



# St. John Paul II Catholic High School

## FALCONS

*Learn Enthusiastically, Lead Honorably, Live Responsibly*

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## 2024-2025 Profile

**St. John Paul II Catholic High School (JP2)** is a college preparatory school for grades 9-12, located in Cummings Research Park in Huntsville, Alabama, and serving North Alabama and Southern Tennessee. Founded in 1996 as Catholic High School, St. John Paul II Catholic High School is sponsored by the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama. Our student body is governed by a house system with students placed into one of four houses. Each house has leadership positions available to all grades. We provide our students with extracurricular activities during the school day through our PowerHour (e.g., lunch, club meetings, tutoring, and teacher office hours).

### Overview of Curriculum / School Initiatives

Designed to motivate and challenge all students, the academic program at St. John Paul II Catholic High School is driven by equity and the highest possible learning expectations for students. Our proficiency-based learning and graduation policies ensure that all students leave as highly literate and skilled graduates. The academic schedule is organized on a modified block schedule with 8 credits per year. Students attend four block classes daily (A/B days). Student course selection may be limited due to our required 5 core courses and faculty scheduling. Sophomores are limited to one AP class, juniors to three AP classes, and seniors to four AP classes. Special courses offered at St. John Paul II Catholic High School include Cybersecurity.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:

Biology  
Calculus AB  
Chemistry  
English-Language and Composition  
English-Literature and Composition  
Physics I  
U.S. Government  
U.S. History  
World History

### HONORS COURSES:

Geometry  
Algebra II & Trigonometry  
Pre-Calculus  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Human Anatomy/Physiology  
English  
World History  
U.S. History I & II  
U.S. Government/Economics

### GRADING

Quality points are totaled and divided by the number of credits. St. John Paul II Catholic High School weighs all AP and approved dual-enrollment classes with a weight qualifier of 0.5 per designated class. Transcripts show a weighted/unweighted GPA.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Required Subjects	Credits
Theology	4.0
English	4.0
Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)	4.0
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics required)	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Foreign Language (2 consecutive years of the same language)	2.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Physical Education	1.0
Electives	3.0
Health	.5
Career Preparedness A	.5
Career Preparedness B	.5
One hundred hours of Community Service	no credit
<b>Total credits</b>	<b>28.5</b>

St. John Paul II Catholic High School is a non-ranking school.

Letter Grade	Numeric Value	Quality Points	Letter Grade	Numeric Value	Quality Points
A+	97-100	4.5	C+	77-79	2.5
A	93-96	4.25	C	73-76	2.25
A-	90-92	4.0	C-	70-72	2.0
B+	87-89	3.5	D+	67-69	1.5
B	83-86	3.25	D	63-66	1.25
B-	80-82	3.0	D-	60-62	1.0
			F	Below 60	0.0

# 363

Total enrollment  
Grades 9-12

# \$10.3M+

Merit Scholarships  
Awarded

# 8.8K

Class of 2024  
Service Hours Total

# 24.5

Average A.C.T.  
Composite

# 12:1

Student Teacher  
Ratio

# 15.5

Average Class Size

# 27%

Students on external  
scholarships or internal  
financial aid

# 41%

Ethnic Diversity

# 36

Faculty- 17 with  
advanced degrees

## DUAL ENROLLMENT for COLLEGE CREDIT

Offered through the University of Alabama at  
Huntsville and Calhoun Community College  
to juniors and seniors. Also available through  
University of Alabama Early College.

### TEST SCORES (100 students)

S.A.T. Composite Scores (Class of 2023)

Subject	JPII	State	National
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	619	586	529
Math	588	560	521

### Advanced Placement - 11th & 12th Graders

Total Scholars: 50 Average: 3.85

	AP Scholar	with Honor	with Distinction
Number of Scholars	18	14	18
Average Score	3.33	4.09	4.06

JPII CEEB: 011483

2023 AP School Honor Roll Gold

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - Classes of 2020-2024

Alabama A&M University

Auburn University

Ave Maria University

Bellarmino University

Belmont University

Berea College

Berry College

Binghamton University

Boston College

Boston University

Bowling Green State University

Calhoun Community College

Denison University

DePauw University

Drake Community & Technical College

Duke University

East Tennessee State University

Eastern Kentucky University

Faulkner University

Florida Southern College

Florida Southwestern State College

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia State University

George Washington University

Goshen College

Huntingdon College

Jacksonville State University

LaGrange College

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University - Chicago

Loyola University - New Orleans

Marian Military Institute

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Mercer University

Milligan University

Mississippi State University

Missouri University of Science &

Technology

Oakwood University

Oklahoma City University

Pace University

Rhodes College

Rutgers University

Samford University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Sewanee: The University of the South

Syracuse University

Tennessee State University

The College of William & Mary

The Ohio State University

The University of Alabama

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

The University of Utah

Troy University

Tulane University

Tuskegee University

## SPONSORED ACCREDITED MEMBER

Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

National Catholic Education Association (NCEA)

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA)

### National Merit Scholarship Corporation

#### National Merit® Scholarships

Recognition Program Scholars: 2

Commended Scholars: 1

### A.C.T. Composite Scores\*

	JPII	State	National
Composite Test Scores	24.5	18.0	19.8

\*Class of 2023 scores

Ranked #5 Best Private  
High Schools in Alabama by  
Niche.com (2023 Data)



## ATHLETICS

The athletic program is open to all students under the direction of the coaches and the Athletic Director. Rules for eligibility and participation are outlined in a separate JPII and FCMS Athletic Program Handbook. The school is a member of the AHSAA (4A classification) and as such athletes must follow all rules of the AHSAA regarding eligibility & participation. Any questions regarding the Athletic Program may be addressed to the Athletic Director.