

# Jordan Catholic School

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## Welcome from the Principal

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"For 30 years Jordan Catholic School has taken great pride in its tradition of educational excellence and in the cooperative relationships among its staff, parents, and students. We invite and welcome students of every race, color, creed, and ethnic origin to enroll in our school and experience a rich, unique learning environment which is based on our belief in the philosophy to 'teach as Jesus did.'

We invite you to "Discover the Jordan Advantage."

-- Daniel Lievens, Administrator

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## Mission Statement

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The mission of Jordan Catholic School is to provide its students with a Catholic Christian education as an integral part of their total educational environment, resulting in graduates who are committed to:

- the mission of Christ,
- the Gospel values of peace, justice and service,
- the recognition and development of their individual gifts and abilities,

and who, through their pursuit of achieving their fullest human potential, demonstrate a commitment to an active faith life in the Church and its Sacraments.

## Testimonials

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### Parent

"Jordan is much more than a school to our family. It is a community that continually shares its Catholic identity and educates our daughter, not only in scholastic subjects, but in how to best reflect Christ's love in her life and to others." – *Lisa and Brian*

"I am continually impressed with the outstanding teachers at Jordan. As I entered the school building with my children this morning, I looked down the hallway and saw teachers standing at their classrooms joyfully welcoming and interacting with the children as the kids prepared to begin their day. It struck me again how blessed my children and I are that each school day they enter into this loving learning environment." – *Martha*

### Teacher

"Our educational program at Jordan Catholic School recognizes that each child is unique and assists individuals in achieving his or her maximum learning potential. Christian values are incorporated throughout the curriculum, which creates a positive atmosphere in the classroom and school. Parish and parental support enhances the Jordan School community." – *Sandy*

## **Student**

I attend Jordan Catholic School because I find my religion is really important to me. I go to Jordan because I want to get a good education, and I know that can be done at Jordan. Without the dedicated staff at Jordan, this would not be possible. – *Rachel, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*

## **Academic Programming**

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### **Core Academics**

Jordan Catholic School provides the Rock Island, Milan, Andalusia, and surrounding areas with an excellent Catholic elementary education program. Jordan Catholic School offers a comprehensive education from preschool through eighth grade, addressing the intellectual, spiritual, physical, social, and creative needs of each child.

Jordan Catholic School is fully accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education and meets or exceeds the state standards for excellence in education. It is under the direct supervision of the Diocese of Peoria Office of Catholic Schools.

Jordan Catholic School implements a curriculum that makes it possible for each student to accept increased responsibility for his or her own learning achievement. Jordan Catholic School encourages various patterns of interaction and cooperation, in curricular and co-curricular activities, providing educational experiences for appreciation of the fine arts and the contribution of diverse cultures.

### **Special Programs for Gifted and At-Risk Students**

Gifted programs are incorporated in the regular classroom. Ninety percent of the teachers are trained in Title I gifted program instruction.

### **Contacts for Special Needs Children**

Gifted/Talented and At-Risk:

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### **Library and Technology Services**

Each campus has a library and state-of-the-art technology center. Jordan's computer curriculum is based on National Education Technology Standards (NETS) and spans preschool through eighth grade.

### **Special Classes and/or Programs Offered**

- An innovative word study program created by staff and college professors
- Full time music teacher and physical education teacher
- Physical education program includes swimming lessons and bowling
- Authentic Voices program for Junior High girls
- Honors Algebra I class offered through Alleman High School

### **Achievement Scores**

Jordan Catholic School consistently scores higher than national and diocesan averages.

40% of Jordan students qualify for Black Hawk College "College for Kids" program for gifted students. Qualification is based upon standardized test scores.

## School Environment

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### Location

Jordan Catholic Elementary School (Jordan Central) offers childcare, preschool, and kindergarten through sixth grade, and is located at 2901 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island. This is a single-family residential neighborhood in the heart of Rock Island. 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue are major traffic corridors in the city.

Jordan Catholic Junior High (Jordan North) is located at 2825 5 ½ Avenue, Rock Island in the Greenbush Neighborhood.

Jordan Catholic Early Childhood Enrichment Centers (offering year-round childcare) are located at the St. Mary's campus, 2201 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island and at Jordan Central, 2901 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island.

### School Day Hours

8:10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays 8:10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Preschool hours vary depending on morning or afternoon sessions

Early Childhood Enrichment (childcare) available year-round from 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday

After-school care until 5:30 p.m.

### Calendar

Jordan Catholic follows a traditional school calendar.

First Day of School: August 25, 2005

Christmas Break: December 22, 2005 – January 1, 2006

Easter Break: April 15 – April 23, 2006

Last Day of School: (pending make-up days) June 2, 2006

### Total Enrollment

466 students in 2004

460 students in 2003

487 students in 2002

### Class Size

Classroom sizes average 18 students.

