

## School Leadership

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# 2016-2017 SCHOOL PROFILE

## School & Student Distinctions

**Class of 2017 Population: 100**

**Classes 2014-2016 Test Results (2017 data not yet available)**

**SAT Results: Mid-50% Range (Mean) ACT Results: Mid-50% Range (Mean)**

Critical Reading: 540-650 (599)

English: 24-31 (27.6)

Math: 530-660 (599)

Math: 23-29 (26.0)

Writing: 530-640 (585)

Reading: 24-32 (27.5)

Composite: 1620-1950 (1783)

Science Reasoning: 23-30 (26.2)

Composite: 24-30 (26.6)

### AP Examinations:

Students are admitted into AP courses based on grades in prerequisite courses, teacher recommendations, and PSAT scores. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP exams. During 2014 - 2016:

Students tested: 426

Tests taken: 770

A score of 3 or above was earned on 81% of AP exams taken.

### School of Excellence

The Cardinal Newman Society recognized St. Joseph's as a 2014 Catholic Education Honor Roll School of Excellence (the most recent year it was awarded). Honor Roll schools are marked by the integration of Catholic identity throughout all aspects of their programs, as well as excellence in academics.

### College Acceptance and Scholarship:

Traditionally, all graduates attend college with the majority entering four-year institutions. The 101 members of the Class of 2016 had 97% entering four-year institutions and 3% entering two-year institutions. They received acceptances from 115 different colleges and universities in 30 states and attended 46 different colleges in 18 states.

Ninety-two percent of the Class of 2016 received at least one merit-based scholarship, totaling 11.6 million dollars in merit-based scholarships earned.

### Athletics:

Eight members of the Class of 2016 committed to continue their athletic careers in college. In the school's sixth year of competition in the SC High School League, its teams earned four state titles, and one team was named state runner-up. In addition, SJCS was awarded the 1A Director's Cup by the SC Athletic Administrator's Association (for outstanding excellence in its athletic program).

### National Merit Scholarship Competition

The Class of 2016 had one Finalist and five Commended Scholars. Since the school's inception, there have been forty-six Finalists/Semifinalists, forty-seven Commended, and six National Achievement Scholars.

## Who We Are

**St. Joseph's Catholic School** is a private, Roman Catholic, coeducational, college-preparatory day school serving nearly 700 students in grades six through twelve. Recognized and approved by and within the Diocese of Charleston, St. Joseph's seeks academic excellence and strives to form the minds, hearts, and souls of its students in the likeness of Christ. Situated on a 36-acre campus centrally located in Greenville County, the school provides a rigorous liberal arts curriculum with challenging college-preparatory, honors, and Advanced Placement classes utilizing both coeducational (high school) and single-gender (middle school) instruction. The school's spiritual environment, rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church, helps to create a joyful, Christ-centered school in which students can learn and grow. St. Joseph's also offers more than 100 co-curricular activities, including athletics and fine arts, as well as academic, leadership, service, and personal enrichment clubs and organizations.

## Accreditations & Affiliations

- AdvancEd (Formerly SACS)
- South Carolina Independent School Association
- National Catholic Education Association
- National Association of Private Catholic and Independent Schools
- Palmetto Association of Independent Schools
- Southern Association for College Admission Counseling
- National Association for College Admission Counseling

