process.

High School



STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP

The school encourages students to participate in opportunities that develop their leadership abilities, interests and talents, including through the Associated Student Body and class and club boards. The school networks with local private schools to promote social activities, including dances and club mixers. Students also interact with other schools through theatre productions, sports and service projects.

“Immaculate Heart has not only helped foster my academic growth, but also my personal growth.”

— Kiley Beaart, IHHS '20



MINISTRY, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Student leaders address the spiritual and religious needs of the school community through an active student organization. Students coordinate liturgical celebrations, retreats and service projects for students, faculty and staff. All students volunteer in their communities through required annual service hours.



STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

- Amnesty International
- Asian Heritage Association
- The Bamboo Newspaper
- Black Student Association
- Board Game Club
- Book Club
- California Scholarship Federation
- Choir
- Culinary Club
- Dance Team
- DECA (marketing/business)
- Earth Club
- Fashion Club
- Feminist Club
- Film Society
- Garden/Rock Painting
- Genesians Drama Club
- Girls' Athletic Association
- IH Hillel
- History Bowl
- LGBTQ
- Math & Science Club
- Meditation & Mindfulness
- Ministry Team
- Mock Trial Team
- Political Science Club
- Pop Culture Association
- Pre-Med Club
- Psych Club
- Robotics Team
- Science Bowl
- Scribblers/The Scribbler Magazine
- Spanish Club
- Speech & Debate Team
- String Theory (Knitting)



High School

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Students showcase mixed media projects at the annual art show. Dance and choral performances are held each semester, and students serve as cast and crew in two major theatrical productions annually. Students also participate in band, choir and dance during liturgies and other special events.



“Immaculate Heart has helped me look at the world from more perspectives and lenses than I ever had before. It has also helped me recognize and understand how I can impact and change the world around me.”

— Grace Egbe, IHHS '19

ATHLETICS

One third of the students participate in team sports, and more than 60 percent of those are scholar athletes with 3.5 or higher grade point averages. As a member of the Los Angeles Athletic Association under the California Interscholastic Federation and the Catholic Athletic Association, the school fields teams in:

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Diving
- Equestrian
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball



PANDAS EXPLORE ENRICHMENT TRIPS

- Close Up® trip to Washington, D.C.
- International Summer Travel — trips to Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Europe, Galapagos Islands and Japan.
- College Tours

High School



Traditions

- Welcome Day launches the school year as a special way to celebrate all new students and faculty.
- The Family Picnic in the fall and the Spring Luncheon are sponsored by the Parent Council.
- The IH Walk brings faculty, students and parents together for this major fundraising effort.
- The annual Ring Ceremony features a liturgical celebration at which juniors receive their class rings.
- Mary's Day celebrates the school's patroness in a themed liturgy and program held each spring.
- On Class Day, students bid farewell to their senior sisters, and major senior awards and accomplishments are acknowledged.
- The Baccalaureate liturgy and reception brings seniors and their parents together before graduation.
- Graduating seniors wear white and carry red roses in formal commencement ceremonies at the Hollywood Bowl.

School Colors: Blue & White
Mascot: The Panda
Symbol: The Heart



IMMACULATE HEART

strives to help each student to become:

A Woman of Faith

who recognizes the value of her personal relationship with God; who actively works for peace, justice and the dignity of every person; who understands the essential teachings of the Catholic faith.

A Woman of Character

who has an informed conscience that empowers her to make good moral and ethical decisions; who respects herself and her unique potential for contributing to her own well-being and that of others; who views courtesy and respect for all as essential characteristics of a caring community; who shows that she values her physical and mental health by making wise personal choices.

A Well-Educated Woman

who demonstrates an appreciation of, and competence in, the humanities, the arts and the sciences; who is committed to lifelong learning and intellectual growth; who is a critical thinker, able to employ higher order thinking skills and problem-solving strategies productively; who is an effective communicator, capable of articulating an idea or position with insight and clarity in both oral and written expression.

A Woman of Service

who takes responsibility for the well-being of the global community and the world's natural resources; who is actively involved in service to others, and exercises leadership while sharing her own unique gifts and talents; who respects, appreciates and participates in the democratic process.



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