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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 2020-2021

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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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 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, 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.

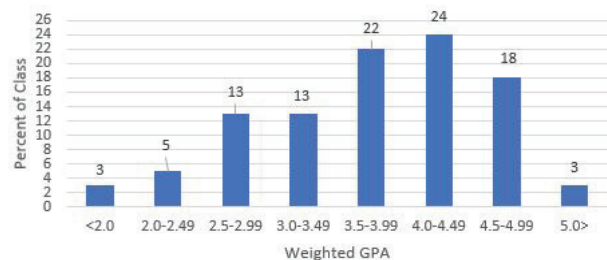
Year	Number of Exams	Scored 3 or higher
2020	TBA	TBA
2019	137	64%
2018	167	70%
2017	156	68%
2016	119	66%

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.

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 2020 Cumulative GPA Distribution Chart
Based on 144 students and six semesters of study
3.90 Mean GPA



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

	Class of 2020	Class of 2019
Mid 50% Range	20-26	21-27
Mean Composite	23.1	24.1
Students Tested	94%	94%

SAT SUMMARY

	Class of 2020	Class of 2019
Mid 50% Range	1055-1250	1095-1375
Mean Composite	1134	1248
Students Tested	11%	9%

2020-2021 CURRICULUM GUIDE

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

STUDY SKILLS

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

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

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

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

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
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

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
Education 101
English 101 - U
English 102 - U
Pre-Calculus - H/A/U
Psychology II - U
Statistics - H/U

COURSE KEY

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

STUDENT LIFE

- JCA offers over 40 clubs and societies, which are an integral part of our mission to educate the whole person.
- 93% of the JCA student body participates in extracurricular activities.
- JCA has a mandatory-random drug testing program
- Weekly Roman Catholic Mass offered.
- Monthly all-school Masses offered.
- Comprehensive yearly retreat programs capped by a junior/senior Kairos retreat.
- Students complete a minimum of 60 hours of Christian Service throughout their four-year careers, working both within the school and the Joliet community to directly impact the lives of others.
- The Class of 2020 completed over 15,000 hours of community service.

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

The University of Alabama	Eureka College	Manchester University	Saint Xavier University
The University of Alabama Amherst College	Fashion Institute of Technology Ferris State University	Marian University Marquette University	University of San Diego South Dakota State University Southeast Community College, Milford
Arizona State University	Florida SouthWestern State College	Maryville University	Southeast Missouri State University
The University of Arizona	Florida State University	Miami University, Oxford	University of Southern California
University of Arkansas	Fordham University	University of Miami	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Auburn University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Michigan State University	Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Augustana College	Georgia Southern University	Michigan Technological University	Southern Methodist University
Augustana University (South Dakota)	Grand Canyon University	University of Michigan	St. Ambrose University
Aurora University	Grand Valley State University	Millikin University	St. Catherine University - St. Paul
Ave Maria University	Grand View University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	St. Edward's University
Ball State University	Heartland Community College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	University of St. Francis
Baylor University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	University of Mississippi	St. Louis College of Pharmacy
Beloit College	Hocking College	Missouri State University	Stanford University
Belmont University	College of the Holy Cross	Missouri University of Science and Technology	Stony Brook University
Bemidji State University	University of Illinois at Chicago	University of Missouri Columbia	SUNY Fredonia
Benedictine College	University of Illinois at Springfield	Montana State University, Bozeman	
Benedictine University (IL)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Moraine Valley Community College	The University of Tampa
Bethany Lutheran College	Illinois College	Mount Mercy University	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Bowling Green State University	The Illinois Institute of Art	Murray State University	Texas A&M University
Bradley University	Illinois Institute of Technology	University of Nebraska at Lincoln	Texas Christian University
Butler University	Illinois State University	New Mexico Military Institute	Texas Tech University
Carroll University	Illinois Wesleyan University	University of New Mexico	The Ohio State University
Carthage College	Indiana Institute of Technology	North Central College	Trine University
The Catholic University of America	Indiana University at Bloomington	University of North Dakota	Trinity University
Central Michigan University	Indiana University South Bend	Northeastern University	Truman State University
University of Chicago	Iowa State University	Northern Illinois University	United States Coast Guard Academy
Clarke University	Iowa Western Community College	Northern Michigan University	Valparaiso University
Clemson University	The University of Iowa	Northwestern Michigan College	Vanderbilt University
Coastal Carolina University	Ivy Tech Community College	Northwestern University	Villanova University
University of Colorado at Boulder	Johnson County Community College	University of Notre Dame	Walsh University
Colorado School of Mines	Joliet Junior College	Oakland University	Webster University
Colorado State University	Judson University	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	Western Illinois University
Columbia College Chicago	Kalamazoo College	Oklahoma State University	Western Kentucky University
Concordia University Chicago	Kansas State University	The University of Oklahoma	Western Michigan University
Concordia University Wisconsin	University of Kansas	Olivet Nazarene University	Wichita State University
Cornell College	University of Kentucky	Pittsburg State University	William Woods University
Creighton University	Kirkwood Community College	Purdue University	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
University of Dayton	Knox College	Purdue University Northwest	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Denison University	La Salle University	Quincy University	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
University of Denver	Lake Forest College	University of Redlands	University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
DePaul University	Lake Land College	Reed College	University of Wisconsin, Platteville
Dominican University	Lander University	Robert Morris University Illinois	University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
Drake University	Lawrence University	Roosevelt University	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Drexel University	Lewis University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Xavier University
University of Dubuque	Lincoln University	College of Saint Benedict	Yale University
College of DuPage	Lindenwood University	Saint John's University (with College of Saint Benedict)	
Duquesne University	Loras College	Saint Louis University	
Eastern Michigan University	University of Louisville	Saint Mary's College	
Elmhurst College	Loyola University Chicago	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	