



John Paul II Catholic School

SCHOOL PROFILE 2023-2024

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CEEB Code 411674

SCHOOL: Founded in 2013, John Paul II Catholic School is a coeducational school serving grades 6 to 12 in the Diocese of Charleston. Located in the Lowcountry between Hilton Head and Beaufort, South Carolina, John Paul II draws students from Hilton Head, Bluffton, Ridgeland, Hardeeville, Beaufort and other towns.

MISSION: John Paul II Catholic School educates students of all faiths in a caring, Christ-centered environment. We prepare students to be scholars with a soul in accordance with the traditions of the Catholic faith and through the intentional commitment to our core values of service, high expectations, innovation, excellence, leadership, and discipleship.

CURRICULUM: John Paul II Catholic School's curriculum is a demanding and diverse academic program providing learning opportunities for students of all abilities in accordance with our Catholic mission.

College Prep, Honors, Pre-AP, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses represent rigorous and quality coursework to prepare students for postsecondary education. Students are placed based on academic performance and teacher recommendations; for Advanced Placement classes department evaluation, test scores, faculty recommendation, GPA, and student interest are considered.

Academic skills and creativity meet in Project Lead The Way's pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science which engage students in hands-on activities, projects, and problems focused on the development of students' ability to problem solve, think critically and creatively, communicate, and collaborate.

PRE-AP PROGRAM: Pre-AP courses deliver grade-level appropriate instruction through focused course frameworks, instructional resources, learning checkpoints, and collaborative educator workshops. JPII offers Pre-AP courses in English, Math, Science, History, and the Visual Arts.

AP CAPSTONE: This college-level program is based on two courses—AP Seminar and AP Research—that complement and enhance discipline-specific AP courses. Students who earn a score of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing are eligible to earn the AP Capstone Diploma.

The following Advanced Placement Courses have been approved for JPII delivery by the College Board:

Art History
Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry
Chinese Language and Culture
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
Drawing
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Environmental Science
European History
Human Geography
Psychology
Research Seminar
Spanish Language and Culture
Statistics
Studio Art
United States History
United States Government and Politics

ACCREDITATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS: John Paul II Catholic School holds membership in Cognia, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, South Carolina Independent School Association, and National Catholic Education Association.

CLASS RANK: Calculated for each student at the end of the ninth through twelfth grade academic years, it is used for such purposes as Palmetto Scholars and to determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Due to the small size of our student body, JPII does not publish class rank; however, we will provide to colleges upon request.

HONOR ROLL: Students are recognized in the following categories:

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL recipients earn an average of 95 or above on all courses for the semester*

ALPHA HONOR ROLL recipients earn an average of 90 or above on all courses for the semester*

BETA HONOR ROLL recipients earn an average of 80 or above on all courses for the semester*

* no exam grade lower than 70

ADMINISTRATION

John McCarthy, *President*
Heather Rembold, *Principal*
Robert Collar, *Asst. Principal*
Kevin Pastore, *Campus Minister*
Louise Sanders, *Athletic Director*
Cara Buckland, *Director of School Counseling*

ENROLLMENT: 363

Catholic: 76%

African American, Latinos, Asian, other: 22%

Tuition Assistance: 45%
Available to eligible students

FACULTY: 38

Hold Advanced Degrees: 55%

Student to Faculty Ratio: 10:1

Average Class Size: 15

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

29 Credits + Successful completion of the Senior Research Project and attendance at the Senior Retreat.

English (4.5)

Math (4)

Science (4)

History (3)

Theology (4)

World Language (3)

Technology (1)

Fine Arts (1)

Health (.5)

Physical Education (.5)

Electives (3.5)

Community Service: We have volunteer work infused into various parts of our curriculum. Our class of 2023 accumulated 6,837 service hours their senior year.

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South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy

Grade		GPA		
Letter	Numerical	CP	Honors	AP
A	90 – 100	4.00 – 5.00	4.50 – 5.50	5.00 – 6.00
B	80 – 89	3.00 – 3.90	3.50 – 4.40	4.00 – 4.90
C	70 – 79	2.00 – 2.90	2.50 – 3.40	3.00 – 3.90
D	60 – 69	1.00 – 1.90	1.625 – 1.40	2.00 – 2.90

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C	75 – 79	2.50 – 2.90	3.00 – 3.40	3.50 – 3.90
D	70 – 74	2.00 – 2.40	2.50 – 2.90	3.00 – 3.40
F	0 – 69	0.00	0.00	0.00

Testing Profile Class of 2023

ACT	SAT
Top 25% Composite: 27 Median: 21 Mean: 20	Top 25% Composite: 1320 Median: 1140 Mean: 1121

Advanced Placement

AP	AP Scholars
107 Students 205 Exams 53% of 9-12th graders took at least 1 AP Class 65% of the scores were 3 (out of 5) or higher	35 students named Scholars by College Board: 19 Scholars 9 AP Scholars with Honor 4 AP Scholars with Distinction 4 AP Seminar & Research Certificate 3 AP Capstone Diplomas

School Programs and Activities

Extracurricular Activities

Acts 29 Peer Ministry, Choir, Class Retreats, DC March for Life, DECA, Drama, FCA, Junior Audubon, Model UN, NHS/NJHS, Robotics Teams, Quiz Bowl, Student Leadership Council, Theater, TV Production, and Yearbook

Learning Center

Marian Center for Learning assists students with learning differences. Qualifying students must provide official documentation.

Special Programs

AP Capstone Diploma
Campus Ministry
Community Service
House Mentoring System
Independent Study
Kairos Retreat
Notre Dame University's "Play Like a Champion" Program
Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished School Award Recipient
Pre-AP Curriculum
School Day SAT and ACT

Athletic Programs

20 varsity sports
77% of students play 1 sport
57% play 2 or more
4 indiv. state championships
3 team state championships since the inception of varsity sports in 2015

College and University Acceptances 2020-2023

American University
Anderson University
Anna Maria College
Appalachian State University
Auburn University
Augusta University
Ave Maria College
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Bloomsburg University
Brevard College
Catholic University
Charleston Southern University
The Citadel
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Columbia College
Concordia University
Converse College
Drexel University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University

Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin Pierce University
Furman University
Gardner Webb University
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Grove City College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Jacksonville University
John Cabot University
Johnson & Wales University
Kansas State University
Lees-McRae College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University of Chicago
Loyola University of New Orleans
Lynn University
Marshall University
Mercer University
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Mount Saint Mary's University

North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
North Carolina Wesleyan College
North Greenville University
Nova Southeastern University
Ogeechee Technical Institute
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University, Main Campus
Pennsylvania State University, Brandywine Campus
Polk State College
Presbyterian College
Providence College
Queens University of Charlotte
Randolph College
Rockhurst University
Rollins College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Andrew's University
Saint John's University
Saint Mary's College of Maryland
Salve Regina University
Seton Hall University

Sewanee: The University of the South
Spring Arbor University
Stonehill College
Technical College of the Lowcountry
Temple University
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Alabama, Huntsville
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Dallas in formation at Holy Trinity Seminary
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Mississippi

University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburg
University of South Carolina
University of South Carolina, Aiken
University of South Carolina, Beaufort
University of South Carolina, Upstate
University of South Florida
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of West Florida
University of West Virginia
Valdosta State University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Western Carolina University
Wingate University
Winthrop University
Wofford University
Xavier University

Class of 2023 (37 Students)
Scholarship Value: \$4.04 million