JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

A Catholic Coeducational College Preparatory High School

Inspiring Growth in Knowledge and Faith Since 1869



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WHO WE ARE



Welcome to JCA!

- The JCA family has been grounded in tradition and inspired by faith for 157 years at the center of Catholic education in Will County.
- Just the right size at 550 students. All the school spirit and excitement of a large school; small enough to get to know everyone in your class and make wonderful friends.
- College preparatory education with significant opportunities to earn college credit and over $19.1 million in scholarships earned by graduates in the past year.
- Embraced by the Carmelites and Franciscans, JCA's holistic approach to education, centered in the school's faith-filled curriculum, creates an educational experience that encourages success.





Academic Excellence

Academic excellence is one of the hallmarks of Joliet Catholic Academy.

After moving through our educational program, students are well prepared to attend the college of their choice.

Academic Distinction

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Over the past five years three JCA students have achieved a perfect score on the ACT

75%

of students scored a "3" or higher on AP examinations earning college credit in 2026

Over 50% of the Class of 2026 earned AP and college dual credits while attending JCA

100%

of the Class of 2026 are attending the college/university, trade, and vocation school of their choice

Four-year college/university - 83%

Two-year college - 9%

Vocational school/military/ work force - 8%

$19.1 M+

The Class of 2026 earned over $19.1 million in college scholarships

19

students in the Class of 2026 were named Illinois State Scholars

13:1

Student-to-Teacher ratio





Curriculum Placement

- **Accelerated / Honors Prep** – Directed at the highly academically gifted and talented students who enjoy the challenges of a demanding program of studies
- **Upper College Prep** – Provides students with a fundamental understanding of the basic skills and discipline they need to achieve success in college
- **College Prep** – Furnishes students with the understanding of basic skills and the ability to master these skills to better prepare them for further academic study
- **Advanced Placement & Dual Credit** – Selections for juniors and seniors to potentially earn college credit

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

- Compliments the JCA college preparatory curriculum by creating an environment of equal access for students with documented learning challenges
- Students receive supplemental instruction one period per day in a small group setting

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Counseling
English
Fine Arts
Math
Physical Education and Health
Science
Social Studies
Theology
World Language

Scan for more Academic Department information




THE WARNING
INNOVATION RESEARCH CENTER

Technology and Innovation

WHERE TRADITION MEETS TOMORROW

At JCA, technology and academics work together to prepare students for college and beyond. Our students learn with current technology in a hands-on, collaborative environment.

WARNING INNOVATION RESEARCH CENTER

Opened in 2021, the Innovation Research Center is a state-of-the-art space designed for creativity, collaboration, and innovation.

- Robotics Club
- Broadcasting Studio
- Collaborative Learning Pods
- 3D Printers & Laser Cutter
- Drones & Robotics
- AP Computer Science, Engineering & Graphic Design Labs
- Technology Help Desk & Flexible Learning Spaces

JCA Tech Club and Robotics Club give students additional opportunities to explore technology, eSports, engineering, and real-world projects.

MICROSOFT FOR EDUCATION

JCA is a 1:1 Microsoft Windows school. This means that our students will leave high school knowing how to utilize the vast resources provided by Microsoft 365.

MICROSOFT SHOWCASE SCHOOL

JCA has been a Microsoft Showcase School since 2022, recognized among schools demonstrating innovative teaching and learning through technology.

JCA is one of only three Microsoft Showcase Schools in Illinois and is home to six Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts.




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Counseling and Student Wellness

Joliet Catholic Academy's Counseling Department delivers a comprehensive, developmental, results-based school counseling program that promotes and enhances student success. Our counselors offer individual counseling and deliver a counseling curriculum focused on their students' holistic development in the following areas: academic, personal/social, spiritual, and college/career. The college/career counselors design and provide resources and curriculum for college/career readiness and work with students and their families throughout the college search and application process. Students are assigned a college/career counselor at the beginning of their junior year.

New to our hallways of JCA this year is Rocko, our trained and certified facility therapy dog. Rocko brings a calming presence and joy to our school community every day!

STUDENT LIFE

JCA offers more than 40 clubs, organizations, and activities that provide students with opportunities to explore their interests, develop leadership skills, and build lasting friendships.

- 94% of students participate in extracurricular activities
- JCA's Key Club was recognized at the state level in its division for the best single service project





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Faith and Family

What sets Joliet Catholic Academy apart from other area high schools is the spiritual atmosphere, revealed through the continuing Catholic-Christian tradition formed by its Carmelite and Franciscan sponsors. Each student is required four years of religious studies as well as an opportunity for a comprehensive spiritual life program provided by our Campus Ministry department.

