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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 2019-2020

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 659 students and a student-teacher ratio of 13:1, personal and individualized attention is afforded to students. Currently, Joliet Catholic Academy has graduated over 23,300 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 94 of which 50 are educational staff members. Fifty percent of the faculty hold a Master Degree or higher.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year is 624 high school students: 151 seniors, 143 juniors, 153 sophomores, 177 freshmen, 35 8th graders taking Math/Science. 51% percent of the student body are male and 49% percent are female. Students come from the Joliet community and surrounding areas. 75% of students are Caucasian; 13% Hispanic; 7% African American, 4% Asian, and 1% Other. 83.4% of the student body are Catholic; 16.6% 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, 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.

Class of 2019 Test Information

- 152 students took the ACT
- 24.1 ACT Mean for the class
- 29.6 ACT Mean for Honors Program students
- 26.3 ACT Mean score for top 50% of class
- Middle 50% Range: 21 - 27

ADVANCEMENT PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

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

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 2019	3.86	5.12-4.68	4.67-4.57	4.56-4.25	4.24-4.01	3.99-3.88
Class of 2020 (6th Semester)	3.86	5.09-4.73	4.72-4.54	4.53-4.26	4.25-4.05	4.04-3.93

* 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 2019 ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Class of 2019 graduated 152 students.
- The Class of 2019 is attending 69 colleges and universities in 21 states.
- 98% attending the college/university of their choice
 - Four-year college or university -83%
 - Two-year college - 14.5%
 - Vocational school/military/work force 2.5%
- Over \$18.0 million was offered in scholarship funds
- 22 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
- 68 National Merit Commended Students
- 2 National Merit Hispanic Recognition Scholar
- 8 National Achievement Scholars
- 810 Illinois State Scholars
- 21 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 51 AP Scholars with Honors
- 87 AP Scholars

2019-2020 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
Robotics and Engineering II - 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
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
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

College Matriculation in the Past Five Years

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