

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School

2017-2018 SCHOOL PROFILE



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THE SCHOOL

Established in 2008 as *Pope* John Paul the Great Catholic High School, the name was changed in 2014 to *Saint* John Paul the Great Catholic High School following the canonization of its patron saint. John Paul belongs to a prestigious group of Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Arlington and is the only high school in the country to offer a four-year Bioethics Curriculum®. The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, popularly known as the “Nashville Dominicans” administer and teach at the school.

MISSION STATEMENT

“Rooted in the Dominican tradition of prayer, study, community and service, Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is committed to the formation of youth with special emphasis on the ethical development of the students. We strive to provide an environment where students can grow in the image of Jesus Christ while developing intellectual, theological, and moral virtues. As a diocesan school, we prepare each student for a life of faith, service, and integrity.”

ACCREDITATION

1. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS/CASI)
2. Virginia Catholic Education Association (VCEA)

THE BIOETHICS CURRICULUM

Saint John Paul the Great is the only high school in the United States to offer a four-year Bioethics Curriculum®. Developed specifically for this school, the flagship Curriculum provides students with the ethical foundation needed to address the serious medical and ethical issues of the 21st century. This is not a religion curriculum, but rather a science and philosophy-based program teaching students how to think and reason through complex issues, how to analyze sources of information, and how to methodically examine content.

The substance and process of the Bioethics Curriculum® is intended to help students learn how to make wise personal decisions, as well as enable them to promote ethical policies and practices which advance the common good. Educational opportunities present themselves regularly in complementary core subjects, including science, English, and history. Students are able to comprehend bioethical concepts and apply them to various historical events, literary themes, scientific facts, and religious tenets. Saint John Paul the Great graduates report their training in bioethics has provided them with an uncommon level of preparation for advanced studies.

AWARDS

- Yearly since 2012: Named ‘Top 50’ U.S. Catholic High School, and, Honor Roll School of Excellence by the Cardinal Newman Society.
- Yearly since 2013: Named Top Virginia High School by editors of Virginia Living Magazine, including recognition for our ‘outstanding and unique’ Bioethics Curriculum®; and for excellence and innovation in the category of Science, Math, and Technology.

ENROLLMENT: 756

Class of 2018: 183	Class of 2019: 200
Class of 2020: 190	Class of 2021: 183

ADMISSION

Admission to Saint John Paul the Great is selective. Decisions are based upon a number of factors including academic history, standardized test scores, placement test scores, previous school recommendations, content of student application, and personal interviews when deemed appropriate. The school admits students of any race, color, or national origin.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Earning a John Paul the Great diploma requires completion of a minimum of 28 credits, but most students graduate with 32 credits. The following are the required academic credits:

Department	Credits required
Bioethics	2.5
English	4
Fine/Media Arts, Communication	1
Mathematics	3
Physical Education and Health	2
Religion	4
Science	3
Social Studies	4
World Language (same language)	2
Other Electives	2.5-6.5

Saint John Paul the Great operates on an A/B block schedule permitting students to take up to eight classes over a 2-day period (4 classes each day).

LEVELS OF INSTRUCTION

Many courses are offered on multiple levels: Academic, Advanced, Honors, and AP. Students are not necessarily placed in the same level in all subject areas. Placement in a particular level is based on the student's aptitude and performance in the given discipline. While the curriculum is parallel in that each level of the course has similar goals and objectives, the level of instruction varies by methodology, degree of difficulty, and volume of information presented.

Academic Level courses are designed to meet the needs of students who desire a college preparatory curriculum.

Advanced Level courses are designed to meet the needs of students who desire a college preparatory curriculum, can complete tasks with minimum supervision, and have an above average level of aptitude and achievement.

Honors/AP Level courses are designed to meet the needs of students who want an advanced college preparatory curriculum, who are highly motivated, and have a high level of responsibility, aptitude and achievement. Principles and concepts are explored in greater depth, and more independent work is expected of the student.

