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 623 students and a student-teacher ratio of 12:1, personal and individualized attention is afforded to students. Currently, Joliet Catholic Academy has graduated over 23,450 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 12:1. Employs 90 of which 47 are educational staff members. 53% percent of the faculty hold a Master Degree or higher.

ENROLLMENT
Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is 600 high school students: 139 seniors, 149 juniors, 167 sophomores, 145 freshmen, 23 8th graders taking Math/Science. 52% percent of the student body are male and 48% percent are female. Students come from the Joliet community and surrounding areas. 76% of students are Caucasian; 11% Hispanic; 9% African American, 4% Asian, and 1% Other. 83% of the student body are Catholic; 17% 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: Accelerated Program/Honors, 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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GRADING AND RANKING
All courses taken in grades 9-12 (8-12 for students enrolled in our 8th-grade Biology and Algebra 1 program) are included in the cumulative GPA. All AP courses, Honors courses, and UCP courses are weighted. Joliet Catholic Academy does not calculate class rank. Please refer to the Cumulative GPA Distribution Chart below. The Adjusted GPA printed on the transcript is a cumulative weighted GPA, and the Simple GPA printed on the transcript is a cumulative GPA on a 4.25 scale (A+=4.25). The grading scale is rigorous and is presented with quality points for weighting in the following chart.

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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 23 Honors courses and 14 AP courses are offered. AP courses include:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP European History
- AP French Language and Culture
- AP Micro Economics
- AP Physics I
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- AP Statistics
- AP US Government and Politics
- 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, English 101, English 102, 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.

ADVANCEMENT PLACEMENT EXAMINATION
Students enrolled in AP courses are not required to take the AP exam in May. Students may take AP exams in other subject areas for which they are prepared.

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CLASS OF 2020 TEST INFORMATION
- 143 students took the ACT
- 23.1 ACT Mean for the class
- 28.9 ACT Mean for Honors Program students
- 30.4 Top 10% Mean ACT
- 26.3 ACT Mean score for top 50% of class
- Middle 50% Range: 20-26
- Class GPA Mean (Weighted): 3.90
- Middle 50% GPA: 3.67-4.40

ACT SUMMARY
- Mid 50% Range: 20-26
- Mean Composite: 23.1
- Students Tested: 94%

SAT SUMMARY
- Mid 50% Range: 1055-1250
- Mean Composite: 1134
- Students Tested: 11%
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## ENGLISH
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- AP English IV
- English 101
- English 102
- 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

## WORLD LANGUAGE
- AP French V
- AP Spanish V
- 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

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

## COMPUTER SCIENCE
- AP Computer Science
- Broadcasting I - U
- Computer Applications - U
- Computer Applications II - U
- Computer Science 101 - U
- Multimedia Design - U

## SOCIAL STUDIES/BUSINESS
- AP European History
- AP Micro Economics
- AP US Government and Politics
- AP US History
- 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

## 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

## SCIENCE
- Anatomy and Physiology - U
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- Biology - A/U/C
- Chemistry - H/U
- Earth and Space Science - U
- Human Biology - U
- Physics - H/U/C
- Robotics and Engineering I - U
- Robotics and Engineering II - 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
- Education 101
- English 101 - U
- English 102 - U
- Pre-Calculus - H/A/U
- Psychology II - U
- Statistics - H/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

## COURSE KEY
- H - Honors
- A - Accelerated
- U - Upper College Prep
- C - College Prep
ATHLETICS
- 74% of the JCA student body participates in at least one sport.
- JCA offers 24 varsity teams in 16 sports for both boys and girls.
- JCA has a rich athletic tradition earning 32 State/National Championships across six team sports: football, baseball, volleyball, boys basketball, cheerleading, boys golf, and competitive dance.
- During the 2020-2021 school year, athletic success continued across various sports:
  - Girls Volleyball - IHSA Class 3A 3rd Place
  - Girls Tennis - senior Mia Bertino captured 5th Place at the IHSA Class 1A State Tennis Finals
  - Football - IHSA Class 5A State Quarterfinals
  - Boys Soccer - IHSA Class 1A Sectional Champions
  - Cross-Country - senior Marcus Porchia qualified for the IHSA State Finals
  - Wrestling - three wrestlers placed at the IHSA Class 2A State Finals; Dean Hamiti, Jr. (state champion), Gylon Sims (state runner-up), Terrance Snapp (5th place)
  - Boys Basketball - Regional Champions
  - Girls Basketball - Regional Champions
  - Competitive Dance - IHSA Class 1A 3rd Place
- The 2020 spring athletic season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 62 Former/Current Professional Athletes
- 7 current professional athletes (MLB, WNBA, NFL, FIVB)
- 7 Hall of Fame coaches currently on staff
- 25% of the graduating Class of 2020 are continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

CLASS OF 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS
- The Class of 2020 graduated 152 students.
- The Class of 2020 is attending 71 colleges and universities in 26 states.
- 98% attending the college/university of their choice
  - Four-year college or university - 82%
  - Two-year college - 16%
  - Vocational school/military/work force - 2.0%
- $13.5 million was offered in scholarship funds.
- 19 Illinois State Scholars
- 1 National Merit Commended Student

ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 1990
- 5 National Merit Scholars
- 7 National Merit Corporate Scholarship Winners
- 12 National Merit Finalists
- 13 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- 69 National Merit Commended Students
- 2 National Merit Hispanic Recognition Scholar
- 8 National Achievement Scholars
- 829 Illinois State Scholars
- 21 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 51 AP Scholars with Honors
- 87 AP Scholars

DISCIPLINARY REPORTING POLICY
It is the policy of Joliet Catholic Academy not to report disciplinary infractions to postsecondary institutions. It should be noted that serious student infractions result in dismissal.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE
JCA implemented an E-learning Action Plan March 17, 2020. All courses in our curriculum were taught via online instruction utilizing Microsoft Teams through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Teachers delivered instruction and posted daily assignments meaningful to the outcomes of the course and essential to the pacing of the curriculum. An assignment was posted for every class every e-learning day.

Daily assignments were mandatory and graded. Daily attendance was taken based on the submission of the completed assignment. Final Exams were administered online.

Teachers followed all JCA grading policies and the grade scale in this profile.

JCA has instituted a Hybrid Learning Model for the 2020-2021 school year, with four days per week of in-person instruction to begin the school year. This model will be fluid, with the ability to shift to full-time E-Learning depending on the COVID-19 pandemic.
## College Matriculation in the Past Five Years

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