

Celebrating 89 years of commitment and excellence in Catholic, college-preparatory education

School Profile 2021-2022

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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, (400 students, 2021-2022), an openness to change, self evaluation and growth, and the dedication of its staff. The faculty consists of 48 members,

71% 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.

COVID-19

During the 2020-2021 academic year, Villa offered fully in-person learning, except for 17 days between Thanksgiving and the New Year. No mid-term or final exams were given.

Curriculum Core Courses

FRESHMAN YEAR

English Literature I
 Accelerated, Honors, Academic
 Foreign Language
 French I, Italian 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, Instrumental Music
 Theory, Art Portfolio
 Freshman Seminar

SOPHOMORE YEAR

English Literature II
 Accelerated, Honors, Academic
 Foreign Language
 French II, Latin II,
 Spanish II, Italian 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 Civ 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
 Conceptual Physics (AP&H),
 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
 AP Governemnt
 Electives

Curriculum Electives

English

Aesthetics of Film
 Creative Expressions (H)
 Effective Communication
 Media/Journalism
 Reality vs. Fantasy (H)

Foreign Language

AP French Language/Culture
 AP Latin
 AP Spanish Language/Culture
 French III (H)
 French IV (H)
 Italian 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
 Business Studies
 Honors Advanced
 Mathematical Studies
 Honors Calculus
 Statistics & Probability
 Summer Geometry (H)
 Summer PreCalculus and
 Trigonometry (H)

Theology

Women in Theology (H)

Science

Aerospace Engineering
 Anatomy & Physiology (H)
 AP Biology
 AP Chemistry

AP Environmental Science

AP Physics I & II
 Civil Engineering &
 Architecture
 Earth & Environmental
 Forensic Science
 Independent Science Research
 Introduction to Engineering
 & Design
 Summer Physics (H)

Social Studies

AP Government & Politics
 AP Human Geography
 AP Psychology
 Ethics & Social Justice
 Introduction to Psychology
 Reel History
 Summer American
 Civilization II (H)

Arts

Advanced Art: Open Studio
 AP Art Portfolio
 AP Music Theory I & II
 Band
 Band/Orchestra/Instrumental
 Basic Art
 Chorus
 Dance
 Drama
 Drawing & Painting I & II
 Drumline
 Guitar
 Music Theory I & II
 Orchestra
 Theatre Tech Practicum I & II
 Voice
 2D Design
Transcend
 Academic Strategies

ADMISSIONS

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

CLASS RANK

Due to the competitive, selective nature of the admission policy and the relatively 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.

GRADING METHOD

Grade	Number Equivalent	Quality Points		
		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
I	Incomplete			

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement courses are offered to grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. In May 2021, 284 AP exams were administered to students of VJM. 19 students attained the distinction of being named AP Scholars, 8 students attained the distinction of AP Scholar with Honor, 8 students attained AP Scholar with Distinction, and 4 students attained National AP Scholar.

HONORS/ACCELERATED COURSES

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 four seniors who are identified through a highly selective process. They are enrolled in two college courses, tuition free, per semester at participating colleges.

NATIONAL MERIT

One student has been named a commended scholar in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

ST. BASIL TRANSFER STUDENTS

The Villa Joseph Marie community warmly welcomed a high percentage of students into the classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024 from Saint Basil Academy (SBA), in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. SBA officially and permanently closed on June 30, 2021.

Villa Joseph Marie High School graduates have had a 100% college acceptance rate for more than 15 years.

Over \$21 million in academic/athletic scholarships and grants were awarded to the 97 graduates of the Class of 2021.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING RECENT GRADUATES

American University	Purdue University
Arcadia University	Quinnipiac University
Auburn University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bentley University	Rice University
Boston College	Rider University
Boston University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Brown University	Rutgers University
Bryn Mawr College	Saint Joseph's University
Bucknell University	Savannah College of Art and Design
Cabrini University	Seton Hall University
Carnegie Mellon University	St. John's University
Catholic University of America	St. Mary's College
Clemson University	Stanford University
Coastal Carolina University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Colgate University	Syracuse University
The College of New Jersey	Temple University
The College of William and Mary	Towson University
Cornell University	Tufts University
DeSales University	United States Military Academy – Army
Drexel University	University of Alabama
Duquesne University	University of California, Davis
Elon University	University of Chicago
Emory University	University of Colorado
Fairfield University	University of Connecticut
Florida State University	University of Dayton
Fordham University	University of Delaware
Franciscan University	University of Florida
Franklin and Marshall College	University of Georgia
George Washington University	University of Maryland
Georgetown University	University of Massachusetts
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina
Gettysburg College	University of Notre Dame
Harvard University	University of Pennsylvania
High Point University	University of Pittsburgh
Immaculata University	University of Richmond
James Madison University	University of Scranton
Johns Hopkins University	University of South Carolina
Kutztown University	University of Southern California
La Salle University	University of Tampa
Lafayette College	University of the Arts
Lehigh University	University of the Sciences of Philadelphia
LIU Post	University of Virginia
Louisiana State University	University of Wisconsin
Loyola University	Ursinus College
Loyola University of Chicago	Vanderbilt University
Marist College	Vassar College
Marywood University	Villanova University
Monmouth University	Virginia Tech
Mount St. Mary's University	Wake Forest University
Muhlenberg College	West Chester University
New York University	West Virginia University
Northeastern University	Widener University
Northwestern University	
Ohio State University	
Pace University	
Pennsylvania State University	
Pepperdine University	
Princeton University	

THE TOP 50% OF THE CLASS OF 2021 AVERAGED THE FOLLOWING IN SAT SCORES:

Reading 641 Math 608 ACT scores: 26.5