AP RESULTS 2016-2017

311 students took 588 Advanced Placement Exams in 2017. 63% of AP students earned exam scores of 3 or better. Exams with a score of 3 or higher:

- Score of 3 = 171 exams
- Score of 4 = 136 exams
- Score of 5 = 65 exams

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

2016-2017 1 Commended

2016-2017 1 Finalist

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National Hispanic Merit Scholar Recognition

2016-2017: 1

SAT SCORES (Using new reporting standards, the average scores for Class of 2017)

Reading/Writing 614

Mathematics 574

Optional Essay Scores: Reading-6; Analysis-5;

Writing-6

ACT SCORES (JP/State Scores for the Class of 2017)

English: 24.9/ State 23.5

Math: 24.0/ State 23.3

Reading: 25.7/ State 24.6

Science: 23.5/ State 23.5

Composite: 24.7/ State 23.8

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT, ACT, and other test scores are not part of the student's transcript from Saint John Paul the Great. Each student is responsible for sending test scores directly to colleges and other institutions.

GRADING

The grade-point system used is a 4-point scale.

Grades are weighted for GPA. Honors and Advanced Placement courses receive additional quality points in GPA calculations as listed in the chart provided:

	Academic	Advanced	Honors	AP	Grade Scale
A	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.0	90-100
B+	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.5	87-89
B	3.0	3.0	3.5	4.0	80-86
C+	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	77-79
C	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	70-76
D	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	60-69
F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<59

COURSE OFFERINGS (HONORS & AP)

Students may begin our AP program sophomore year with AP US History. Juniors and seniors may take multiple AP classes, though students taking three or more must demonstrate an exemplary record in previous Honors or AP classes.

English

- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition
- Honors English I and II
- Honors English Language and Composition
- Honors English Literature and Composition

Mathematics

- AP Calculus (AB and BC)
- AP Statistics
- Honors Algebra I and II
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Pre-Calculus/Math Analysis
- Honors Calculus

Science

- AP Biology
- AP Physics I
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Physics
- Honors Biology
- Honors Microbiology
- Honors Anatomy and Physiology I and II

Social Studies

- AP U.S. History
- AP European History
- AP U.S. Government and Politics
- AP Human Geography
- Honors World History
- Honors U.S. and Virginia History
- Honors U.S. and Virginia Government
- Honors European History

World Language

- AP Latin
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- Honors Latin III and IV
- Honors Spanish II, III and IV
- Honors French III and IV

Fine Arts

- AP Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio
- AP Studio Art: 2-D Design
- AP Art History
- AP Music Theory

OPTIONS PROGRAM

The Options Program is a highly specialized program for students with intellectual disabilities. Students receive support in both self-contained as well as inclusive classes. Students focus on making academic, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual progress as they prepare for post-secondary education or work-related opportunities. At graduation, Options students receive a Certificate of Completion.

RANK IN CLASS

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School does not rank its students.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is also a place to build lasting friendships through faith experiences, social activities, organized clubs, sports, and service projects. A sampling of the clubs and activities includes: Astronomy Club, Book Club, Business Leaders Club, Dance Club, Drama Club/Cappies, Engineering Club, French Club, Hiking Club, International Club, Lifesavers Pro-Life Club, Mass Choir, Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta), Model U.N., National Honor Society, Power Lifting Club, Science National Honor Society, Service Club, Student Leadership Association, Student Work-Study Program, Video Production/Photography Club, World Language Honor Societies (French, Latin, and Spanish), Writing Center

ATHLETICS

Saint John Paul the Great students compete in the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association in both boys' and girls' sports. Saint John Paul the Great offers a full range of athletic teams in junior varsity and varsity. In 2016-2017, 68% of the student body participated in one or more of the 18 team sports offered.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Class of 2017 was offered more than \$18 million in academic scholarships.

CLASS OF 2017

90% of seniors applied to a four-year college or university and 10% applied to a two-year college.

Seven Year Partial College Acceptance List – More than \$62 million in academic scholarships awarded since our first graduating class in 2011.

