

Celebrating 88 years of commitment and excellence in Catholic, college-preparatory education

School Profile 2020-2021

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Villa Joseph Marie High School is a private Catholic college-preparatory school for young women, located on fifty-five wooded acres in suburban Holland, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The unique, defining qualities of the school include: the school's religious character and value-based curriculum, its

commitment to the education of young women, (357 students, 2020-2021), an openness to change, self evaluation and growth, and the dedication of its staff. The faculty consists of 41 members, 71% of whom hold advanced degrees. The school year is divided into two semesters.

ACCREDITATION

Villa Joseph Marie High School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

COVID-19

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and school closure, attendance and online learning took place on Canvas; no instructional learning time was lost. Final grades for the second semester were calculated by averaging the 3rd and 4th quarter grades equally. No final exams were given.

Curriculum Core Courses

FRESHMAN YEAR

- English Literature I
Accelerated, Honors, Academic
- Foreign Language
French I, Latin I, Spanish I
- Mathematics
Algebra I (A&H),
Algebra II (A&H)
- Theology I
Hebrew Scriptures,
Christian Scriptures
- Science
Biology (A&H)
- Social Studies
World History (A & AP)
- Arts
Freshman Art, Freshman
Chorus, Instrumental Music
Theory, Art Portfolio
- Freshman Seminar

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- English Literature II
Accelerated, Honors, Academic
- Foreign Language
French II, Latin II,
Spanish II, Italian II
- Mathematics
Geometry (A&H),
Algebra II (A&H),
PreCalculus (A&H)
- Theology II
Church History,
Fundamentals of Catholicism
- Science
Chemistry (A&H),
Biology (A&H)
- Social Studies
American Civilization I,
Accelerated American Civ I
- Electives

JUNIOR YEAR

- English Literature III
AP, Honors, Academic
- Mathematics
Calculus (AP&H),
PreCalculus (A&H),
Geometry (A&H)
- Theology III
Moral Theology,
Peace and Social Justice
- Science
Conceptual Physics (AP&H),
Chemistry (A,H&AP)
- Social Studies
US History (AP),
American Civilization I & II
- Electives

SENIOR YEAR

- English Literature IV
AP, Honors, Academic
- Theology IV
Vocation,
World Religions
- Social Studies
American Civilization II
- Electives

Curriculum Electives

English

- Creative Expressions
- Effective Communication
- Media/Journalism

Foreign Language

- AP French Language/Culture
- AP Latin
- AP Spanish Language/Culture
- French III (A&H)
- French IV (H)
- Italian III (H)
- Italian IV (H)
- Latin III (H)
- Spanish III (A&H)
- Spanish IV (H)
- Summer Spanish II (H)

Mathematics

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- Business Studies
- Honors Advanced
Mathematical Studies
- Honors Calculus
- Summer Geometry (H)
- Summer PreCalculus and
Trigonometry (H)
- Science
Anatomy & Physiology (H)
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2,
and AP Physics C
- Earth & Environmental

- Environmental Sustainability
- Forensic Science
- Independent Science Research
- Introduction to Engineering
& Design
- Summer Anatomy &
Physiology (H)

Social Studies

- American Law/
Women's Studies
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Psychology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Reel History
- Summer American
Civilization II (H)
- Summer Psychology (H)

Arts

- Advanced Art: Open Studio
- AP Art Portfolio
- AP Music Theory
- Band
- Basic Art
- Chorus
- Dance
- Drama
- Drawing & Painting I & II
- Drumline
- Guitar
- Orchestra
- Theatre Tech Practicum
- Voice
- 2D Design

ADMISSIONS

Admission to Villa Joseph Marie is determined by the High School Placement Test (HSPT), teacher recommendations, elementary school records, and a personal interview by Admissions staff. VJMHS is committed to fulfilling its Mission without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion or disability.