PRAYER

- The Mary, Our Sister Chapel allows space for daily reflection and prayer as well as gathering and celebrating
- Monthly all-school masses as well as on Holy Days of Obligation
- Individual freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior class masses held throughout the year
- Reconciliation and Holy Communion are available to bring spiritual enrichment to students' lives

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

- Students complete a minimum of 60 service hours throughout their four-year career at JCA both within the school and Joliet community
- 15,000+ service hours were completed by the Class of 2026 in their time at JCA

RETREATS

- Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and the JCA faculty and staff all participate in an annual day of renewal
- JCA is the pioneer in developing the Kairos retreat which is offered to students during their senior year
- 300+ Kairos retreats since 1975








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Athletic Success

JCA has a tradition of winning state titles, national championships, and sportsmanship awards. Athletics plays an important role in developing the discipline and competitive spirit required for academic success while cultivating future leaders.

Athletic Achievements

17%
of the Class of 2026 is continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level in
10
different sports

24
sports offered at JCA

67
Former/Current Professional Athletes

38
State/National Championships

2025-2026 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Girls Cross Country: Individual State Qualifier
Girls Tennis: Doubles Team State Qualifiers
Dance: 1A State Champions
Cheer: State Qualifier
Boys Wrestling: 10 Individual State Qualifiers
Boys Wrestling: 7 Individual State Placers
Boys Wrestling: Dual Team State Qualifier
Girls Track: Individual State Qualifiers
Girls Track: Individual State Champion









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Visual and Performing Arts

Joliet Catholic Academy believes the arts are an important part of the high school experience. The arts make a real contribution to the intellectual, expressive, emotional, and creative growth of a person. Angels and Hilltoppers are required to earn credits for graduation in both Art and Music. Students are also given the opportunity to become involved outside the classroom setting with extracurricular activities such as exhibits, field trips, and musical performances.

MUSIC EDUCATION

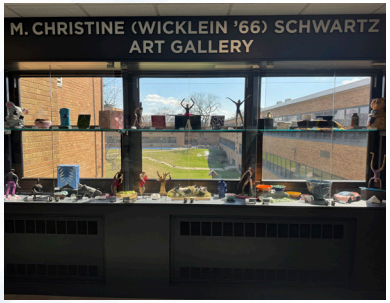
- Band
- Guitar 1
- Music Appreciation
- Music Theory
- Theatre Arts
- Vocal Ensemble

ART EDUCATION

- 2D Design
- Drawing Media 1
- Metalsmithing / Fiber Arts 1, 2, & 3
- Pottery 1, 2 & 3
- Sculpture
- Studio Art Honors










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The Legacy Campaign

The JCA family consists of over 550 current students, their parents and families, faculty and staff, and over 28,000 alumni, led by the Joliet Franciscan Sisters and the Carmelite Priests. Joliet Catholic Academy is at a pivotal moment in our storied history. Since 1990, over $28 million in campus improvements have taken place due to the generosity of alumni and friends.

We are very proud to announce The Legacy Campaign for Joliet Catholic Academy, a transformative capital initiative for the school. This $20 million campaign encompasses:

- Growth of the JCA Endowment for Tuition Assistance
- Purchase of the JCA campus and buildings and Our Lady of Angels property
- Construction of multi-purpose turf field and stadium, a brand-new tennis complex, a new track, a new softball field, updates to our baseball stadium, and an all-around upgrade to outside aesthetics of JCA
- Establish the Sisters of St. Francis Legacy Faculty and Staff Fund for professional development and retention

Scan for more Legacy Campaign information





Admissions and Financial Aid

JCA TUITION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Through the JCA Tuition Partnership Program, an excellent Catholic education has never been more accessible. Increases to financial aid opportunities have led to increases in enrollment and freshman applications in three of the past four school years.



Granting access to a high-quality, Catholic education to more families

AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

Annual Tuition Payment is $15,750.00

Scholarship	Total Tuition	Monthly Payment *(10 months)*
$0.00	$15,975.00	$1,597.50
25% - $3,993.75	$11,981.25	$1,198.13
33% (Average Award) - $5,271.75	$10,703.25	$1,070.33
50% (Maximum Award) - $7,987.50	$7,987.50	$798.75

NET PRICE CALCULATOR

Scan to estimate your family's annual JCA cost after merit and need-based aid

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made via credit card or automatic bank transfers. Other options are available and arranged through the Business Office. JCA offers a variety of payment options:

- Full payment
- Bi-annual payments
- Quarterly payments
- Monthly installments

**Additional fees apply including fundraising, athletic participation, books, and laptop. A complete list of fees can be found online at www.jolietcatholicacademy.org*

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarships range from $500 up to 50% off tuition through the JCA Endowment and Catholic Education Foundation.

