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2025 - 2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

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, (309 students, 2025-2026), openness to change, self- evaluation and growth, and the dedication of its staff. The faculty consists of 35 members, 65% of whom hold advanced degrees. The school year is divided into two semesters. Villa Joseph Marie High School is **accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) and is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.**

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

CLASS RANK Due to the competitive, selective nature of the admission policy and the 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

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW) PLTW Engineering teaches students that real-world problems often have multiple solutions with many pathways to achieve success. Villa offers courses in Intro to Engineering and Design, Aerospace Engineering and Civil Engineering and Architecture. PLTW Engineering encourages students to adopt a problem-solving mindset, engaging them in compelling, real-world challenges that help them become better collaborators and thinkers. Our students have continued to perform in the **ACCOMPLISHED** and **DISTINGUISHED** categories through their assessments.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (AP) English Lang and Comp, English Lit and Comp, Calculus AB & BC, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Env Science, Physics 1, World History, Human Geography, US History, US Government, Psychology, Latin, Spanish Language & Culture, and Drawing. AP courses are offered to grades 9 through 12. In May 2025, 269 AP exams were administered, and 21 students attained the distinction of AP Scholar; 7 students attained AP Scholar with Honor; and 15 students attained AP Scholar with Distinction.

HONORS, ACCELERATED and COLLEGE PREP COURSES are offered throughout the four years and are indicated on the transcripts. Please refer to our grading scale to review the quality points assigned at each course level. ALL courses offer a comprehensive study of specific subjects, with expanded opportunities for independent work. Freshman students are limited to 3 honors courses and 1 AP.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARS' PROGRAM is offered to 5 seniors identified through a highly selective process. They can enroll in two college courses, tuition-free, per semester at participating colleges.

DUAL ENROLLMENT with Holy Family University will be available to students in the 2025-2026school year.

NATIONAL MERIT ONE student earned Finalist recognition in the Class of 2025.

GRADING SCALE

Quality Points

Grading Key		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.	0.0.	0.0

P - Pass
W - Withdrawal
INC - Incomplete
MED - Medical

TEST SCORE RANGES: MID 50% SAT EBRW: 550 - 690
MATH: 530 - 660
MID 50% ACT COMPOSITE: 23 – 29

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCORES: 74% of AP Test Takers scored a 3 or higher
40% of AP Test Takers scored a 4 or higher

Some of the colleges and universities VJM students have been accepted to over the last 3 years.

Agnes Scott College
Auburn University
Boston College
Boston University
Clemson University
College of Charleston
College of William & Mary
De Sales University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Elon University
Embry Riddle University
Fairfield University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Harvard University
High Point University
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Loyola University
New York University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Schreyer Honors College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seton Hall University
Syracuse University
The Catholic University of America
Tulane University
US Naval Academy
University of Alabama
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Maryland
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
Univ of South Carolina
University of Tampa
University of Virginia
Ursinus College
VA Polytechnic Institute
Wake Forest University