

Celebrating 91 years of commitment and excellence in Catholic, college-preparatory education

School Profile 2023-2024

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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, (310 students, 2023-2024), an openness to change, self evaluation and growth, and the dedication of its staff. The faculty consists of 32 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.

For more information about Villa Joseph Marie, contact our Admissions Department: admissions@vjmhs.org | 215-357-8810, ext. 209

Curriculum Core Courses

FRESHMAN YEAR

English Literature I
 Advanced, 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
 Advanced, Academic
 Foreign Language
 French II, Latin II, Spanish 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
 Civilization 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
 Physics (A,H&AP),
 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

Effective Communication

Foreign Language

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

Honors Advanced
 Mathematical Studies

Honors Calculus
 Summer Geometry (H)

Theology

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

Science

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

Independent Science Research
 Introduction to Engineering

& Design
 Medical Science
 Summer Physics (H)

Social Studies

AP Human Geography
 AP Psychology
 Economics
 Introduction to Psychology

Arts

Advanced Art: Open Studio
 AP Art Portfolio
 AP Music Theory I
 Band
 Band/Orchestra/Instrumental

Basic Art

Chorus
 Commercial Art
 Drama
 Drawing & Painting I & II
 Drumline
 Guitar
 Music Theory I
 Musical Theater
 Orchestra
 Theatre Tech Practicum I
 Voice
 2D Design

Transcend

Academic Strategies
 Leadership/Internship Course

ADMISSIONS

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

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. The following courses must be included: 4 units of Theology; 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. Information about the school's grading method can be found on the website at: www.vjmhs.org/academics/curriculumgrading.

HONORS/ACCELERATED/ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Offered to students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, 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 three seniors who are identified through a highly selective process. They are enrolled in two college courses, tuition free, per semester at participating colleges.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment with Holy Family University and Bucks County Community College will be available to students in 2023-2024 school year.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

All students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities during the school year. These activities are established in accord with sound educational principles and are necessary for the complete education of the individual. Some clubs have specific membership qualifications, while others are open to all interested students. There are currently 40 active clubs and societies on campus.

ATHLETICS

Students' participation in athletic activities complements their overall development. The values of fair competition and good sportsmanship, which are modeled, taught, and fostered, help students to become well-rounded individuals and good citizens. Villa Joseph Marie is a member of the Athletic Association of Catholic Academies (AACA).

Fall Sports

Cross Country
Field Hockey
Golf
Rowing
Soccer
Tennis
Volleyball

Winter Sports

Basketball
Indoor Track
Swimming & Diving

Spring Sports

Lacrosse
Rowing
Softball
Track & Field

THE JEMS EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL (JET) PROGRAM

Students are able to expand their cultural knowledge by electing to travel on school-sponsored trips abroad in the summer following their Sophomore and Junior years. Past experiences have included group travel to such destinations as Italy, England, Germany, and Spain. Students also have opportunities to travel domestically on service and classroom trips.

Villa Joseph Marie High School graduates have had a 100% college acceptance rate for more than 15 years. Over \$22 million in academic/athletic scholarships and grants were awarded to the 91 graduates of the Class of 2023.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING RECENT GRADUATES

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