CLASS RANK

Due to the competitive, selective nature of the admission policy and the relatively small class size, Villa Joseph Marie High School does not rank its students.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. The following courses must be included: 4 units of Religion; 4 units of English; 3 units of social sciences; 3 units of mathematics; 3 units of science; 2 units of foreign language; 1 unit of art/music appreciation. A unit is equal to one credit.

GRADING METHOD

Grade	Number Equivalent	Quality Points		
		Academic	Honors	AP
A	94-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	91-93	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	89-90	3.5	4.0	4.5
B	86-88	3.2	3.7	4.2
B-	83-85	2.9	3.4	3.9
C+	80-82	2.6	3.1	3.6
C	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C-	75-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
D+	72-74	1.7	2.2	2.7
D	70-71	1.4	1.9	2.4
F	69-below	0	0	0
I	Incomplete			

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement courses are offered to grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. In May, 2020, 185 AP exams were administered to students of VJM. 13 students attained the distinction of being named AP Scholars, 5 students attained the distinction of AP Scholar with Honor, 15 students attained AP Scholar with Distinction, and 4 students attained National AP Scholar. Due to Covid-19, testing was optional this year.

HONORS/ACCELERATED COURSES

These courses offer a comprehensive study of specific subjects, with expanded opportunities for independent work. Freshman students are limited to three honors courses and one AP.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARS' PROGRAM

The Diocesan Scholars' Program is offered to two seniors who are identified through a highly selective process. They are enrolled in two college courses, tuition free, per semester at participating colleges.

Villa Joseph Marie High School graduates have had a 100% college acceptance rate for more than 15 years.

Over \$17 million in academic/athletic scholarships and grants were awarded to the 94 graduates of the Class of 2020.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING RECENT GRADUATES

American University	Princeton University
Arcadia University	Purdue University
Auburn University	Quinnipiac University
Bentley University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Boston College	Rice University
Boston University	Rider University
Brown University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Bryn Mawr College	Rutgers University
Bucknell University	Saint Joseph's University
Cabrini University	Savannah College of Art and Design
Carnegie Mellon University	Seton Hall University
Catholic University of America	St. John's University
Clemson University	St. Mary's College
Coastal Carolina University	Stanford University
Colgate University	Stevens Institute of Technology
The College of New Jersey	Syracuse University
The College of William and Mary	Temple University
Cornell University	Towson University
DeSales University	United States Military Academy – Army
Drexel University	University of Alabama
Duke University	University of California, Davis
Duquesne University	University of Chicago
Elon University	University of Colorado
Emory University	University of Connecticut
Fairfield University	University of Dayton
Florida State University	University of Delaware
Fordham University	University of Florida
Franciscan University	University of Georgia
Franklin and Marshall College	University of Maryland
Furman University	University of Massachusetts
George Washington University	University of Michigan
Georgetown University	University of North Carolina
Gettysburg College	University of Notre Dame
Harvard University	University of Pennsylvania
High Point University	University of Pittsburgh
Immaculata University	University of Richmond
James Madison University	University of Scranton
Johns Hopkins University	University of South Carolina
Kutztown University	University of Southern California
La Salle University	University of Tampa
Lafayette College	University of the Arts
Lehigh University	University of the Sciences of Philadelphia
LIU Post	University of Virginia
Louisiana State University	University of Wisconsin
Loyola University	Ursinus College
Loyola University of Chicago	Vanderbilt University
Marist College	Vassar College
Marywood University	Villanova University
Monmouth University	Virginia Tech
Mount St. Mary's University	Wake Forest University
Muhlenberg College	West Chester University
New York University	West Virginia University
Northeastern University	Widener University
Northwestern University	
Ohio State University	
Pace University	
Pennsylvania State University	
Pepperdine University	

**THE TOP 50% OF THE CLASS OF 2020
AVERAGED THE FOLLOWING IN SAT SCORES:**

Reading 680 Math 656 ACT scores: 28