

# "JO" IN THE KNOW

Parent & Guardian Newsletter



## April 2020



Following guidance from the IDPH, CPH, and the Office of Catholic Schools, we have decided to extend our digital learning period until April 30th. Our school building will be closed during the duration of digital learning.

It is critical for students and families to understand that classes are not canceled. We have moved to a digital learning model as of Monday, March 16th. **ALL STUDENT ACCESS WILL BE THROUGH SCHOOLGY**. There will be no digital classes on April 3rd and during Spring Break, April 6 - 13th. Please remember our digital learning curriculum resumes on April 14th.

Your feedback is so important to us as we strive to continuously improve our digital learning policies and processes. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to complete our very brief [digital learning feedback survey](#).

More information regarding digital learning at Josephinum can be viewed at [josephinum.org/digitalllearning](http://josephinum.org/digitalllearning).

## Calendar

To protect the safety of our students and families during this time, all Josephinum events and activities this school year are subject to change or cancelation. We will continue to follow the guidance from the IDPH, CPH, IHSA, and the Office of Catholic Schools as it relates to group events and activities.

### THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

*Events and activities happening this month!*

#### April

- 4/1 - Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences
- 4/2 - Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences
- 4/3 - Faculty In Service -**NO SCHOOL**
- 4/4 - ACT Test -**CANCELED**
- 4/5 - Palm Sunday

### SAVE THE DATES

*Mark your calendar for events next month!*

#### May

- 5/1 - School Principals' Day
- 5/2 - Softball Game Away @ Holy Trinity
- 5/1-22 Senior IB Exams -**CANCELED**
- 5/4 - Conference Soccer Tournament @ Cristo Rey
- 5/4 - Softball Game Home vs. Hope

4/6-13 - **SPRING BREAK**

4/12 - Easter

4/14 - **Digital Learning Resumes**

4/17 - Junior Retreat -**POSTPONED**

4/21 - Spring Luncheon -**VIRTUAL**

4/24 - Senior Prom -**POSTPONED**

4/27 - Open House -**VIRTUAL**

4/30 - Feast of Blessed Pauline & Juniors  
Recognition Ceremony - **POSTPONED**



Academy

5/4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week

5/6 - Softball Game Away @ Christ the King

5/9 - JV/V Soccer Game vs. Richards (Oak Lawn)

5/12 - Conference Softball Tournament @ Hope Academy

5/22 - Sophomore Retreat

5/25 - Memorial Day -**NO SCHOOL**

5/27 - Arts Showcase

5/27 - Academic Awards Ceremony

5/29 - Baccalaureate Mass

5/30 - Graduation

**June**

6/8 & 9 - Second Semester Exams

6/9 - Last Day of School

13 - ACT Testing

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sports events, field trips, school closures,  
upcoming deadlines - [find them here](#)

### RESOURCES FOR YOU

Explore our online hub of go-to [resources](#)  
including information on "[Schoolology](#)"

## Join Us for Our Upcoming Events and Activities

A graphic for Parent-Teacher Conferences. It features icons of a paperclip, a pencil, and a smartphone. The text reads: "PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES", "APRIL 1ST & 2ND", "8:00 A.M. - NOON & 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.", and "JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART 1501 N. Oakley Blvd, Chicago, IL 60622 (773) 276-1261 | josephinum.org".

**PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES**

APRIL 1ST & 2ND

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**Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on April 1st and April 2nd from 8:00 a.m. - Noon, and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on both days.** Your conference will be conducted by phone, email, Google Chat, or Zoom and students are encouraged to be present during the conference. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Principal Colleen Schrantz at [colleen.schrantz@josephinum.org](mailto:colleen.schrantz@josephinum.org).



**Third quarter is officially over!**

Please reference [schoolology.com](https://schoolology.com) to check in on student grades. If you need help logging into Schoology or if you would like a copy of the report by mail, please contact our Director of Curriculum and Programming, Renee Vai at [renee.vai@josephinum.org](mailto:renee.vai@josephinum.org).

