



John Paul II Catholic School

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

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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. JP II 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 JP II 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
2D Art / 3D 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, JP II 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

David Lima, *President*

Heather Rembold, *Principal*

Tabitha Reeves, *HS Asst. Principal*

Stephen Gaylets, *MS Asst. Principal*

Alan Lewis, *Dean of Students*

Cara Buckland, *Director of School Counseling*

Tom Smith, *Athletic Director*

Deacon Brent Heathcott, *Campus Minister*

Rev. Fr. Daniel Perry, *School Chaplain*

ENROLLMENT: 415

Catholic: 73%

Caucasian: 77%

African American: 4%

Hispanic/Latino: 11%

Asian: 2%

Native American: 1%

Other/Undisclosed: 5%

Tuition Assistance: 42%

Available to eligible students

FACULTY: 45

Hold Advanced Degrees: 56%

Student to Faculty Ratio: 9:1

Average Class Size: 14

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

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

English (4.5)

Math (4)

Science (3)

History (3)

Theology (4)

World Language (3)

Technology (1)

Fine Arts (1)

Personal Finance (.5)

Health (.5)

Physical Education (.5)

Electives (4)

Community Service: We have volunteer work infused into various parts of our curriculum. Our class of 2025 accumulated 13,200 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

**Class of 2025
(52 Students)**

**Scholarship
Value:
\$8.43 million**

**39 new school
acceptances**

Testing Profile Class of 2025

ACT	SAT
Top 25% Composite: 28 Median: 23 Mean: 22	Top 25% Composite: 1342 Median: 1100 Mean: 1132

School Programs and Activities

Extracurricular Activities

Acts 29 Peer Ministry, Band, Chess Club, Choir, Class Retreats, DC March for Life, DECA, Drama, FCA, Fishing Club, Model UN, NHS/NJHS, Robotics Teams, Quiz Bowl, Servant Leadership Council, Spikeball Club, Student Leadership Council, Theater, and Yearbook

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

Athletic Programs

23 varsity sports
83% of students play 1 sport
61% play 2 or more
15 all state athletes in 2025
4 indiv. state championships
5 team state championships since the inception of varsity sports in 2015
5 state finalists

Learning Center

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

Advanced Placement

AP	AP Scholars
133 Students 281 Exams 56% of 9-12th graders took at least 1 AP Class 80% of the scores were 3 (out of 5) or higher	56 students named Scholars by College Board: 40 Scholars 6 AP Scholars with Honor 10 AP Scholars with Distinction 14 AP Seminar & Research Certificate 12 AP Capstone Diplomas
AP School Honor Roll Gold Award Designation	

College and University Acceptances 2020-2025

American University
Anderson University
Anna Maria College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Augusta University
Ave Maria College
Baylor University
Belmont Abbey College
Benedictine College
Bloomsburg University
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Brevard College
Carolina University
Carson-Newman University
Case Western University
Catholic University
Charleston Southern University
Christian Brothers University
The Citadel
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia College
Columbus State University
Concordia University
Converse College
Crown College
Drexel University
Duke University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory & Henry College
Erskine College

Fitchburg State University
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fort Lewis College
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franklin Pierce University
Furman University
Gardner Webb University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Military College
Georgia Southern University
Grove City College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hillsdale College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
John Cabot University
Johnson & Wales University
Kansas State University
Kennesaw State University
Kentucky Christian University
Knox College
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University of Chicago
Loyola University of Maryland
Loyola University of New Orleans
Lynn University

Marshall University
Marymount University
Maryville College
Mercer University
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Mount Saint Mary's University
NASCAR Technical Institute
New College of Florida
Newberry College
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University, Raleigh
North Carolina Wesleyan College
North Greenville University
Nova Southeastern University
Ogeechee Technical Institute
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Ohio State University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pennsylvania State University, Main Campus
Pennsylvania State University, Brandywine Campus
Pepperdine University
Polk State College
Presbyterian College
Providence College
Queens University of Charlotte
Randolph College
Regent University
Rockhurst University
Rollins College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Andrew's University
Saint John's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Mary's College of Maryland

Salve Regina University
Samford University
Savannah Technical College
Scripps College
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Spartanburg Methodist College
Spring Arbor University
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Technical College of the Lowcountry
Temple University
The University of Virginia's College at Wise
Thiel College
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Naval Academy
Universal Technical Institute
University of Alabama
University of Alabama, Huntsville
University of Arizona
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 Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Kentucky
University of Maine
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Mississippi

University of North Carolina, Asheville
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina, Wilmington
University of North Florida
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 Valley Forge
University of Washington
University of West Florida
University of the Virgin Islands
Valdosta State University
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Wingate University
Winthrop University
Wofford University
Xavier University