

Tuition and Fees

The Board of Directors and Administration of Joliet Catholic Academy encourage parents and guardians to pay the true cost of the education of their children. Tuition does not cover the cost of educating a student. The ACTUAL COST to educate a student at JCA is \$19,513.

Registration assumes the parent's or guardian's ability to meet the JCA tuition and costs payment schedule. Tuition and additional costs must be paid according to the detailed payment schedule chosen by the payee at time of registration (i.e. Annual, Semi-Annual, Quarterly, Monthly). Costs are billed at various times throughout the year.

All students are required to have tuition current according to the payment plan their parent/guardian selected (Annual, Semi-Annual, Quarterly, and/or monthly). The dates for payment are outlined in the Tuition Rates/Payment Plan schedule. Monthly payors have payments due for the 10-month billing period July through April, net of financial aid awards and/or scholarships. Monthly payments must be made to stay current with the Business Office. Monthly tuition payors must have monthly payments made by the end of each month to remain current. Should the past due tuition approach forty-five (45) days late, parents will be contacted by email, phone and/or letter requesting an immediate conference with the Business Office. Please refer to "Delinquent Accounts" for necessary action taken when the account is past due. An account is "delinquent" or past due when a payment is missed at 30 days.

Tuition account balances carried past the last business day of the month are past due. They will incur a finance charge of 1.5% per month (18% annual rate). Students carrying past due balances at the end of an academic quarter will not be allowed to begin a new quarter. In addition, students will be excluded from taking semester exams, participating in extracurricular activities (including athletics), class schedules or report cards will not be issued, and access to online grades will be unavailable. No official transcripts will be sent, nor a diploma granted.

*** Payments not received by April 30, 2024 must be satisfied by cash, credit card, cashier's check, money order, or certified check. Personal checks will not be accepted. Accounts for ALL students must be current by the end of the third quarter.**

Delinquent Accounts

If a delinquent balance remains near the end of any semester, students will be excluded from classes, exams, athletics and or activities. Other consequences may apply as mentioned in this handbook. Additionally, students will not be allowed to return for the next semester until all outstanding balances are brought current.

All financial responsibilities must be satisfied with the Business Office before the school releases official transcripts. This policy includes graduating seniors and students transferring from Joliet Catholic Academy. Payments are subject to holds for processing and clearing the bank. Payments made by Cashier's Checks are subject to a hold of 3 business days. Payments made by personal checks, credit or debit cards are subject to a hold of 15 business days.

Should a balance be sent to an outside agency for collection action, in addition to the outstanding balance, you will be responsible for late fees, interest, collection fees, and attorney and court fees.

Any student whose account is not current at the end of the third quarter will be denied any year-end privileges granted to his/her class (i.e. Prom, end-of-year lunch, etc.). In addition, any JCA student with a past due balance may not participate on any school-sponsored trip until all current tuition and fees are paid in full. JCA, as a school, does not sponsor trips to foreign countries or areas of the United States. However, some teachers organize trips with JCA students.

Tuition assistance grants and brother/sister tuition discounts are credited to the tuition account in equal installments and prorated according to the payment plan chosen. Work service is credited at months' end as the student completes his/her work assignment(s).

Checks and ACH payments returned to JCA marked "NSF" will incur a \$35 service charge, with the amount of the check/ACH payment charged back to the tuition account and that amount considered past due. Parents, guardians and students may seek clarification concerning tuition policy from the Business Office.

When a student enrolls or transfers into JCA after a semester has already begun, that student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s) acknowledge and agree to payment of full tuition and fees, which are due for the semester in which they begin attending classes. By enrolling or

transferring to JCA after a semester has already begun, the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s) acknowledge that their student will receive a full semester's credit after satisfactory academic completion of their enrolled courses from Joliet Catholic Academy.

Tuition and fees are not prorated for enrollees and transfer students who begin after a semester has already begun.

TUITION RATES/PAYMENT PLAN

Annual \$13,870.00 per school year: Full payment by July 2023

Semi-Annual \$6,972.50 due July 2023 and November 2023. Total due \$13,945.00

Four installments (\$3,505.00 each) due by July, August, November 2023 and January 2024. Total due \$14,020.00

Monthly installments (\$1,409.50 each) due each month July 2022 through April 2023. No monthly adjustments allowed. Total due \$14,095.00

A **\$300 non-refundable Annual Registration Deposit** will be required of all incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. **This deposit is non-refundable.**

Brother/Sister Scholarships: Also available through the JCA Leveraged Financial Aid program. Irrespective of Financial Aid being filled out the following Brother/Sister Scholarships will be awarded:

2nd child tuition = \$12,545 (Tuition \$13,870 - Scholarship = \$1,325)

3rd child tuition = \$11,225 (Tuition \$13,870 - Scholarship = \$2,645)

4th child and after tuition = \$0.00 (Tuition \$13,870 - Scholarship = \$13,870)

Please contact JCA Admissions at admissions@jca-online.org or 815.741.0500 for more information on multiple sibling need-based scholarships.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

\$50 Application/Transfer Fee

A one-time fee upon entering JCA.

