



THE NAZARETH SCHOOLS HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR HISTORY

- 1854 Four Sisters of St. Joseph arrive in Canandaigua, New York.
- 1868 Diocese of Rochester is founded with Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid as first Bishop.
- 1871 Nazareth Academy is founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph under the leadership of Mother Stanislaus Leary, founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, on the corner of Jay and Plymouth (formerly Frank) grades 2-10.
- 1877 First high school commencement, June 21—one graduate, Miss Jane Leary.
- 1882 Sr. Marcella Regan appointed directress of Nazareth Academy until 1940.
- 1884 Nazareth Hall opened as a private boarding school for boys in the former Pritchard Mansion on Lake Avenue.
- 1890 Commercial Department added to Nazareth Academy program.
+Orchestra started at Nazareth Academy.
- 1891 Nazareth Academy awarded New York State Charter by the Board of Regents.
- 1908 In January, Nazareth Hall building on Raines Park and Alameda Street opened.
+Nazareth Hall opened to both boarding and day students.
+First graduation from Nazareth Hall.
+Sr. Aquinas Doyle is principal of Nazareth Hall until 1938.
+High School program added at Nazareth Hall until 1920.
- 1914 Wing added to Nazareth Hall; gymnasium built.
- 1916 Nazareth Academy moves to a new building at 1001 Lake Avenue (former Doud-Purcell Estate).
+Boarders were housed at Jay Street until 1920 after which they were housed at St. Agnes Institute.
+Nazareth students made sweaters, socks, helmets, and blanket squares for the war effort.
- 1924 Nazareth College opens on the grounds of Nazareth Academy.
- 1931 Perosian Choir begins under direction of Sr. Irmina who had studied in Rome under Monsignor Perosi.
- 1935 Home Economics Department opens at Nazareth Academy.
- 1939 An annex, including a gymnasium, classrooms, and rooms for choral and instrumental music is built at Nazareth Academy.
- 1941 Nazareth students participate in defensive activities through the Junior Red Cross and Nazareth Academy Victory Corps through 1945.
- 1945 Nazareth Academy receives Citation for Distinguished Service from the United States Treasury Department.
- 1946 Nazareth Academy registration reaches over 1,200 students.





- 1952 Nazareth Hall is organized as a Cadet School.
- 1955 Boarding of residents at Nazareth Hall is discontinued.
- 1961 Nazareth Academy registration peaks at 1,500.
- 1964 New gymnasium and auditorium is dedicated at Nazareth Hall.
- 1969 Nazareth Academy receives accreditation from Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.
- 1972 Nazareth Hall becomes co-educational and adopts an early education program.
- 1985 Nazareth Academy begins Dance program.
- 1989 Nazareth Hall Seventh and Eighth Graders move to Nazareth Academy campus on Lake Avenue.
- 1992 Academy Hall and Nazareth Academy consolidate as The Nazareth Schools.
+Community service becomes a requirement for graduation at Nazareth Academy.
+ASCENT (a pre-engineering course) begins at Nazareth Academy.
+Block scheduling initiated at the Academy.
+Sister Ann Collins, SSJ, becomes the first President of Nazareth Schools through 2008.
- 1996 Nazareth Schools receives accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.
- 2000 Nazareth Schools are “wired” for the 21st Century—the Internet has arrived.
- 2002 Restructuring of Administration of Nazareth School Pre-K—Grade 12.
- 2009 Sr. Patricia E. Carroll, SSJ '62, becomes President of Nazareth Schools.
- 2010 Nazareth Academy and Nazareth Middle School close. Nazareth Hall, Pre-K—Grade 6, moves to Nazareth’s Lake Ave campus. The name changes to Nazareth Elementary. A closer collaboration begins with The Aquinas Institute.
- 2015 Education Success Network buys the Lake Avenue campus with goal of leasing to charter schools.
- 2017 The Sisters of St. Joseph Leadership Team moves Nazareth Elementary to the former Sacred Heart Cathedral School. The school is a tenant renting the building from Sacred Heart Parish.

