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2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

School & Student Distinctions

Class of 2023 Population: 89

Class of 2023 Test Results

SAT Results: Mid-50% Range (Mean)

Critical Reading: 550-680 (607)

Math: 510-630 (565)

Composite: 1060-1290 (1172)

ACT Results: Mid-50% Range (Mean)

English: 21-28 (25)

Math: 18-27 (23)

Reading: 22-32 (26)

Science Reasoning: 20-26 (23)

Composite: 22-28 (24)

AP Examinations

Students are admitted into AP courses based on grades in prerequisite courses, teacher recommendations, and PSAT scores. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP exams. During 2023:

Students tested: 159

Tests taken: 250

A score of 3 or above was earned on 92% of AP exams taken.

The Newman Guide

St. Joseph's is recognized in [The Newman Guide](#) as a school that is committed to upholding the standards of faithful Catholic education and formally stands as an exemplar for other Catholic schools nationwide.

College Acceptance and Scholarship

Traditionally, all graduates attend college with the majority entering four-year institutions. The 89 members of the Class of 2023 had 100% entering four-year institutions. They received acceptances from 107 different colleges and universities, in 32 states and DC. They attended 37 different colleges in 17 states.

Ninety-seven percent of the Class of 2023 received at least one merit-based scholarship, totaling over 12 million dollars in merit-based scholarships earned.

Athletics

Eleven members of the Class of 2023 committed to continue their athletic careers in college. In the school's thirteenth year of competition in the SC High School League, its teams earned three state titles, and two teams won state runner-up.

National Merit Scholarship Competition

The Class of 2023 had two Commended Scholars. Since the school's first graduation in 1997, there have been fifty-seven Finalists/Semifinalists, sixty-one Commended Scholars, six National Achievement Scholars, three National Hispanic Scholars, and eighteen National Recognition Program Scholars.

Who We Are

St. Joseph's Catholic School (SJCS) is a private, Roman Catholic, coeducational, college-preparatory day school serving 663 students in grades six through twelve. Recognized and approved by and within the Diocese of Charleston, St. Joseph's seeks academic excellence and strives to form the minds, hearts, and souls of its students in the likeness of Christ. The school provides a rigorous liberal arts curriculum with challenging college-preparatory, honors, and Advanced Placement classes. St. Joseph's also offers more than 100 co-curricular activities, including athletics and fine arts, as well as academic, leadership, service, and personal enrichment clubs and organizations.

Grade Distribution

Quintile	Range	Mean
Top	94.80-100.40	96.70
2nd	92.69-94.51	93.74
3rd	90.51-92.67	91.41
4th	84.92-90.39	87.58
5th	77.22-84.69	81.65

Mid-50% CWA: 85.73 - 94.33

Median CWA: 91.25

Accreditations & Affiliations

- Serving and Accrediting Independent School (SAIS)
- National Catholic Education Association (NCEA)
- Palmetto Association of Independent Schools (PAIS)
- Cognia (Formerly AdvancED)
- Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC)
- National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
- South Carolina High School League (SCHSL)
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS)

Student/Faculty Ratio: 11:1

Average Class Size: 16

Faculty Holding Advanced Degrees: 43 (73%)

Current High School Course Offerings

	College Preparatory	Honors	AP
English	Composition & Literature, European Literature, American Literature, Modern Literature, Creative Writing, Literature of the Civil Rights Movement,* Children's Literature*	European Literature, Composition & Literature, American Literature, Modern Literature	English Literature and Composition, English Language and Composition
Mathematics	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Advanced Algebra, Algebra III**, Personal Finance, Statistics	Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Fundamentals of Calculus	Calculus AB, Calculus BC*, Statistics
Science (All courses are lab sciences)	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Forensic Science, Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	Biology**, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy*, Aerospace Science I, Aerospace Science II*, Human Anatomy & Physiology	Biology, Chemistry, Physics I, Physics II*
Theology	Fundamentals of Christianity, Theology of the Church, Morality, Apologetics, Theology of the Body, Biblical Studies, Catholic Social Teaching	Apologetics, Faith and Reason	
Computer Science	Computer Applications, Introduction to Web Design, Intro to Python Programming, Graphic Applications*, Graphic Applications II*, Yearbook Staff, Digital Photography*, Digital Photography II*		
World Language	Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, French I, French II, French III	Spanish III, Spanish IV, French III, French IV	Spanish Language and Culture, French Language and Culture
History	World History, Modern European History, U.S History, Economics, Principles of Psychology, Government	World History, Modern European History, U.S. History, History of the Holocaust	U.S. History, European History, United States Government and Politics, Art History*
Physical Education	Strength Training, Health and Exercise, Social Dance, Intro to Modern Dance, Athletic Training*		
Fine Arts	<i>COURSE OFFERINGS VARY EACH YEAR BASED ON AVAILABILITY.</i> Studio Art I, II, Drawing*, Art & Design I, II, Portfolio Development*, Intro to Theatre Arts, Advanced Theatre Arts*, Prop Construction, Drama and Stage Crew Practicum*, Directing*, Theatre Production*, Speech and Improvisation, Film and Media*, Chorus, Band, Strings, Pep Band*, Advanced Band*		

*Class not offered for 2023-24 school year **Class new for 2023-24 school year

Evaluation of Academic Performance Grading System

SJCS utilizes a semester-based system. A 10-point grading scale is used to determine individual course grades which are reported on a 100 point scale. In recognition of the increased rigors of AP and Honors courses, an additional 7 points are averaged for each AP course and an additional 3 points are averaged for each Honors course into the Cumulative Weighted Average (CWA). These additional points are only added in the final computation in the CWA and are NOT reflected in each students' course grade.

While students receive credit for classes in which a 60 or above is earned, a "mastery" grade of at least a 70 is required for all classes required for graduation. To progress to the next grade level or graduate, students who earn a 60-69 must complete remedial summer work to demonstrate mastery. This remedial work does not change the grade earned in the class and so the grades on the transcript are the grades initially earned.

Class Rank

SJCS utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (SCUGP) in calculating and determining class rank. While SJCS has a policy on the academic ranking of students, SJCS does not believe that ranking students provides a valid measure of performance and therefore we do not publish class rank as part of the college admission process.

AI Technology Policy

As a community dedicated to forming young people and preparing them to function as Christ-centered individuals, it is critical that we intentionally educate them in how to morally respond to the developing technological trends in society. Like the Internet, artificial intelligence (AI) trends can be utilized as a tool for good or ill. SJCS is committed to working closely with students to make their expectations clear on its appropriate use. Our formal policy can be found [HERE](#).

Covid Statement

St. Joseph's Catholic School offered in-person education for the entirety of the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years. Students who were either Covid positive or were identified as close contacts were quarantined and offered a mix of instructional strategies in terms of content delivery. Assessments and assignments continued to be done primarily in person, with a few exceptions depending on the conditions. All assessments were fully monitored.

Class of 2024 Graduation Requirements

Theology	4 credits
English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
History	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits
Physical Education	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Electives	1 credit
Computer Science	.5 credit
Total	25.5 credits

Grading Scale

Effective Aug. 2016

A = 90 - 100
 B = 80 - 89
 C = 70 - 79
 D = 60 - 69
 F = Below 60