



Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School

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School Profile 2018-2019

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. Saint John Paul the Great, a Catholic college-preparatory high school in the Diocese of Arlington, is the only high school in the country to offer a four-year Bioethics Curriculum®. The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia 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: Through AdvancEd, Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SASC/CASI). Saint John Paul the Great is also independently accredited by the Virginia Catholic Education Association (VCEA).

ENROLLMENT: 744
Class of 2019: 193 Class of 2020: 185
Class of 2021: 178 Class of 2022: 188

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 this 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, how to methodically examine content and to make wise personal decisions, as well as enable them to promote ethical policies and practices which advance the common good. Saint John Paul the Great graduates report their training in bioethics has provided them with an uncommon level of preparation for advanced studies.

AWARDS: Named 'Top 50' U.S. Catholic High School and Honor Roll School of Excellence by the Cardinal Newman Society—

yearly since 2012. 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— yearly since 2013.

ADMISSION: Admission to Saint John Paul the Great is selective. Decisions are based upon several factors including academic history, standardized test scores, placement test scores, previous school recommendations, content of student application, and personal interviews. 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. The following are the required academic credits:

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

Department	Credits Required
Bioethics	2.5
English	4
Fine/Media Arts, Communications	1
Mathematics	3
Physical Education / Health	2
Religion	4
Science	3
Social Studies	4
World Language	2
Other Electives	2.5-6.5

RANK IN CLASS: Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School does not rank its students.

OPTIONS PROGRAM: The Options Program is a highly specialized program for students with intellectual disabilities. At graduation, Options students receive a Certificate of Completion.

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:

LEVELS OF INSTRUCTION: Many courses are offered on multiple levels: Academic, Advanced, Honors, and AP. All levels meet the needs of students who desire a college preparatory or advanced college preparatory curriculum.

Scale	Academic or Advanced	Honors	AP	Grade
A	4	4.5	5	90-100
B+	3.5	4	4.5	87-89
B	3	3.5	4	80-86
C+	2.5	3	3.5	77-79
C	2	2.5	3	70-76
D	1	1.5	2	60-69
F	0	0	0	<59

2018 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

1 National Merit Scholars
3 National Hispanic Recognition Program

SAT SCORES:
Reading/Writing 591
Mathematics 583
Total 1174

ACT SCORES:
English: 27
Math: 25
Reading: 28
Science: 25
Composite: 26

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.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS for 2017-2018: 311 students took 556 Advanced Placement Exams with 63% of the students earning an exam score of 3 or better.

Score of 3 = 155 exams
Score of 4 = 129 exams
Score of 5 = 64 exams

91 AP Scholars

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSES: Saint John Paul the Great offers the 18 AP subject area courses. Sophomores may take AP U.S. History. Juniors and seniors may take multiple AP classes, though students taking 3 or more must demonstrate an exemplary record in previous Honors or AP classes. The following AP courses are offered:

- AP English Language and Composition*
- AP English Literature and Composition*
- AP Calculus (AB and BC),*
- AP Statistics*
- AP Physics I*
- AP Biology*
- AP U.S. History*
- AP European History*
- AP U.S. Government and Politics*
- AP Human Geography*
- AP Latin*
- AP Spanish Language*
- AP French Language*
- AP Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio*
- AP Studio Art: 2-D Design*
- AP Art History*
- AP Music Theory*

Saint John Paul the Great also offers 26 Honor level courses.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is a place to build lasting friendships through faith experiences, social activities, organized clubs, sports, and service projects. Here is a sampling of clubs offered: Art, Book, Chess, Cooking, Creative Writing, Debate, Dance, Drama /Cappies, Engineering, French, Environmental Ecology, Fishing, International, Lifesavers Pro-Life, Mass Choir, Model U.N., Music Production, Options, Praise and Worship, Red Cross, Spanish, and Video Production/ Photography.

