

Celebrating 87 years of commitment and excellence in Catholic college preparatory education

School Profile 2019-2020

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School and Community

Villa Joseph Marie High School is a Catholic, private 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, (377 students, 2019-2020), an openness to change, self evaluation and growth, and the dedication of its staff.

The faculty consists of 45 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.

Curriculum Core Courses

Freshman Year

Introduction to Literature
Accelerated, Honors, Academic

Foreign Language
French I, Latin I, Spanish I, Italian I

Mathematics
Algebra I (A&H), Algebra II (A&H)

Theology
Hebrew Scriptures, Christian Scriptures

Science
Biology (A&H)

Social Studies
World History (A & AP)

Freshman Seminar

Freshman Art/Freshman Chorus/Instrumental Music Theory/Art Portfolio

Sophomore Year

English Literature II
Accelerated, Honors, Academic

Foreign Language
French II, Italian II, Latin II, Spanish II

Mathematics
Geometry (A&H), Algebra II (A&H), PreCalculus (A&H)

Theology
Church History
Fundamentals of Catholicism

Science
Chemistry (A&H), Biology (A&H)

Social Studies
American Civilization I
Accelerated American Civ I

Health/Physical Education Electives

Junior Year

English Literature III
AP, Honors, Academic

Mathematics
Calculus (AP&H),
PreCalculus (A&H),
Geometry (A&H)

Theology
Moral Theology, Peace and Social Justice

Science
Conceptual Physics (AP&H),
Chemistry (A,H&AP)

Social Studies
US History (AP)
American Civilization I

Electives

Senior Year

English Literature IV
AP, Honors, Academic

Theology
Vocation
World Religions

Social Studies
Am Government/Intro to Sociology, AP Government & Politics

Electives

Curriculum Electives

AP World History
Reel History
AP Human Geography
AP Government & Politics
Summer Honors American Government
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2 and AP Physics C
AP Biology
Anatomy & Physiology (H)
Forensic Science
Earth & Environmental
Introduction to Engineering & Design
Independent Science Research

Summer Anatomy & Physiology (H)
Summer Physics (H)
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Honors Calculus
Statistics (A&AP)
Honors Advanced Mathematical Studies
Business Studies
Summer Geometry (H)
AP Art Portfolio
Basic Art
Drawing & Painting I & II
2D Design
Advanced Art: Open Studio
AP Psychology

Introduction to Psychology
Psychology (H)
American Law/Women's Studies
Women in Literature (H)
Effective Communication
Media/Journalism
Creative Expressions
Spanish III (A&H)
Spanish IV (H)
Summer Spanish II (H)
French III (H)
French IV (H)
Latin III (H)
Latin IV (H)
Italian III (H)
Italian IV (H)
AP Spanish

Language/Culture
AP French Language/Culture
AP Latin
Advanced Latin V
Theatre Tech Practicum
Dance
Drama
Drumline
Band
Orchestra
Chorus
Music Theory
Voice
Guitar

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; 1 unit of health/physical education. A unit is equal to one credit.

Grading Method

Grade	Number	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, 2019, 250 AP exams were administered to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors of VJM. 18 students attained the distinction of being named AP Scholars, 11 students attained the distinction of AP Scholar with Honor and 5 students attained AP Scholar with Distinction.

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

Diocesan Scholars' Program is offered to two 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

Two students have been named semi-finalists and 6 students have been named commended scholars in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

College Acceptances

Villa Joseph Marie High School graduates have had a 100% college acceptance rate over the last fifteen years. Over \$21 million in academic/athletic scholarships and grants were awarded to the 82 graduates of the Class of 2019.

Recent college acceptances:

American University	Princeton University
Arcadia University	Purdue University
Baylor University	Quinnipiac University
Bentley College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Boston College	Rider University
Boston University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Brown University	Rosemont College
Bryn Mawr College	Rutgers University
Bucknell University	San Diego State
Cabrini College	Savannah College of Art and Design
Carnegie Mellon University	Seton Hall University
Case Western Reserve	Seton Hill University
Catholic University of America	St. John's University
Clemson University	St. Joseph's University
Coastal Carolina University	St. Mary's College
Colgate University	Stevens Institute of Technology
College of New Jersey	Syracuse University
College of William and Mary	Temple University
Cornell University	Texas Christian University
DeSales University	The Pennsylvania State University
Drexel University	The University of Maine
Duke University	Towson University
Duquesne University	Tulane University
Elizabethtown College	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Elon University	United States Military Academy – Army
Emory University	University of Alabama
Fairfield University	University of California, Los Angeles
Florida State University	University of Chicago
Fordham University	University of Colorado
Franciscan University	University of Connecticut
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Dayton
Furman University	University of Delaware
George Washington University	University of Florida
Georgetown University	University of Georgia
Gettysburg College	University of Maryland
Hamilton College	University of Massachusetts
Harvard University	University of Miami
High Point University	University of Michigan
Immaculata University	University of North Carolina
James Madison University	University of Notre Dame
Johns Hopkins University	University of Pennsylvania
Kutztown University	University of Pittsburgh
Lafayette College	University of Richmond
LaSalle University	University of Scranton
Lehigh University	University of South Carolina
Loyola University	University of Southern California
Loyola University of Chicago	University of the Arts
Marist College	University of the Sciences of Philadelphia
Marquette University	University of Virginia
Marywood University	Ursinus College
Monmouth University	Vassar College
Mount St. Mary's College	Villanova University
Muhlenberg College	Virginia Polytechnic University
New York University	Virginia Tech
Northeastern University	Wake Forest University
Northwestern University	West Chester University
Ohio State University	West Virginia University
Pace University	Widener University
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	
Pepperdine University	
Philadelphia University	
Polytechnic Institute	

The top 50% of the Class of 2019 averaged the following in SAT scores:

Reading 669 Math 669 ACT scores: 28