# Announcements & Reminders

## Senior Prom



As a school, we are committed to maintaining as much of the school culture, environment, and activities as possible through these challenging times. As such, **we have rescheduled the senior prom to Friday, May 22nd, 2020 from 7:00 to 11:00 pm.** It will be hosted at Josephinum Academy, and ticket prices have been reduced to \$50 per ticket. We are still in a fluid situation and events may be rescheduled once again should large gatherings not be possible at that time.

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## IB Exams



The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) announced that all IB Diploma Programme exams scheduled between April 30 and May 22, 2020, will no longer be held. Seniors are still required to submit their internal assessment work, if they have not already. We are continuing to gather further details of their announcements and will communicate them to you as they are received. But if you have any questions at this time please contact our IB Coordinator, Anne Ross at [anne.ross@josephinum.org](mailto:anne.ross@josephinum.org).

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## Spirit Week: April 14 - 17

We know that everyone is spread out around the city, but we still want to gather for an 'E-spirit' week. **Complete a challenge each day and submit a photo to the daily announcements Schoology page!** Each photo or video submitted enters YOU in a drawing for a Target gift card!

### Tuesday 4/14

#### *Tourist Tuesday*

Did you have a vacation planned for Spring Break? Or were you planning to stay home all along? Either way, snap a pic of your break on April 14th in your vacation wear.

### Wednesday 4/15

#### *Wellness Wednesday*

Schedule in 30 minutes to be active both physically or mentally (work out, coloring, crossword, Sudoku)! Snap a pic of your activity with you in your favorite athleisure.

### Thursday 4/16

#### *Throwback Thursday*

Pick your favorite decade and do your best to rock that vibe. Post a video of you wearing your decade's clothes and listening to some classic tunes!

### Friday 4/17

#### *Freaky Friday*

It's Friday, let's bring back your favorite movie from 2003. Swap outfits with your parent and snap a picture of the change. You receive a bonus entry if your parent swaps outfits and is in your photo too!





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## Tuition Payment Reminders

During these uncertain times, please be assured that our team is committed to fulfilling the financial awards granted to you and your student(s) through scholarships and financial aid for the school year. However, Josephinum still relies on our families to complete the remaining tuition payments in a timely manner each month. We are an independent high school that receives very little federal and state funding. Your collected tuition payment is crucial to continue the work of our school, programs and resources. **We are asking that you please continue to pay the school's tuition, even during these challenging times.**

Tuition payments can be made online through **FACTS**, a secure tuition management system. You may also drop-off or mail your payment to Josephinum Academy, 1501 N. Oakley Blvd., Chicago, IL 60622.

We understand that these are unusual times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you would like to request an adjustment on your current tuition payment amount or plan due to recent financial hardship (ex: loss of employment, reduced income, etc.), please submit a **COVID-19 Emergency Tuition Assistance Request Form** as soon as possible. All submissions will be reviewed by our Finance Team for verification and next steps.

If you have received a notice or have any questions regarding your account please contact our Business Manager, Lillian Torres at [lillian.torres@josephinum.org](mailto:lillian.torres@josephinum.org) or (773) 628-7278.



As we face these uncertain times together, we want you and our Jo families to be safe and healthy. For the past 14 Annual Spring Luncheons, our community has come together as friends and family to not only empower and provide opportunities for our students. The funds we raise through the Spring Luncheon help to support our mission. **This year instead of a luncheon, Josephinum invites you to our Spring Storybook 2020.**

Although we will not gather in person, we will continue to raise 100% tax deductible donations for sponsorships, "tables," and individual tickets. All "guests" will receive a special printed Jo Spring Luncheon Storybook + Guest Package from us and access to video clips from this year's speakers, including a special address from our keynote speaker - Mary Ann Ahern,

NBC 5 Chicago Political Reporter.

If you or someone you know is interest in participating in Spring Storybook 2020, please visit **[www.josephinum.org/springlunch](http://www.josephinum.org/springlunch)**.

Questions? Please contact our Chief Development Officer, Amanda Miller at **[development@josephinum.org](mailto:development@josephinum.org)**.

## Cougar Pride!

Our faculty and staff at Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart are dedicated to supporting you and your Jo student(s) during this time.

**We believe in Girls Without Limits!**



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