**Student/Faculty Ratio: 12:1**

**Average Class Size: 18**

**Faculty Holding Advanced Degrees: 29 (51%)**

# Current High School Course Offerings

	<b>College Preparatory</b>	<b>Honors</b>	<b>AP</b>
<b>English</b>	Composition & Literature, European Literature, American Literature, Modern Literature, Creative Writing <sup>o</sup> , Public Speaking <sup>***</sup>	European Literature, Composition & Literature, American Literature, Modern Literature	English Literature and Composition, English Language and Composition
<b>Mathematics</b>	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus Algebra III, Personal Finance, Statistics	Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Fundamentals of Calculus	Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics
<b>Science (All courses are lab sciences)</b>	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Forensic Science, Health and Exercise Science, Human Anatomy and Physiology,* Human Anthropology,* Genetics <sup>***</sup>	Chemistry, Physics, Organic Chemistry,* Genetics,* Astronomy, Human Anatomy and Physiology	Biology,* 2-credit Biology and Biology Lab, <sup>***</sup> Chemistry, Physics I, Physics II
<b>Theology</b>	Fundamentals of Christianity: Who is Jesus?, Theology of the Church, Sacraments and Morality, Apologetics, Religion, Science, and Society, Theology of the Body, Biblical Studies <sup>***</sup>	Apologetics,* Faith and Reason	
<b>Computer Science</b>	Computer Applications, Graphic Applications, Graphic Applications II, <sup>***</sup> Yearbook Staff, Digital Photography, Digital Photography II, <sup>***</sup> Introduction to Computer Science, Intermediate Computer Programming, Introduction to Information Technology <sup>***</sup>		
<b>Foreign Language</b>	Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, French I, French II, Latin I,* Latin II	Spanish III, Spanish IV, Spanish V, French III, French IV, French V, Latin III, Latin IV	Spanish Language and Culture
<b>History</b>	Ancient and Medieval History,* World History, <sup>***</sup> European History,* Modern European History, <sup>***</sup> U.S History, Economics, Principles of Psychology, Government	European History,* Modern European History, <sup>***</sup> U.S. History	U.S. History, European History, United States Government and Politics, Art History <sup>***</sup>
<b>Physical Education</b>	Physical Education, Intro to Modern Dance, Social Dance, Strength Training, Health and Exercise Science, Sports Appreciation, Athletic Training		
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Exploring Art I, II, Drawing, Mixed Media Art, Mixed Media II – 3D Art, <sup>***</sup> Portfolio Development, Theatre Art I, Prop Construction, Drama and Stage Crew Practicum, Directing, Theatre Production, Speech and Improvisation, Film and Media, Chorus, Modern Dance, Social Dance, Advanced Dance, <sup>***</sup> Orchestra, Newspaper and Literary Magazine Production		

*\*Class not offered during 2016-17 school year*

*\*\*Class new during 2016-17 school year*

## Evaluation of Academic Performance

### Grading System

St. Joseph's Catholic School (SJCS) utilizes a semester-based system. A modified 10-point grading scale (see below) is used to determine individual course grades which are reported on a 100 point scale. In recognition of the increased rigors of AP and Honors courses, an additional 7 points are averaged for each AP course and an additional 3 points are averaged for each Honors course into the Cumulative Weighted Average (CWA) and NOT into the final course grade for each class. These additional points are only added in the final computation in the CWA and are NOT reflected in each students' course grade.

### Class Rank

St. Joseph's Catholic School (SJCS) utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (SCUGP) in calculating and determining class rank. While SJCS has a policy on the academic ranking of students, SJCS does not believe that ranking students provides a valid measure of performance and therefore we do not publish class rank as part of the college admission process.

### Grading Scale *\*Effective as of August 2016*

A = 90 - 100    B = 80 - 89    C = 70 - 79    D = 60 - 69    F = Below 60

## Class of 2017

### Graduation Requirements

Theology	4 credits
English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	3 credits
History	3 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits
Physical Education	1 credits
Fine Arts	1 credits
Computer Science	.5 credits
Electives	2 credits

**Total 25.5 credits**

### Grade Distribution

Quintile	Range	Mean
Top	94.39-99.75	96.81
2nd	92.34-94.32	93.43
3rd	89.20-92.33	90.59
4th	84.81-88.97	86.54
5th	78.53-84.61	81.87

