



2017– 2018 SCHOOL PROFILE

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School Background: St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, college preparatory, co-educational high school sponsored by the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The mission and purpose of St. Joseph High School is to provide a quality, Lasallian education focused around an inclusive faith community and bolstered by a respect for all persons, with preference for the poor. The holistic educational experience students receive at St. Joseph High School equips them to act as informed contributors to society.

St. Joseph is accredited by the **North Central Association of Secondary Schools/AdvancED** and by the **Illinois Board of Education**. In 2015, St. Joseph High School completed an evaluation by the Quality Assurance Review Team of the North Central Association and was awarded the CASI/SACS Accreditation. St. Joseph High School is a member of the National Education Association, Christian Brothers Education Association, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Illinois High School Association, Chicago Catholic League, and Girls Catholic Athletic Conference.

Community: St. Joseph High School is located in Westchester, Illinois approximately 12 miles from downtown Chicago. However, the students of St. Joseph reside in over 31 surrounding communities including Westchester, Chicago, Cicero, Berwyn, Bellwood, North Riverside, Broadview, and the far reaching communities of Naperville and Plainfield. Currently, there are 335 students: 114 seniors, 80 juniors, 69 sophomores and 72 freshmen. The racial make-up of the school is 40% African-American, 8% Bi-racial/Asian, 17% Caucasian, and 35% Hispanic. There are 21 professional faculty with 62% having a Masters degree or beyond. There are two full-time school counselors.

Graduation Requirements:

Religion	4.0
English	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
Modern Language/Fine Arts	2.0
Physical Education	1.0
Health	0.5
Economics	0.5
Electives	1.5

*All students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of Community Service.

Grade Point Average and Class Rank: SJHS utilizes a 4.0 GPA scale. Course weightings are listed below. Cumulative GPA is calculated at the end of each semester, and class rank is determined by cumulative GPA. Physical Education and Peer Ministry are not calculated in the GPA.

<u>AP Courses</u>	<u>Honors Courses</u>	<u>College Prep Courses</u>
A = 5.0	A = 4.5	A = 4.0
B = 4.0	B = 3.5	B = 3.0
C = 3.0	C = 2.5	C = 2.0
D = 2.0	D = 1.5	D = 1.0
F = 0.0	F = 0.0	F = 0.0

*Based on a 4.0 Scale

Curriculum (2014-2018)

Business

Accounting 1, 2, Business Law 1, 2, Economics, and Marketing

English

English 1, 2, 3, 4, English 1 Honors, English 2 Honors, English 3 Honors, English 4 Honors, AP English Literature & Composition, Reading 1, 2, Creative Writing, Journalism, and Speech & Debate

Fine Arts

Beginning Art, Art 1, Art 2, Art 3, Art 4, Advanced Studio, Film Photography, Photo Journalism, Digital Art 1, Digital Art Advanced Studio, Digital Photography, Independent Study, Introduction to Theatre, Music Appreciation, Music Ensemble, Introduction to Animation, and Introduction to Video Editing & Production

Mathematics

Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Algebra 1 Honors, Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Advanced Math Topics, Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Honors, and AP Calculus (AB)

Modern Language

Italian 1, 2, 3, Italian 3 Honors, Italian 4 Honors, Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, Spanish 1 Honors, Spanish 2 Honors, Spanish 3 Honors, Spanish 4 Honors, Spanish 5 Honors, Spanish for Native Speakers, and AP Spanish Language & Culture

Physical Education

Advanced Physical Education, Physical Education, and Health Education

Religion

Religion 1, 2, 3, 4, Peer Ministry, Christian Life For Men, Christian Life for Women, Church History, Theology & Film, Morality, Sacraments, and Social Justice

Science

Biology, Biology Honors, Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, Earth Science, Human Anatomy & Physiology, Human Anatomy & Physiology Honors, Physical Science, Physics, and Physics Honors

Social Studies

American History, American History Honors, Current Events, History of Chicago, Introduction to Psychology, Sociology, U.S. History /Govt., U.S. History/Govt. Honors, World Cultures, World Cultures Honors, and World Religions

Technology

Computer Applications, Computer Management & Maintenance, Introduction to Computer Programming, Digital Citizenship, Laptop Repair, and Webpage Development

School Organization: The school year consists of two semesters with a total of four academic quarters. Each quarter is approximately nine weeks long. The school day begins at 8:00 AM and concludes at 2:30 PM. The day is divided into seven academic periods with a daily rotating schedule. St. Joseph High School offers 3 Advanced Placement courses, 22 Honors courses and a college preparatory program. Student placement is dependent on testing and teacher recommendation.

Testing: 97% of the Class of 2017 completed the ACT test. Average ACT Score: 19.4

Graduate Profile: The 2017 graduating class consisted of 89 students with a 100% graduation rate. 67% are attending four-year colleges/universities (listed below), 28% attend two-year colleges (listed below) and 5% have entered the workforce. The class of 2017 had three Illinois State Scholars, with 46% of the class receiving over \$7.3 million in scholarships.

Members of the **Class of 2017** have been accepted to and are attending the following colleges/universities:

Ball State University
Barry University Miami, Florida
Briar Cliff University
Central State University
College of DuPage Community College
Columbia College Chicago
Concordia University Chicago
DePaul University
Dominican University
Eastern Illinois University
Elmhurst College
Illinois State University
Iowa Wesleyan University
Jackson State University

Lane College
Lewis University
Loras College
Marian University
Marquette University
Morton Community College
Northern Illinois University
Northern Iowa Area Community College
Parkland College
Prairie View A&M University
Rainy River Community College
Rend Lake Community College
Robert Morris University
Saint Ambrose University

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
Taylor University
Triton Community College
Tuskegee University
University of Dubuque
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas
University of Sioux Falls
Valparaiso University
Wartburg College
West Virginia State University

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