Abilene Christian University	Hampton University	Richmond University, London	University of Mississippi
Albertus Magnus College	High Point University	Roanoke College	University of Mount Union
Alabama State University	Harvard College	Rocky Mountain College	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
American University	Hofstra University	Sacred Heart University	University of Nevada
Appalachian State University	Hollins University	Samford University	University of New Mexico
Auburn University	Holy Cross University	Savannah School of Art and Design	University of New Orleans
Ave Maria University	Hood College	Seton Hall University	University of North Carolina
Averett University	Howard University	Shenandoah University	University of North Dakota
Bard College	Indiana University, Bloomington	Simmons College	University of North Florida
Barry University	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Slippery Rock University	University of Notre Dame
Baylor University	Iowa State University	Southeastern Louisiana University	University of Oklahoma
Belmont Abbey College	Jacksonville University	Shepherd University	University of Pennsylvania
Benedictine College	James Madison University	Shippensburg University	University of Pittsburgh
Bethune-Cookman University	John Carroll University	Siena College	University of Richmond
Boston College	Johnson and Wales University	Spelman College	University of Rochester
Boston University	Johnson C. Smith University	St. Anselm College	University of San Diego
Bowling Green State University	John Paul the Great Catholic U.	St. Bonaventure University	University of San Francisco
Bradley University	Johns Hopkins University	St. Francis University	University of Santa Barbara
Bridgewater College	Kenyon College	St. John's University –New York	University of Scranton
Bucknell University	King's College	St. Joseph's University	University of South Carolina
California State University	Knox College	St. Leo Catholic University	University of South Florida
Campbell University	La Salle University	St. Mary's College of Notre Dame	University of St. Andrews, UK
Canisius College	LeMoyné College	St. Peter's University	University of St. Thomas
Capital University	Liberty University	St. Thomas University	University of Tampa
Case Western Reserve University	Longwood University	St. Vincent College	University of Tennessee
Chapman University	Louisiana State University	Stetson University	University of Texas
Charleston Southern University	Loyola Marymount University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of the Incarnate Word
Chestnut Hill College	Loyola University	Stevenson University	University of the Sciences
Christendom College	Lynchburg College	Stonehill College	University of Toronto, Canada
Christian Brothers University	Marion Military Institute	Syracuse University	University of the Arts
Christopher Newport University	Maritime College	Temple University	University of Vermont
Clark University	Marquette University	Texas A&M University	University of Virginia
Clemson University	Mary Baldwin College	Texas State University	University of Virginia's College at Wise
Coastal Carolina University	Marymount University	Texas Tech University	University of Washington
College of Charleston	Marywood University	The Art Institute of York, Penn.	University of Wisconsin – Madison
College of the Holy Cross	McDaniel College	The Catholic University of America	Ursinus College
College of William & Mary	Messiah College	The Citadel	U.S. Air Force Academy
Colorado State University	Missouri U. of Science and Tech	Thomas More College	U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Concordia University	McGill University, Canada	Towson University	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Converse College	Mercer University	Tulane University	U.S. Military Academy-West Point
Corcoran College of Art and Design	Miami International U/Art & Design	Trinity University, Ireland	U.S. Naval Academy
Cornell College	Michigan State University	University of Alabama	Valley Forge Military College
Dartmouth College	Mississippi State University	University of Albany -SUNY	Vassar College
DePaul University	Montana State University	University of Arizona	Villanova University
DeSales University	Montgomery College	University of Bridgeport	Virginia Commonwealth University
Dickinson College	Moravian College	U. of British Columbia, Canada	Virginia Military Institute
Digi Pen Institute of Technology	Morgan State University	University of California	Virginia State University
Drexel University	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Central Florida	Virginia Tech
Duke University	New England College	University of Chicago	Virginia Wesleyan College
Duquesne University	New York University	University of Colorado –Boulder	Wake Forest University
East Carolina University	Niagara University	University of Connecticut	Washington and Lee University
Emerson College	North Carolina A&T University	University of Dallas	Washington State University
Elon University	North Carolina State University	University of Dayton	Wesley University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical U.	North Carolina Wesleyan	University of Delaware	West Chester University
Fairfield University	Northeastern University	University of Dubuque	Westminster College
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Northern VA Community College	University of Edinburgh, UK	West Texas A&M University
Ferrum College	Norwich University	University of El Salvador	West Virginia University
Florida Institute of Technology	Ohio University	University of Evansville	Widener University
Florida State University	Old Dominion University	University of Florida	Winthrop University
Fordham University	Pace University	University of Georgia	Wright State University
Franciscan U. of Steubenville	Peirce College –Philadelphia	University of Glasgow, UK	Xavier University
George Mason University	Penn State University	University of Hawaii	Yale University
Georgetown University	Pepperdine University	University of Idaho	York College of Pennsylvania
George Washington University	Potomac State College	University of Iowa	York University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Princeton University	University of Kansas	
Georgia State University	Providence College	University of Kentucky	
Georgia Tech	Purdue University	University of Limerick, Ireland	
Germanna Community College	Queens University	University of London, UK	
Gettysburg College	Radford University	University of Maryland	
Gonzaga University	Randolph College	University of Mary Washington	
Greensboro College	Randolph-Macon College	University of Miami	
Hampden-Sydney College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Michigan	