Mid-50% CWA: 85.28 - 93.98

Median CWA: 90.30

## College Acceptances for Classes 2012-2016

Agnes Scott College	Illinois Wesleyan University	Spartanburg Methodist College
American University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Spring Hill College
Anderson University-SC	Jacksonville State University	St. Francis Xavier University
Appalachian State University	James Madison University	Stetson University
Aquinas College	John Carroll University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Arizona State University	Johns Hopkins University	Swarthmore College
Auburn University	Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)	Temple University
Austin Peay State University	Johnson & Wales University (North Miami)	Texas A&M University
Ave Maria University	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Texas Tech University
Baylor University	Kalamazoo College	Thomas More College
Bellarmino University	Kansas State University	Tri-County Technical College
Belmont Abbey College	Kennesaw State University	Tufts University
Belmont University	Kent State University	Tulane University
Benedictine College	Kenyon College	Union College
Berea College	Lafayette College	United States Air Force Academy
Berry College	Lake Forest College	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Birmingham-Southern College	Lander University	United States Military Academy - West Point
Boston College	Lenoir-Rhyne University	United States Naval Academy
Bowling Green State University	Limestone College	University of Alabama
Brevard College	Longwood University	University of Arizona
Brown University	Louisiana State University	University of California, Davis
Bucknell University	Loyola University Chicago	University of California, San Diego
Butler University	Loyola University Maryland	University of California, Santa Cruz
Campbell University	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Central Florida
Carnegie Mellon University	Macalester College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Carroll College (Montana)	Maine Maritime Academy	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Case Western Reserve University	Manhattan School of Music	University of Connecticut
Catawba College	Marian University	University of Dallas
The Catholic University of America	Marquette University	University of Dayton
Central Michigan University	Mars Hill University	University of Detroit Mercy
Centre College	Marymount Manhattan College	University of Florida
Charleston Southern University	McGill University	University of Georgia
Christendom College	Mercer University	University of Hawaii at Hilo
Christian Brothers University	Meredith College	University of Iowa
Christopher Newport University	Methodist University	University of Kentucky
The Citadel	Miami University, Oxford	University of Mary Washington
Clark University	Middlebury College	University of Maryland, College Park
Clarkson University	Midlands Technical College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Clemson University	Millikin University	University of Miami
Coastal Carolina University	Millsaps College	University of Michigan
College of Charleston	Mississippi State University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
College of the Holy Cross	Montana State University, Bozeman	University of Mississippi
College of William and Mary	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Missouri Columbia
The College of Wooster	The New School	University of Missouri Kansas City
Colorado School of Mines	New York University	University of Mount Union
Columbia College Chicago	Niagara University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Columbia University	North Carolina State University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Connecticut College	North Greenville University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Converse College	Northeastern University	University of Notre Dame
Cornell University	Northern Arizona University	University of Oklahoma
Davidson College	Oberlin College	University of Pittsburgh
Denison University	Oglethorpe University	University of Richmond
DePaul University	Ohio State University	University of Rochester
DeSales University	Ohio University	University of San Diego
Dominican University	Oklahoma State University	University of Scranton
Drexel University	Pennsylvania State University	University of South Carolina
Duke University	Piedmont College	University of South Carolina- Beaufort South
Duquesne University	Pratt Institute	University of South Carolina Upstate
East Carolina University	Presbyterian College	University of South Carolina, Aiken
East Tennessee State University	Princeton University	University of South Carolina, Beaufort
Eastern Michigan University	Providence College	University of South Carolina, Lancaster
Eckerd College	Purdue University	University of South Carolina, Sumter
Elon University	Queens University of Charlotte	University of Southern Maine
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Randolph College	University of Tampa
Emory University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Erskine College	Rhode Island College	University of Texas, Austin
Fashion Institute of Technology	Rhodes College	University of Virginia
Florida State University	Rice University	Vanderbilt University
Fordham University	Ringling College of Art and Design	Villanova University
Francis Marion University	Roanoke College	Virginia Commonwealth University
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Virginia Tech
Furman University	Saint Francis University	Wake Forest University
Gardner-Webb University	Saint Joseph's University	Washington and Lee University
George Mason University	Saint Louis University	Washington College
The George Washington University	Saint Mary's College	Washington University in St. Louis
Georgetown University	Saint Michael's College	Webster University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Samford University	Wesleyan University
Georgia Southern University	San Jose State University	West Virginia University
Gettysburg College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Western Carolina University
Gonzaga University	Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta	Wingate University
Greenville Technical College	Seton Hall University	Winthrop University
Grove City College	Seton Hill University	Wofford College
Hampden-Sydney College	Sewanee: The University of the South	Wright State University, Lake Campus
Hampton University	Shenandoah University	Wyoming Catholic College
High Point University	Siena College	Xavier University
Holy Cross College	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale	Xavier University of Louisiana
Howard University	Southern Methodist University	Youngstown State University
Hunter College of the CUNY	Southern Wesleyan University	