



Inspiring Growth in Knowledge and Faith

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Co-educational College Preparatory High School
Sponsors: Joliet Franciscan Sisters and the Carmelites

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2016-2017

Joliet Catholic Academy is a Roman Catholic college preparatory co-educational high school co-sponsored by the Joliet Franciscan Sisters and the Carmelites of the Most Pure Heart of Mary. With an enrollment of nearly 700 students and a student-teacher ratio of 15:1, personal and individualized attention is afforded to students. Currently, Joliet Catholic Academy has graduated over 22,800 alumni in the United States and abroad.

MISSION

Inspiring Growth in Knowledge and Faith, the Joliet Catholic Academy family creates an environment that cultivates opportunities for academic excellence, meaningful service, Christian respect, and Catholic values in the traditions of the Carmelites and Franciscans.

ACCREDITATION

Joliet Catholic Academy is accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education, and AdvancED, a national accreditation program, accreditation divisions NCA CASI and SACS CAS.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

The average class size is 23 students. Student-to-faculty ratio is 15:1. Employs 97 of which 50 are educational staff members. Fifty percent of the faculty hold a Master Degree or higher.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is 665 students: 165 seniors, 175 juniors, 156 sophomores, 169 freshmen. Fifty-four percent of the student body are male and forty-six percent are female. Students come from the Joliet community and surrounding areas. 78% of students are Caucasian; 10% Hispanic; 5% African American, 5% Asian, and 2% Other. 85% of the student body are Catholic; 15% have other religious affiliations.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

JCA is a fully accredited college preparatory high school offering a challenging curriculum that prepares students for continued education and life. Depending on the strengths of the student, he/she can be placed in classes throughout the three-tier program to best meet their needs: Honors/ Accelerated Program, Upper College Prep, or College Prep.

Students must earn 25 credits to be eligible to receive a JCA diploma. Twenty-two credits must be earned through required coursework. The balance (3 credits) are earned by completing elective courses.

- 4 years of Theology
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 2 years of Foreign Language (*or 2 year sequence in Fine Arts or Reading*)
- 1 year of Physical Education
- 1 semester of Computer Applications
- 1 semester of Health
- 1 semester of Visual Arts
- 1 semester of Performing Arts
- 3 credits from Electives
- Minimum of 60 hours of Christian Service

STUDENT SERVICES

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ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL YEAR

JCA operates on a semester system, ending in December and May. The school day begins at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m. Most students carry 7 classes in their academic load.

CURRICULUM AND SPECIAL COURSES

Three levels of study are offered in academic subjects for most courses: Accelerated/Honors, Upper College Prep, and College Prep. Advanced Placement (AP) offerings provide a fourth alternative for upperclassmen. Students may work at different levels in different subjects.

An Honors Diploma requires a student to complete a sequence of 17 Honors/AP courses with no more than one grade of C per semester in any course. A sequence of 20 Honors courses and 13 AP courses are offered. AP courses include:

AP Biology	AP Micro Economics
AP Calculus AB	AP Physics I
AP Chemistry	AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP English Literature and Composition	AP Statistics
AP English III	AP US Government and Politics
AP European History	AP US History
AP French	

JCA typically does not allow underclassmen to take AP classes. Students who enroll in AP courses at JCA are not required to take the AP exam in May.

JCA Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, and Psychology II are dual credit courses with Joliet Junior College.

Student enrollment in Honors and AP classes is based on 8th grade placement exam results, academic performance, and teacher recommendation. **LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE AP STATUS WITHOUT PLACEMENT IN HONORS CLASSES.**

JCA's Academic Resource Center specifically targets students in need of special academic assistance.

Eighth grade students can get a head start on JCA coursework by enrolling in Biology and Algebra courses. Eighth grade candidates must be approved.

