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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 2018-2019

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 645 students and a student-teacher ratio of 13:1, personal and individualized attention is afforded to students. Currently, Joliet Catholic Academy has graduated over 23,100 alumni in the United States and abroad.

MISSION

Inspiring Growth in Knowledge and Faith since 1869, 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 2018-2019 school year is 615 students: 152 seniors, 155 juniors, 141 sophomores, 167 freshmen, and 30 eighth graders taking Math/Science. Fifty-five percent of the student body are male and forty-five percent are female. Students come from the Joliet community and surrounding areas. 78% Caucasian; 10% Hispanic; 5% African American, 5% Asian, and 2% Other. 84.7% of the student body are Catholic; 15.3% 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

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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 14 AP courses are offered. AP courses include:

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

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 2018 Test Information

- 160 students took the ACT
- 24.4 ACT Mean for the class
- 30.03 ACT Mean for Honors Program students
- 27.1 ACT Mean score for top 50% of class
- Middle 50% Range: 21 - 27

ADVANCEMENT PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

Year	Number of Exams	Scored 3 or higher
2018	167	70%
2017	156	68%
2016	119	66%
2015	107	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

GPA DISTRIBUTION

	Mean	Deciles				
		1	2	3	4	5
Class of 2018	3.85	5.06-4.75	4.74-4.43	4.42-4.28	4.27-4.09	4.08-3.91
Class of 2019 (6th Semester)	3.88	5.05-4.67	4.66-4.50	4.49-4.29	4.28-4.07	4.06-3.89

* 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 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Class of 2018 graduated 161 students.
- The Class of 2018 is attending 69 colleges and universities in 25 states.
- 98% attending the college/university of their choice
 - Four-year college or university - 79%
 - Two-year college - 19%
 - Vocational school/military/work force - 2%
- Over \$12.0 million was offered in scholarship funds
- 31 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
- 66 National Merit Commended Students
- 2 National Merit Hispanic Recognition Scholar
- 8 National Achievement Scholars
- 788 Illinois State Scholars
- 21 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 50 AP Scholars with Honors
- 87 AP Scholars

2018-2019 CURRICULUM GUIDE

ENGLISH

AP English Language and Composition - H
AP English Literature and Composition - 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

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

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

WORLD LANGUAGE

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

SOCIAL STUDIES/BUSINESS

AP European History - H
AP Micro Economics - H
AP US Government and Politics - H
AP US History - H
Current Issues - U
Economics - H/U/C
History of Illinois - U
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

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

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 A/B - H
AP Statistics - H
Calculus - H
Geometry - H/U/C
Pre-Calculus - H/A/U
Statistics - H/U

COMPUTER SCIENCE

AP Computer Science - H
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

THEOLOGY

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

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	Grand View University	Northwestern University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Arizona State University	Hampton University	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	University of Chicago
Auburn University	Heartland Comm. College	Oklahoma State University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Augustana College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Dayton
Augustana University (SD)	Hocking College	Pepperdine University	University of Dubuque
Aurora University	Hope College	Pittsburg State University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Ball State University	Illinois College	Purdue University	University of Illinois at Springfield
Baylor University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Purdue University Northwest	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Belmont University	Illinois State University	Quincy University	University of Kansas
Benedictine College	Illinois Wesleyan University	Rasmussen College	University of Kentucky
Benedictine University (IL)	Indiana University at Bloomington	Robert Morris University Illinois	University of Louisville
Bethany Lutheran College	Indiana University, South Bend	Roosevelt University	University of Miami
Boston College	Iowa State University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Mississippi
Bowling Green State University	Iowa Western Community College	Saint John's University (MN)	University of Missouri
Bradley University	Joliet Junior College	Saint Joseph's College (IN)	Columbia
Bryant University	Kansas State University	Saint Louis University	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Butler University	Knox College	Saint Mary's College	University of New Mexico
Carroll University (WI)	La Salle University	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	University of North Dakota
Carthage College	Lake Forest College	Saint Xavier University	University of Notre Dame
Central Michigan University	Lander University	Salve Regina University	University of Pittsburgh
Chicago State University	Lawrence University	Southeast Community College, Milford	University of Redlands
Clarke University	Lewis University	Southeast Missouri State University	University of San Diego
Clemson University	Lindenwood University	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	University of South Alabama
Coastal Carolina University	Loras College	Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville	University of Southern Indiana
College of DuPage	Louisiana State University	Southern Methodist University	University of St. Francis
Colorado School of Mines	Loyola University Chicago	St. Ambrose University	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Colorado State University	Manchester University	St. Catherine University - St. Paul	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Columbia College Chicago	Marian University	St. Edward's University	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Concordia University Chicago	Marquette University	St. Louis College of Pharmacy	University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Converse College	Maryville University	Stanford University	University of Wisconsin, Platteville
Cornell College	McKendree University	Stony Brook University	University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
Creighton University	Miami University, Oxford	SUNY Fredonia	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Culver-Stockton College	Michigan State University	The Illinois Institute of Art	Valparaiso University
DAVE School	Michigan Technological University	The Ohio State University	Vanderbilt University
DePaul University	Millikin University	The University of Alabama	Villanova University
DeVry University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	The University of Arizona	Walsh University
Dominican University	Missouri State University	The University of Iowa	Webster University
Drake University	Montana State University, Bozeman	The University of Tampa	Western Illinois University
Drexel University	Moraine Valley Community College	Trinity Christian College	Western Kentucky University
Eastern Illinois University	Mount Mercy University	Trinity University	Western Michigan University
Elmhurst College	New Mexico Military Institute	Truman State University	Wheelock College
Eureka College	New York University	United States Coast Guard Academy	William Rainey Harper College
Fairmont State University	North Central College	University of Arkansas	William Woods University
Fashion Institute of Technology	Northern Illinois University		Xavier University
Ferris State University	Northern Michigan University		
Florida Southwestern State College	Northern Michigan University		
Florida State University	Northwestern Michigan College		
Fordham University			
Franciscan University of Steubenville			
Georgia Southern University			
Golden West College			
Grand Canyon University			
Grand Valley St. University			