ATHLETICS: Saint John Paul the Great, competing in the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association in both boys' and girls' sports offers a full range of athletic teams in junior varsity and varsity. In 2017-2018, 63% of the student body participated in one or more of the 19 team sports offered. Two more team sports have been added for the 2018-2019 school year.

The *Class of 2018* was offered \$22 million in Academic scholarships. Ninety-six percent of seniors were accepted to a four-year college or university and 9% were accepted to two-year college. Some students were accepted to both a four-year and a two-year school. *Eight Year Partial College Acceptance List since first graduating class in 2011 is below:*

- Alabama State University
- American University
- Appalachian State University
- Auburn University
- Ave Maria University
- Averett University
- Bard College
- Barry University
- Belmont Abbey College
- Benedictine College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bradley University
- Bridgewater College
- Bucknell University

- Case Western Reserve University
- Charleston Southern University
- Christendom College
- Christopher Newport University
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- College of Charleston
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of William & Mary
- Colorado State University
- Corcoran College of Art and Design
- Cornell College
- Dartmouth College
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- East Carolina University
- Emerson College
- Elon University
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical U.
- Fairfield University
- Ferrum College
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Franciscan U. of Steubenville
- George Mason University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia State University
- Germanna Community College
- Gettysburg College
- Gonzaga University
- Hampden-Sydney College
- Hampton University
- Harvard College
- Hofstra University
- Hollins University
- Hood College
- Howard University
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- James Madison University
- John Carroll University
- Johnson and Wales University
- Johnson C. Smith University
- John Paul the Great Catholic U.
- Johns Hopkins University
- La Salle University
- Longwood University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Lynchburg College
- Marquette University
- Mary Baldwin College
- Marymount University
- McDaniel College
- Messiah College
- McGill University, Canada
- Michigan State University
- Mississippi State University
- Montana State University
- Montgomery College
- Morgan State University
- Mount St. Mary's University
- New England College
- New York University
- Niagara University
- North Carolina A&T University
- North Carolina State University
- Northeastern University
- Northern VA Community College
- Norwich University
- Ohio University
- Old Dominion University
- Pace University
- Penn State University
- Pepperdine University
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Purdue University
- Queens University
- Radford University
- Randolph College
- Randolph-Macon College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Richmond University, London
- Roanoke College
- Sacred Heart University
- Savannah School of Art and Design
- Seton Hall University
- Shenandoah University
- Simmons College
- Spelman College
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. Francis University
- St. John's University -New York
- St. Joseph's University
- St. Leo Catholic University
- St. Mary's College of Notre Dame
- St. Thomas University
- St. Vincent College
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Stevenson University
- Stonehill College
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas State University
- Texas Tech University
- The Art Institute of York, Penn.
- The Catholic University of America
- The Citadel
- Thomas More College
- Towson University
- Tulane University
- Trinity University, Ireland
- University of Alabama
- University of Albany -SUNY
- University of Arizona
- University of Bridgeport
- U. of British Columbia, Canada
- University of California
- University of Central Florida
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado -Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Dallas
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware
- University of Dubuque
- University of Edinburgh, UK
- University of El Salvador
- University of Evansville
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Glasgow, UK
- University of Hawaii
- University of Idaho
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- University of Limerick, Ireland
- University of London, UK
- University of Maryland
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Mississippi
- University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- University of Nevada
- University of New Mexico
- University of New Orleans
- University of North Carolina
- University of North Dakota
- University of North Florida
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Santa Barbara
- University of Scranton
- University of South Carolina
- University of South Florida
- University of St. Andrews, UK
- University of St. Thomas
- University of Tampa
- University of Tennessee
- University of Texas
- University of the Incarnate Word
- University of Toronto, Canada
- University of the Arts
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Virginia's College at Wise
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Ursinus College
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- U.S. Military Academy-West Point
- U.S. Naval Academy
- Vassar College
- Villanova University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech
- Virginia Wesleyan College
- Wake Forest University
- Washington and Lee University
- Washington State University
- West Texas A&M University
- West Virginia University
- Xavier University
- Yale University
- York College of Pennsylvania