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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 2021-2022

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 638 students and a student-teacher ratio of 12:1, personal and individualized attention is afforded to students. Currently, Joliet Catholic Academy has graduated over 23,600 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 2021-2022 school year is 597 high school students: 145 seniors, 155 juniors, 141 sophomores, 156 freshmen, 39 8th graders taking Math/Science. 53% percent of the student body are male and 47% 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 the JCA 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.

Important note: JCA transitioned to a 90-100 grading scale (from a previous 93-100 scale) for the 2021-2022 school year. The new grading scale is not retroactive.

SCALE	AP	HONORS	UCP	CP
A+ 97-100	5.75	5.25	4.75	4.25
A 93-96	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00
A- 90-92	5.25	4.75	4.25	3.75
B+ 87-89	4.75	4.25	3.75	3.25
B 83-86	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
B- 80-82	4.25	3.75	3.25	2.75
C+ 77-79	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.25
C 73-76	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00
C- 70-72	3.25	2.75	2.25	1.75
D+ 67-69	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
D 63-66	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
D- 60-62	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
F 59 or below	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

CLASS OF 2021 TEST INFORMATION

- 106 students took the ACT
- 22.1 ACT Mean for the class
- 29 ACT Mean for Honors Program students
- 30.9 Top 10% Mean ACT
- 25.2 ACT Mean score for top 50% of class
- Middle 50% Range: 18-25
- Class GPA Mean (Weighted): 3.87
- Middle 50% GPA: 3.31-4.47

ACT SUMMARY

	Class of 2021	Class of 2020
Mid 50% Range	18-25	20-26
Mean Composite	22.1	23.1
Students Tested	77%	94%

2021-2022 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 2021 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 tradition of winning state titles, national championships and sportsmanship awards. The past few years have continued that tradition for the athletic department with numerous team and individual accomplishments. Athletics plays an important role in developing the discipline and competitive spirit required for academic success while cultivating future leaders. There is no greater feeling than running on the field, taking the court, walking on the course or cheering in the HillZone as an Angel or Hilltopper.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- 32 State/National Championships
- 63 Former/Current Professional Athletes
- JCA Girls Softball: 2021 IHSA Class 2A State Runner-Up
- JCA Girls Soccer: 2021 IHSA Class 2A State Runner-Up
- National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award Winner: Dean Hamiti Jr.
- JCA Dance: 2021 IHSA Class 1A 3rd Place
- JCA Wrestling: IWCOA Class 2A 3rd Place
- IWCOA Class 2A Individual State Champions: Shay Korhorn, Gylon Sims, Dillan Johnson
- IWCOA Class 2A 3rd Place: Owen O'Connor
- JCA Hilltopper Football: Undefeated (6-0) Spring Covid Season
- All winter and fall sports IHSA playoffs were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- 25% of the Class of 2021 is continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level

CLASS OF 2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Class of 2021 graduated 137 students.
- The Class of 2021 is attending 74 colleges and universities in 25 states.
- 98% attending the college/university of their choice
 - Four-year college or university - 86.5%
 - Two-year college - 8.7%
 - Vocational school/military/work force - 4.8%
- \$16.5 million was offered in scholarship funds.
- 23 Illinois State Scholars
- 2 National Merit Scholars

ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 1990

- 7 National Merit Scholars
- 7 National Merit Corporate Scholarship Winners
- 12 National Merit Finalists
- 15 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- 70 National Merit Commended Students
- 2 National Merit Hispanic Recognition Scholar
- 8 National Achievement Scholars
- 852 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 throughout the school year. Students returned to full-time school for the 4th quarter of the academic year and will begin the 2021-2022 school year on a normal schedule.

College Matriculation in the Past Five Years

The Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Duquesne University	Ave Maria University
Joliet Junior College	Western Kentucky University	Capitol Technology University	Grand View University
University of San Diego	College of DuPage	Purdue University-Main Campus	Carroll University
Loyola University Chicago	Coe College	SUNY Cortland	Concordia University - Montreal
Lewis University	Arizona State University-Tempe	Southern Methodist University	University of Notre Dame
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Reed College	Johnson County Community College	Northwestern University
University of Missouri-Columbia	Cornell College	University of Chicago	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Xavier University	University of Louisville	University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Olivet Nazarene University
DePaul University	United States Air Force Academy	Spoon River College	St. Louis College of Pharmacy
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Illinois Wesleyan University	SUNY at Fredonia	University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus
Saint Ambrose University	Fashion Institute of Technology	Montana State University	University of the Incarnate Word
Webster University	Denison University	Metropolitan State University of Denver	Hocking College
Indiana University-South Bend	University of Kansas	University of Arkansas	St Catherine University
Missouri University of Science and Technology	Northeastern University	University of Wisconsin-Parkside	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Lindenwood University	Trinity University	Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis	University of Mississippi
Eureka College	Saint Xavier University	Colorado State University-Fort Collins	Milwaukee School of Engineering
University of St Francis	Marquette University	Oberlin College	Iowa Western Community College
Benedictine University	Loras College	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Missouri State University-Springfield
Elmhurst College	Texas Tech University	New Mexico Military Institute	Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus
South Suburban College	Rockhurst University	Carthage College	Villanova University
University of Dayton	Judson University	Bemidji State University	Black Hawk College
Western Michigan University	The University of Arizona	Oakland University	Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Illinois State University	Ohio State University-Main Campus	University of Colorado Boulder	Roosevelt University
Carson-Newman University	Aurora University	Michigan State University	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Lake Land College	University of Illinois at Chicago	Fordham University	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
North Central College	Manchester University	Truman State University	Indiana State University
Central Michigan University	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Stony Brook University	Concordia University-Wisconsin
Bradley University	Coastal Carolina University	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Miami University-Oxford	Yale University	Mount Mercy University	Lamar University
Marian University	Belmont University	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Drexel University
Grand Valley State University	University of North Dakota	Florida Southwestern State College	Pittsburg State University
Ball State University	University of Wisconsin-Madison	Knox College	Dodge City Community College
Northern State University	Murray State University	Millikin University	Kalamazoo College
Valparaiso University	Florida Atlantic University	Indiana Tech	University of Denver
Baylor University	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	University of Dubuque	Clarke University
Washington University in St. Louis	Kansas State University	Wright State University-Main Campus	University of Southern California
Northern Illinois University	Illinois Institute of Technology	Auburn University	Texas Christian University
Saint Edward's University	Colorado Mesa University	College of the Holy Cross	Dartmouth College
Augustana College	The College of Wooster	Western Illinois University	Eastern Michigan University
University of Kentucky	Weber State University	Oklahoma State University-Main Campus	Catholic University of America
The University of Alabama	Dominican University	College of Saint Benedict	United States Naval Academy
Creighton University	Florida Keys Community College	Southeast Community College - Milford	United States Military Academy
Columbia College Chicago	Texas A & M University-College Station	University of St. Thomas	South Dakota State University
Iowa State University	The University of Tampa	La Salle University	University of Illinois at Springfield
Indiana University-Bloomington	Georgia Southern University	Trine University	
University of Iowa	Drake University	Clemson University	
Saint Louis University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities		
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Florida State University		
Beloit College	Quincy University		
University of Wisconsin-Stout	Heartland Community College		
Butler University	Wichita State University		
Saint Mary's College			