



St. John Paul II Catholic High School

FALCONS

Learn Enthusiastically, Lead Honorably, Live Responsibly

2023-2024 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
 English-Language and Composition
 English-Literature and Composition
 European History
 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
Total credits	28.5

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

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357

Total enrollment
Grades 9-12

\$12.7M+

Merit Scholarships
Awarded

8K

Class of 2023
Service Hours Total

24.5

Average A.C.T.
Composite

12:1

Student Teacher
Ratio

16.3

Average Class Size

28%

Students on external
scholarships or internal
financial aid

42%

Ethnic Diversity

34

Faculty- 18 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: 49 Average: 3.74

	AP Scholar	with Honor	with Distinction
Number of Scholars	26	11	12
Average Score	3.32	3.71	4.30

JPII CEEB: 011483

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES - Classes of 2019-2023

Alabama A&M University	Irvine Valley College	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Memphis
Arizona State University	Jacksonville State University	Spring Hill College	University of Miami
Auburn University	Kansas State University	Stetson University	University of Montevallo
Ave Maria University	Kennesaw State University	Syracuse University	University of North Alabama
Bellarmino University	Lindenwood University-Bellefonte	Texas A&M University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Belmont University	Lipscomb University	The Catholic University of America	University of Notre Dame
Berea College	Louisiana State University	The College of William & Mary	University of Oregon
Berry College	Lone Star College-CyFair	The University of Alabama	University of Portland
Birmingham-Southern College	Loyola University - Chicago	The University of Alabama at Birmingham	University of Richmond
Boston University	Loyola University-New Orleans	The University of Alabama in Huntsville	University of South Alabama
Centre College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The University of Mississippi	University of South Florida
Christian Brothers University	Mercer University	The University of New Orleans	University of Southern Mississippi
Colorado Mountain College	Michigan State University	The University of Utah	University of Tampa
Colorado School of Mines	Middle Tennessee State University	Transylvania University	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Concordia University-Nebraska	Midwestern State University	Troy University	University of Texas at San Antonio
Denison University	Millsaps College	Tulane University	University of West Florida
DePauw University	Mississippi State University	Tuskegee University	Valdosta State University
Drexel University	Missouri University of Science & Technology	U.S. Military Academy at West Point	Valley Forge Military Institute
East Tennessee State University	Montana State University	U.S. Naval Academy	Vanderbilt University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	North Dakota State University	University of Buffalo	Villanova University
Emory University	Norwich University	University of California-Irvine	Virginia Commonwealth University
Faulkner University	Oakwood University	University of California-Santa Cruz	Virginia Military Institute
Florida Southern College	Oklahoma City University	University of Central Florida	Virginia Tech University
Florida Southwestern State College	Pace University	University of Cincinnati	Wake Forest University
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Penn State University	University of Colorado - Boulder	Washington & Jefferson College
Georgetown University	Purdue University	University of Dallas	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University	Randolph College	University of Dayton	West Virginia University
Georgia Southwestern State University	Regis University	University of Denver	William and Mary
Georgia State University	Rhodes College	University of Evansville	Wingate University
Georgia Tech University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Florida	Wittenberg University
Goshen College	Rutgers University	University of Kansas	
Hendrix College	Samford University	University of Kentucky	
Huntingdon College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Louisville	
Indiana University - Bloomington			

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.

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: 4
Commended Scholars: 5 Finalists: 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)

