

## Celebrating 90 years of commitment and excellence in Catholic, college-preparatory education

### School Profile 2022-2023

President: Jeanne Frawley, M.Ed., '94  
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 Counseling Department:  
 Anne Perez, M.S., LPC, *Director of Counseling*  
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 Terry Smeraglio, *Counseling Assistant*

### 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, (335 students, 2022-2023), an openness to change, self evaluation and growth, and the dedication of its staff. The faculty consists of 38 members, 65% 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.

### 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, Freshman Drama,  
 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  
 AP Governemnt

**Electives**

### Curriculum Electives

#### English

Aesthetics of Film  
 Creative Expressions (H)  
 Effective Communication  
 Media/Journalism  
 Reality vs. Fantasy (H)  
 Women in Literature (H)

#### Foreign Language

AP French Language/Culture  
 AP Latin  
 AP Spanish Language/Culture  
 French III (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)

#### Theology

God in All Things (H)  
 Women in Theology (H)

#### Science

Aerospace Engineering  
 Anatomy & Physiology (H)  
 AP Biology  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP Physics I & II  
 Civil Engineering &  
 Architecture

Computer Science Principles (H)  
 Earth & Environmental  
 Forensic Science  
 Independent Science Research  
 Introduction to Engineering  
 & Design  
 Introduction to Nutrition  
 Medical Science  
 Summer Physics (H)

#### Social Studies

AP Government & Politics  
 AP Human Geography  
 AP Psychology  
 Economics  
 Ethics & Social Justice  
 Introduction to Psychology  
 Reel History  
 Summer American  
 Civilization II (H)

#### Arts

Advanced Art: Open Studio

AP Art Portfolio  
 AP Music Theory I & II  
 Band  
 Band/Orchestra/Instrumental  
 Basic Art  
 Chorus  
 Commercial Art  
 Drama  
 Drawing & Painting I & II  
 Drumline  
 Guitar  
 Music Theory I & II  
 Musical Theater  
 Orchestra  
 Theatre Tech Practicum I & II  
 Voice  
 2D Design

#### Transcend

Academic Strategies

#### Leadership/Internship Course

## 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	Academic	Quality Points	
			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 2022, 308 AP exams were administered to students of VJM. 23 students attained the distinction of being named AP Scholars, 5 students attained the distinction of AP Scholar with Honor, and 24 students attained AP Scholar with Distinction.

## 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 3 seniors who are identified through a highly selective process. They are enrolled in two college courses, tuition free, per semester at participating colleges.

## NATIONAL MERIT

Three students have been named commended scholars in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

**THE TOP 50% OF THE CLASS OF 2022  
AVERAGED THE FOLLOWING IN  
SAT SCORES:**

Reading 660    Math 645    ACT scores: 29

Villa Joseph Marie High School graduates have had a 100% college acceptance rate for more than 15 years. Over \$26 million in academic/athletic scholarships and grants were awarded to the 128 graduates of the Class of 2022.

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING RECENT GRADUATES

American University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Auburn University	Rice University
Baylor University	Rider University
Binghamton University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Boston College	Rosemont College
Boston University	Rutgers University
Brown University	Saint Joseph's University
Bryn Athyn College of the New Church	Samford University
Bucknell University	Savannah College of Art and Design
Carnegie Mellon University	Seton Hall University
Clemson University	St. John's University
College of Charleston	St. Mary's College
Colorado State University	Stanford University
Cornell University	Stevens Institute of Technology
DeSales University	Syracuse University
Drexel University	The Catholic University of America
Duquesne University	The College of New Jersey
Elon University	The College of William and Mary
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	The University of Tennessee
Fairfield University	The University of the Arts
Fordham University	Temple University
Franciscan University	Thomas Jefferson University
Franklin and Marshall College	Tufts University
George Washington University	United States Naval Academy
Georgetown University	University of Alabama
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of California at Berkeley
Gettysburg College	University of Central Florida
Harvard University	University of Chicago
High Point University	University of Colorado
Hobart William Smith Colleges	University of Connecticut
Holy Cross College	University of Dayton
Holy Family University	University of Delaware
IE University - Segovia	University of Florida
Immaculata University	University of Georgia
James Madison University	University of Maryland
Johns Hopkins University	University of Massachusetts
Johnson & Wales University	University of New Hampshire
King's College	University of North Carolina
Kutztown University	University of Notre Dame
La Salle University	University of Pennsylvania
Lafayette College	University of Pittsburgh
Lehigh University	University of Richmond
Lock Haven University	University of Scranton
Louisiana State University	University of South Carolina
Loyola University	University of Southern California
Manhattan College	University of Tampa
Manhattan School of Music	University of the Arts
Marywood University	University of the Sciences of Philadelphia
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	University of Vermont
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	University of Virginia
Misericordia University	University of Wisconsin
Monmouth University	Ursinus College
Muhlenberg College	Vanderbilt University
New York University	Vassar College
Northeastern University	Villanova University
Northwestern University	Virginia Tech
Ohio State University	Wake Forest University
Pennsylvania State University	West Chester University
Pepperdine University	West Virginia University
Princeton University	Westminster College
Purdue University	Widener University
Quinnipiac University	