MERIT BASED AID

TOP ENTRANCE EXAM SCORES

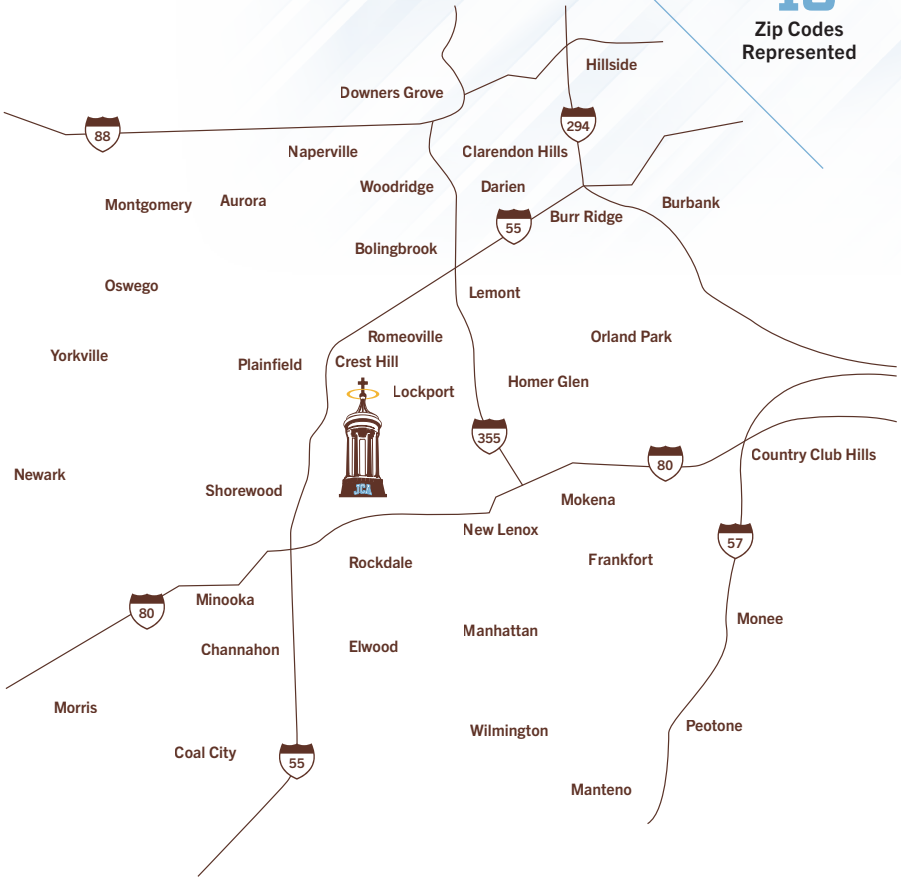
Incoming freshmen must take the entrance exam at JCA on **December 5, 2026** and score above the 90th percentile to earn scholarships up to $2,000 off freshman year tuition.

HERITAGE AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Leadership scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $8,000 off tuition, renewable for all four years of high school. Requires submission of a 500-word essay and interview process. Students must register to attend JCA before the spring Discounted Registration Deadline.

JCA STUDENTS COME FROM MANY PLACES

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Zip Codes Represented



Transportation

Joliet Catholic Academy is located on the west side of Joliet, near the communities of Shorewood, Plainfield and Minooka/Channahon. Because of the easy accessibility to Will, DuPage, Grundy and Kendall counties, JCA pulls students from a wide variety of neighboring towns.

- For the most up-to-date bus route information, which is based on interest and family usage, contact the JCA Business Office.
- Bus cost is $1,300 one time; or two installments of $750 (September and December) for a total of $1,500.
- A good number of JCA students are part of carpools or drive themselves to school each day. The JCA Admissions Office works with families to connect carpools.



2026-2027 Admissions Calendar of Events

Fridays, September 2026 through April 2027
7th and 8th Grade Shadow Days

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Open House, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. tours

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Open House, 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. tours

Saturday, December 5, 2026
Entrance Exam for All Incoming Freshmen
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 5, 2026
Heritage Award Application Due

Saturday, December 12, 2026
Makeup Entrance Exam for All Incoming Freshmen, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 31, 2026
Priority Financial Aid Deadline (FACTS)

Wednesday, January 27, 2027
Admissions Parent Night – Class of 2031

Monday, February 1, 2027
Kazma Family Foundation Scholarship Deadline

Monday, March 1, 2027
Discounted Registration Deadline; Catholic Education Foundation Financial Aid FACTS Application Deadline

Thursday, April 1, 2027
Returning Student Financial Aid Deadline

Friday, April 16, 2027
7th Grade Step Up Day

June and July 2027
Summer events and activity camps for incoming freshmen

Scan for a list of the most current events

Contact the Admissions Office to schedule a private tour or discuss tuition and financial aid options. Visit **www.jolietcatholicacademy.org/admissions** for more information.

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