Class of 2016 Test Information

- 155 students took the ACT
- 22.96 ACT Mean for the class
- 29.0 ACT Mean for Honors Program students
- 26.5 ACT Mean score for top 50% of class
- Middle 50% Range: 19 - 27

ADVANCEMENT PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

Year	Number of Exams	Scored 3 or higher
2016	119	66%
2015	107	68%
2014	98	69%
2013	98	68%

WEIGHTED GPA

JCA calculates a student's GPA, depending on course level, according to the grade scale below. The semester grades of all courses on the transcript are used to calculate GPA. **Effective with the Class of 2014, JCA no longer ranks students.**

	SCALE	AP	HONORS	UCP	CP
A+	100-99	5.75	5.25	4.75	4.25
A	98-94	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00
A-	93-92	5.25	4.75	4.25	3.75
B+	91-90	4.75	4.25	3.75	3.25
B	89-86	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
B-	85-84	4.25	3.75	3.25	2.75
C+	83-82	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.25
C	81-78	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00
C-	77-76	3.25	2.75	2.25	1.75
D+	75-74	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
D	73-72	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-	71-70	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
F	69 or less	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Class of 2016	Low	Median	Mean	High
Adjusted (Weighted)	1.52	3.71	3.66	4.82
Simple*	1.37	3.16	3.11	3.97

Class of 2017 (end of 6th semester)

Adjusted (Weighted)	1.93	3.83	3.70	4.94
Simple*	1.72	3.24	3.15	4.10

*Simple GPA is on a 4.25 scale

STUDENT LIFE

- Over 60 clubs and athletic teams
- 74% of the JCA student body participates in at least one sport
- 93% of the JCA student body participates in extracurricular activities
- JCA has a mandatory-random drug testing program

CLASS OF 2016 ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Class of 2016 graduated 161 students.
- The Class of 2016 is attending 74 colleges and universities in 14 states.
- 98% attending the college/university of their choice
 - Four-year college or university - 78%
 - Two-year college - 19%
 - Vocational school/military/work force - 2%
- Over \$14.9 million was offered in scholarship funds
- 25 Illinois State Scholars

ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 1990

- 730 Illinois State Scholars
- 5 National Merit Scholars
- 7 National Merit Corporate Scholarship Winners
- 12 National Merit Finalists
- 13 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- 62 National Merit Commended Students
- 1 National Merit Hispanic Finalist
- 1 National Merit Hispanic Recognition Scholar
- 43 Illinois Merit Finalists
- 18 National Merit Recognition Scholars
- 3 National Merit Achievement Finalists
- 4 National Merit Achievement Commended Students
- 12 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 39 AP Scholars with Honors
- 61 AP Scholars

2016-2017 CURRICULUM GUIDE

ENGLISH

AP English III - H
AP English IV - H
English I - A/U/C
English II - H/U/C
English III - H/U/C
English IV - H/U/C
Journalism / Newspaper - U
Journalism / Yearbook - U
Literature of the Holocaust - U
Reading I
Reading II
The Short Story - U

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

AP French V - H
AP Spanish V - H
French I - U
French II - U
French III - H
French IV - H
Latin I - U
Latin II - U
Latin III - H
Latin IV - H
Spanish I - U
Spanish I - C
Spanish II - U
Spanish II - C
Spanish III - H
Spanish IV - H

MATH

Algebra I - A/U/C
Algebra I, Part A - C
Algebra I, Part B - C
Algebra II/Trigonometry - H
Algebra II - H/U/C
Algebra III - C
AP Calculus - H
AP Statistics - H
Calculus - H
Geometry - H/U/C
Pre-Calculus - H/A/U
Statistics - H/U

SCIENCE

Anatomy and Physiology - U
AP Biology - H
AP Chemistry - H
AP Physics - H
Biology - A/U/C
Chemistry - H/U
Earth and Space Science - U
Human Biology - U
Physics - H/U/C

SOCIAL STUDIES/BUSINESS

AP European History - H
AP Micro Economics - H
AP US Government and Politics - H
AP US History - H
Economics - H/U/C
International Relations - U
Introduction to Sociology - U
Introduction to Psychology - U
Psychology II - U
US Government - H/U/C
US History - H/U/C
World History - A/U/C
Accounting I - U
General Business - U
Business Law - U
Marketing - U

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Applications - U
Computer Applications II - U
Multimedia Design - U

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

Physical Education Fr/So - U
Physical Education Jr/Sr - U
Strength Training - U
First Aid - U
Health - U