\$175 Athletic Participation (Families with student athletes only)

The fee for athletic participation is per athlete, per athletic season.

Billed during the season **only** via the [JCA Athletics Website 8-to-18](#).

\$200 Band

Billed in September.

\$1,100 Busing

Full payment plan by September 2023, or billed at \$600.00 per semester due September 2023 and December 2024.

\$15 Daily Planner

Billed in July. (Replacement Planner: \$20 per replacement)

\$52 Drug Testing Fee

Billed in July.

\$450 Fundraising Obligation (Families with one student enrolled at JCA.)

\$650 Fundraising Obligation (Families with more than one student enrolled at JCA.)

JCA's **mandatory fundraiser** is the Spirit Raffle. The Spirit Raffle quota is \$450/student or \$650/family. **Any student who does not sell their quota will have the balance of the unsold tickets added to their tuition account in November.**

Unsold raffle tickets must be paid for prior to first semester exams. Foreign exchange students will be charged the fundraising obligation upon registration. Any sales of Spirit Raffle tickets by foreign exchange students will be credited to the student's account.

- \$200** **Graduation (*seniors only*)**
Cap and gown, announcements, invitations, and diploma. Billed in February.
- \$300** **Kairos**
Billed in October.
- \$50** **One-to-One Technology (*Freshman and Transfer students only*)**
- \$10** **Parent Association Dues (*per student*)**
Billed in July.
- \$225** **Parking Permit**
- \$50** **Retreat Fee**
For facilities rental, transportation, supplies, etc. Billed in July.
- \$75** **Schedule Changes (*per change*)**
- \$125** **Robotics/Engineering Class Fee**
- \$125** **Technology**
Use of the Innovation Research Center and software/hardware upgrades. Billed in July.
- \$10** **Transcripts (*per copy*)**
- \$275** **Virtual School Courses**
JCA reserves the right to increase/decrease the cost for Virtual School courses subject to the cost incurred by JCA.
- \$300** **Mandatory Summer School**

SPECIAL NOTE: Processing and Handling Fees

Processing and handling charge for payments made in the Business Office by credit card will be charged a 4% processing and handling charge. JCA accepts VISA, Mastercard, and Discover. Tuition and fees paid online currently do not incur this fee. JCA reserves the right to add a convenience fee to online tuition fee payments.

Refund Policy

Regardless of the payment plan selected, tuition is charged from the inception of the school year through the end of the quarter in which a student leaves Joliet Catholic Academy. Tuition charges are prorated on a quarterly basis and **not** a daily basis (subject to the payment plan selected). Students will not be charged for a quarter that they have not started. If a student begins a quarter and then leaves after the quarter begins, they will be charged tuition and fees for the entire quarter. When applicable, financial assistance received will also be prorated accordingly. **FEES AND THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION DEPOSIT ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.** Questions regarding refunds should be directed to the Business Office.

Tuition Assistance Programs

Except for the Work/Service Program, tuition assistance is prorated in accordance with the tuition payment plan selected. Summer Work/Service will be credited by the August billing statement.

Brother/Sister Tuition Discount

Brother/Sister Tuition Discount only applies to families with more than one student currently attending JCA. \$1,325 discount for the second student (applied to the oldest child); \$2,645 for the third (applied to the second oldest child); and a 100% discount for the fourth and fifth students (applied to the tuition statement of the youngest child) currently in attendance for the 2022-2023 school year.

Diocesan Financial Aid Program for Needy Students

The Bishop's Tuition Grant Program Application, administered by the Diocese of Joliet, is made directly by JCA families. Financial need is determined by an independent processing agency hired by the Diocese. Forms are available online to parents in January of the preceding school year. All families are encouraged to apply online and need to reapply every year. Applications must be submitted to the FACTS processing agency by March 1st. ***To receive tuition assistance from any Joliet Catholic Academy resource, an application must be made to the Bishop's Tuition Grant Program.***

Joliet Catholic Academy Tuition Grant Program

Families who have demonstrated financial need are further considered for a JCA grant. Eligibility requires application to the Bishop's Tuition Grant Program (outlined above). Due to limited funding, the JCA Tuition Grants provide only a small portion of the cost of tuition and fees. The remaining portion is the responsibility of the family and/or student. **All school tuition grants are conditional and a student receiving a grant must demonstrate satisfactory academic performance and effort, maintain a discipline record in accordance with JCA's expectations, meet the annual Spirit Raffle student/family quota, and fulfill obligations in JCA's Work/Service Program.**

Work/Service Program

The required work or service includes light chores and cleaning of classrooms and grounds. Most of the program is applied over the summer. However, assignments may also be available before or after school for one hour per day. Assignments made to a special project may involve more than one hour per day, but the number of days worked will be less. Length of a work/service assignment is in proportion to the amount of the grant.

Timely Tuition Payments