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*Inspiring Growth in  
 Knowledge and Faith*

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

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

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 650 students and a student-teacher ratio of 13:1, personal and individualized attention is afforded to students. Currently, Joliet Catholic Academy has graduated over 23,000 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 21 students. Student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1. Employs 97 of which 50 are educational staff members. Fifty percent of the faculty hold a Master Degree or higher.

### ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is 629 students: 167 seniors, 152 juniors, 165 sophomores, 145 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. 76% of students are Caucasian; 10% Hispanic; 5% African American, 5% Asian, and 4% Other. 84.5% of the student body are Catholic; 15.5% 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 World 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 2017 Test Information

- 158 students took the ACT
- 24.2 ACT Mean for the class
- 30.04 ACT Mean for Honors Program students
- 27.33 ACT Mean score for top 50% of class
- Middle 50% Range: 21 - 28

## ADVANCEMENT PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

Year	Number of Exams	Scored 3 or higher
2017	156	68%
2016	119	66%
2015	107	68%
2014	98	69%

## 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

## GPA DISTRIBUTION

	Mean	Deciles				
		1	2	3	4	5
Class of 2017	3.77	4.99-4.6	4.57-4.43	4.41-4.26	4.25-4.08	4.02-3.90
Class of 2018 (6th Semester)	3.84	4.96-4.6	4.72-4.43	4.42-4.32	4.31-4.11	4.10-3.91

\* Simple GPA printed on transcript 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 2017 ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Class of 2017 graduated 161 students.
- The Class of 2017 is attending 68 colleges and universities in 19 states.
- 97% attending the college/university of their choice
  - Four-year college or university - 78%
  - Two-year college - 19%
  - Vocational school/military/work force - 2%
- Over \$15.0 million was offered in scholarship funds
- 27 Illinois State Scholars
- 2 National Merit Commended Students

## ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 1990

- 5 National Merit Scholars
- 7 National Merit Corporate Scholarship Winners
- 12 National Merit Finalists
- 13 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- 64 National Merit Commended Students
- 2 National Merit Hispanic Recognition Scholar
- 8 National Achievement Scholars
- 757 Illinois State Scholars
- 15 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 43 AP Scholars with Honors
- 74 AP Scholars

# 2017-2018 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

## WORLD LANGUAGE

AP French V - H  
AP Spanish V - H  
ESL - U  
French I - U  
French II - U  
French III - H  
French IV - 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  
Robotics and Engineering I - U

## 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  
Computer Science 101 - 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

## Study Skills

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

## THEOLOGY

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

## 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  
Sculpture - U  
Digital Photography and Editing - U  
Drawing II - U  
Drawing and Painting - U  
Graphic Design - U  
Metalsmithing/Fiber Arts I - U  
Metalsmithing/Fiber Arts II - U  
Metalsmithing/Fiber Arts 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	Quincy University	University of New Mexico
Aquinas College	Hope College	Robert Morris Univ.	University of North Dakota
Arizona State University	Illinois College	Roosevelt University	University of Notre Dame
Augustana College	Illinois Inst. Of Art	Saint John's University	University of Pittsburgh
Augustana University	Illinois Inst. Technology	Saint Joseph College	University of Redlands
Aurora University	Illinois State University	Saint Louis University	University of San Diego
Ball State University	Illinois Wesleyan Univ.	Saint Mary's College	University of South Alabama
Baylor University	Indiana University	Saint Mary's Univ., MN	University of Southern California
Bemidji State University	IU, South Bend	Saint Xavier University	University of Southern Indiana
Benedictine College	Iowa State University	Salve Regina University	University of St. Francis
Benedictine University	Iowa Wesleyan College	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	University of Tampa
Bethany Lutheran	Iowa Western C.C.	Southeast Missouri State University	University of Tennessee
Boston College	Joliet Junior College	Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Bowling Green State University	Kent State University	Southern Illinois Univ., Edwardsville	University of Wisconsin, Osh Kosh
Bradley University	Knox College	Southern Methodist University	University of Wisconsin, Platteville
Butler University	Lake Erie College	St. Ambrose University	University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
Carroll University (WI)	Lake Forest College	St. Edward's University	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Carthage College	Lander University	St. Norbert College	Valparaiso University
Central Michigan Univ.	Lawrence University	St. Thomas University	Vanderbilt University
Clarke University	Lewis University	Stanford University	Villanova University
Clemson University	Lindenwood University	The Ohio State Univ.	Walsh University
Coe College	Loras College	Trinity Christian College	Washington University, St. Louis
Colorado School of Mines	Louisiana State Univ.	Truman State University	Webster University
Colorado State Univ.	Loyola Univ., Chicago	Tulane University	Western Illinois Univ.
Columbia College, Chicago	Marian University	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	Western Kentucky Univ.
Concordia University	Marquette University	University of Alabama	Western Michigan Univ.
Converse College	Maryville University	University of Arizona	Wheelock College
Cornell College	McKendree University	University of Arkansas	William Woods Univ.
Creighton University	Miami University	University of California, Santa Barbara	Xavier University
Culver-Stockton College	Michigan State Univ.	University of Chicago	
DePaul University	Michigan Technological University	University of Colorado	
Dominican University	Millikin University	University of Dayton	
Drake University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Denver	
Drexel University	Missouri State Univ.	University of DuBuque	
College of DuPage	Moraine Valley C.C.	University of Findlay	
Earlham College	Mt. Mercy University	University of Illinois, Chicago	
Eastern Illinois Univ.	New York University	University of Illinois, Springfield	
Elmhurst College	North Central College	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	
Eureka College	Northeastern University	University of Iowa	
Fairmont State Univ.	Northern Illinois Univ.	University of Kansas	
FIDM, Los Angeles	Northern Michigan Univ.	University of Kentucky	
Ferris State University	Northwest Missouri State University	University of Miami	
Florida State University	Northwestern Univ.	University of Mississippi	
Fontbonne University	Oberlin College Arts & Sciences	University of Missouri	
Franciscan University	Oklahoma State Univ.	University of Nebraska	
Grand Canyon Univ.	Palm Beach Atlantic University		
Grand Valley State Univ.	Parkland College		
Grand View University	Pepperdine University		
Hampton University	Purdue University		
Heartland C.C.	Purdue University NW		
Hillsdale College			
Hobart and William Smith College			