THEOLOGY

Theology I - U
Theology II - U
Theology III - U
Theology IV - U

Study Skills

Study Skills 1
Study Skills 2
Study Skills 3
Study Skills 4

PERFORMING ARTS

Music Appreciation - U
World Music - U
Beginning Handbells - U
Intermediate Handbells - U
Advanced Handbells - U
Vocal Skills Singing Class - U
Music Theory - U
Theatre Arts - U
Tapestry - U
Guitar - U
Band - U

VISUAL ARTS

2-D Design - U
3-D Design - U
Computer Design - U
Drawing II - U
Drawing and Painting - U
Graphic Design - U
Jewelry/Weaving I - U
Jewelry/Weaving II - U
Jewelry/Weaving III - U
Pottery Design I - U
Pottery Design II - U
Pottery Design III - U
Studio Art - H

DUAL CREDIT

Calculus - H
Pre-Calculus - H/A/U
Psychology II - U
Statistics - H/U

COURSE KEY

H - Honors
A - Accelerated
U - Upper College Prep
C - College Prep

College Matriculation in the Past Five Years

Amherst College	College of the Holy Cross	Robert Morris Univ.	University of Notre Dame
Aquinas College	Hope College	Roosevelt University	University of Pittsburgh
Arizona State University	Illinois College	Saint John's University	University of Redlands
Augustana College	Illinois State University	Saint Joseph College	University of Saint Francis
Augustana University	Illinois Wesleyan Univ.	Saint Louis University	University of San Diego
Aurora University	Indiana University	Saint Mary's College	University of South Alabama
Ball State University	Iowa State University	Saint Mary's Univ., MN	University of Southern California
Baylor University	Iowa Wesleyan College	Saint Xavier University	University of Southern Indiana
Bemidji State University	Ithaca College	Salve Regina University	University of St. Francis
Benedictine College	Joliet Junior College	Sam Houston State University	University of Tampa
Benedictine University	Kent State University	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Bethany Lutheran	Knox College	Southeast Missouri State University	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Boston College	Lake Erie College	Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale	University of Wisconsin, Osh Kosh
Bowling Green State University	Lake Forest College	Southern Illinois Univ., Edwardsville	University of Wisconsin, Platteville
Bradley University	Lander University	St. Ambrose University	University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
Bryant University	Lawrence University	St. Norbert College	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Butler University	Lewis University	St. Thomas University	University of Wyoming
Carroll University (WI)	Lincoln College	Stanford University	Upper Iowa University
Carthage College	Loras College	Taylor University	Valparaiso University
Central Michigan Univ.	Louisiana State Univ.	The Ohio State Univ.	Vanderbilt University
Clemson University	Loyola Marymount University	Trinity Christian College	Villanova University
Coe College	Loyola University, Chicago	Truman State University	Walsh University
Colorado State Univ.	Manhattan College	Tulane University	Washington University, St. Louis
Columbia College, Chicago	Marian University	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	Webster University
Colorado School of Mines	Marquette University	University of Alabama	Western Illinois Univ.
Concordia University	McKendree University	University of Arizona	Western Kentucky Univ.
Converse College	Miami University	University of Arkansas	Western Michigan Univ.
Creighton University	Michigan State Univ.	University of California, Santa Barbara	Wheelock College
Culver-Stockton College	Michigan Technological University	University of Chicago	William Woods Univ.
DePaul University	Millikin University	University of Colorado	Xavier University
Dominican University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Dayton	
College of DuPage	Missouri State Univ.	University of Denver	
Earlham College	New York University	University of DuBuque	
East Tennessee State University	North Central College	University of Evansville	
Eastern Illinois Univ.	Northeastern University	University of Findlay	
Eureka College	Northern Illinois Univ.	University of Illinois, Chicago	
Fairmont State Univ.	Northern Michigan University	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	
FIDM, Los Angeles	Northwest Missouri State University	University of Iowa	
Ferris State University	Northwestern Univ.	University of Kentucky	
Flagler College	Oklahoma State University	University of Miami	
Florida State University	Olivet Nazarene University	University of Minnesota	
Fontbonne University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Mississippi	
Franciscan University	Parkland College	University of Missouri	
Grace College	Purdue University	University of New Mexico	
Grand Valley State University	Purdue University NW	University of North Dakota	
Grand View University	Quincy University		
Hampton University			
Hillsdale College			
Hobart and William Smith College			