### Student-Teacher Ratio

17 to 1 Student-Teacher Ratio

### Beginning and ending grades

Jordan Catholic School serves preschool through eighth grade. Early Childhood Enrichment Centers offer year-round childcare for children ages 3-10.

### Number of Classes at Each Grade Level

There are two classrooms per grade level.

### Proximity to Housing and/or Neighborhoods

Five percent of students walk to school, 94 percent are driven, and 1 percent uses the public bus system.

### **Before or After-Care Programs**

Jordan offers after school programs for its students to support working parents in providing a full continuum of quality childcare and education. Early Childhood Enrichment Centers (offering year-round childcare for children ages 3-10) are located at two convenient locations open from 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. After-school care is offered until 5:30 p.m.

### **Special Features of Building or Grounds**

Jordan Central and Jordan North each have computer labs equipped with the latest technology for the education of students.

### **Recent and Planned Upgrades**

During summer break, all facilities receive interior and exterior maintenance including fresh paint, minor repairs, and thorough cleaning. The next planned facility update will be upgrading of the electrical system. There is a parent-led fundraising effort underway to install new playground apparatus at Jordan Catholic Elementary campus (Jordan Central).

### **Parent Involvement and Opportunities**

Parents are always welcomed and encouraged to be an integral part of the school as it is their volunteer time and talents that enhances the educational experience. The Jordan community enjoys a strong cooperative faculty/parent relationship. Parents work directly with teachers and staff to meet the needs of the school and classes. Organizations such as the Jordan Home and School Association and the Jordan Booster Club provide support and funds for school programs.

### **Special school-sponsored activities (i.e. extra-curricular, clubs, arts performances, etc.)**

- 40% of Jordan students qualify for Black Hawk Colleges "College for Kids" programs for gifted students
- Sports teams include softball, basketball, cheerleading, and volleyball. Jordan athletes affiliate with other local Catholic schools for track & field, cross-country, football, and tennis.
- Christ-centered Christmas musical programs
- Junior high musical performances
- Community service programs at all grade levels
- Band
- Student Leaders

### **Conflict resolution or PBIS (Positive Behavior In Schools)**

Jordan Catholic School places a high value on respect, self-discipline, and good behavior. The staff encourages a positive self-image in each child. All students are expected to interact and cooperate with other students. Christ is focused as the ideal role model. There is a monthly concentration and education on a designated virtue, to be incorporated as a life standard.

School dress code is enforced.

### **Safety, Parking, Crossing Guards**

Jordan has supervised off-street drop-off and pick-up areas. Each campus has a Traffic Safety Plan for drop-off and pick-up of students which is clearly explained to all parents, caregivers, and students. There is abundant onsite parking for parents, and there are adult crossing guards.

## **Playground Time & Supervision**

Recess is scheduled for a half hour every day. Parents, teachers, aides, and volunteers supervise the children in their activities.

## **Student Fun**

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### **During Academic Hours**

- Hot lunch days twice a month
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade takes a trip to Springfield
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade takes a trip to Chicago
- Every class takes at least 3 field trips
- Book fairs twice a year
- Visiting Reader
- Special family days, including Catholic Schools Week celebrations and Grandfriends' Day
- Visiting artist and speaker assemblies
- Classroom parties, including Halloween, Christmas, St. Valentine's, and Mardi Gras
- Field Day, held at Augustana College Erickson Field

### **After Academic Hours**

- Christmas Bazaar – Home & School Association
- Chili Supper – Parent Volunteers
- Fiesta Dinner – Parent Volunteers
- Basket Raffle & Dance of the Decades – Home & School Association
- Beginning of the Year Welcome Cookout – Booster Club

### **Student Involvement in Non-School Organizations**

- All Rock Island Park & Rec sports
- Music Guild
- Moline Boys Choir
- Ballet Quad Cities
- Figure Skating Club of the Quad Cities
- Ice Hockey leagues
- Girls Scouts & Boy Scouts
- Altar servers and choirs at area Catholic churches

## **Partnerships**

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### **Academic**

Jordan Catholic is a valued participant in Blackhawk College, Augustana College and St. Ambrose University Education Degree programs, allowing college students supervised training opportunities as student teachers and classroom observers.

### **Mentoring**

Older students partner with younger students in physical education classes, computer labs, and in after-school care. Alleman High School students make frequent visits for Catholic Schools Week, musical and dramatic assemblies, and faith-based assemblies. Parish priests, nuns, and laity offer faith training and insight to Christian vocations and life.

### **Boosters**

Jordan Home & School Association and the Jordan Booster Club

## Faculty / Staff

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### Faculty and Staff Contacts

#### **Classroom Aides & District Tutors**

Jordan has classroom aides in preschool, kindergarten, and other grades as necessary.

### Jordan Catholic School Web Page

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