

# "JO" IN THE KNOW

Parent & Guardian Newsletter



## February 2020

### THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

*Events and activities happening this month!*

#### February

- 2/1 - IB Senior Theater Production
- 2/3 - JV/V Conference Basketball Tournament
- 2/7 - IB Senior Theater Production
- 2/8 - IB Senior Theater Production
- 2/12 - Shadow Day
- 2/14 - In-Service Day -**NO SCHOOL**
- 2/17 - President's Day -**NO SCHOOL**
- 2/18 - 20 - Softball and Soccer Tryouts
- 2/19 - Shadow Day
- 2/26 - Shadow Day
- 2/26 - Ash Wednesday Service



### SAVE THE DATES

*Mark your calendar for events next month!*

#### March

- 3/2 - Soccer Try-outs
- 3/3 - Soccer Try-outs
- 3/6 - Spring Fling! Dance
- 3/7 - Open House 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- 3/18 - Lent Reconciliation
- 3/19 - Feast of St. Joseph Mass
- 3/23 - 26 - Midterm Week
- 3/25 - 26 - Senior Mock IB exams
- 3/26 - Quarter 3 ends
- 3/27 - Post Midterm Break -**NO SCHOOL**

#### April

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

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

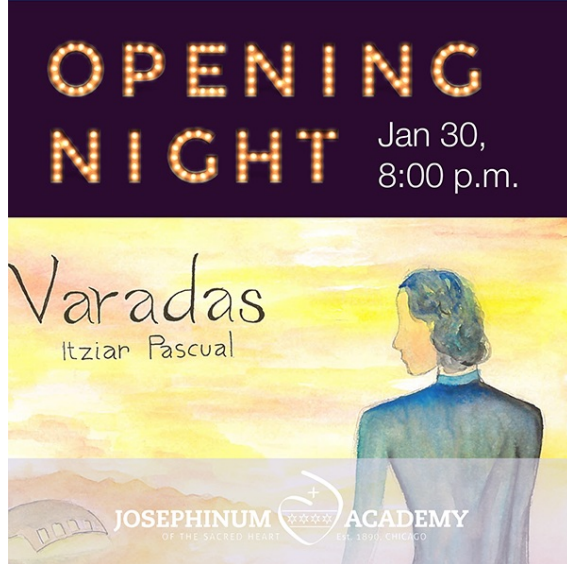
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### RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

**Join Us for Our Upcoming Events and Activities**

Join us for our next IB theater senior production



of "Castaways."

Follow the story of generations of women as they attempt to escape oppression and create a new life for themselves and their families.

In this unique production, the senior theater class will perform the play in both English and Spanish.

**Show dates:** January 30 at 8 p.m.

January 31, February 1, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m.

Tickets: Students | \$8, Adults | \$15

Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Please enter through the Bell Street lobby.



### Cheer on our Cougars at their February Tournament!

JV/V Conference Basketball Tournament to be hosted on February 3rd!

Location to be determined.

Please check our Jo calendar for updates!



### *You're Invited!*

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

2300 W Le Moyne St, Chicago, IL 60622

10:20 a.m.

Ash Wednesday begins the liturgical season of Lent. There will be a distribution of ashes service for the entire student body starting at 11:45 a.m.

All are welcome!

## *Announcements & Reminders*

The Class of 2020 is racing towards the IB finish line! Last November they submitted their final drafts of Extended Essay and completed their History Internal Assessments. In December they finished their Biology Internal Assessments and their Individual Oral Commentaries for IB Literature. And in January they will finish Theory



of Knowledge, and complete their Individual Oral Presentations in their World Language courses. Keep up the great work, ladies!



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### Sports Updates!

There will be open gym sessions following regular classes in the month of February for softball and soccer players who are interested in shaking off some rust before tryouts in March. Contact Mr. Ziolkowski if there are any questions.

Spring Softball and Soccer tryout dates will be March 2, 3, and 4.



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### Josephinum will host three Shadow Days in February!

7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us on February 12, 19, and 26 to shadow a current student and get to know what it means to be a Girl Without Limits. Shadows will get to know our incredible faculty, explore our campus, and become inspired by our unique approach to 21st-century education.

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### Spring Fling 2020!

Put on your dancing shoes! Students are invited to attend Josephinum Academy's Spring Fling Dance on Friday, March 6th, 2020 from 7:30-10:30 pm. Pre sale tickets will be available for \$8. Tickets can be bought at the door for \$13.



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**Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship**  
**Apply for school year 2020-2021 today!**

**Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Application**

Are you interested in applying for the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year through Big Shoulders Fund? Applications are processed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

You can find the application at <https://bigshouldersfund.secure.force.com/bsfapplication>

If you have any questions regarding the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship applications, please contact Chris Haslam, Scholarship and Student Life Coordinator at [chris.haslam@josephinum.org](mailto:chris.haslam@josephinum.org) or (773) 276-1261 ext. 236.

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### **IMPORTANT** Tuition and Student Fees

Students with outstanding balances of over ten (10) days will be excluded from class on the 1st business day of the following month, which for the next month is **February 3, 2020**.

Exclusion will remain in effect until the account is made current. Students with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to participate in any school sponsored events (including prom and graduation), nor will they receive official school documentation (including transcripts). Refer to **Parent Student Handbook, page 9**.

Those with outstanding balances on their account have received prior notice. Tuition payments can be made online through **FACTS**, a tuition management system, or paid in person at the school. 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) 276-1261 ext. 226.

## *Cougar Pride!*

### **Congé 2020 Was Amazing!**

It was an exciting start to the new year!! The students and staff celebrated Congé 2020 on Tuesday 1/7. This year, we chose to partner with Shriners Children's Hospital and made 100 coping kits and 30 blankets for the children at the hospital. Our JAC's leaders did a great job planning Congé and then visiting the hospital to deliver our donations!

Congé! Congé is "a holiday where Sacred Heart schools across the world leave studies and channel their energy to celebration and fun." We had a ton of fun and it was a wonderful way to kick off our school year in 2020!

We appreciate the faculty and staff who put so much time, energy and effort into making this a Congé to remember! Thank you!

### **U.S. Production of Castaways**

Our International Baccalaureate (IB) theater class will premiere performances of "Castaways (Varadas)" by celebrated Spanish playwright Itziar Pascual, translated by Phyllis Zatlin, on Feb.1, Feb. 7-8 at 7 p.m., in the school's black box theater, 1501 N. Oakley Blvd.

"Castaways" is the story of generations of women in the 20th century as they attempt to escape oppression and create a new life for themselves and their families. It features ten short scenes relating to the question of political exile and refugees in the aftermath of Spanish general and dictator Francisco Franco's authoritarian policies. In this unique production, each evening the actors will first perform "Castaways" in English then follow with "Varadas" in Spanish.

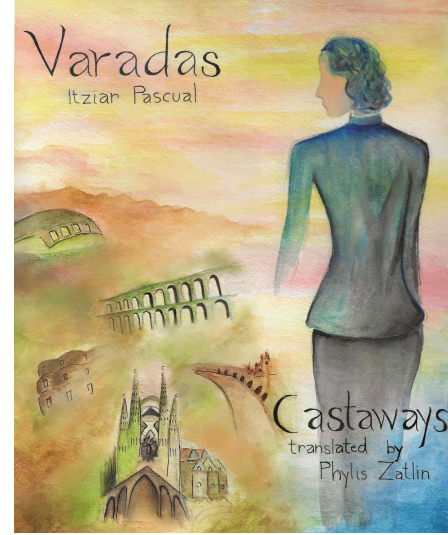




## Wellness Highlights

We partnered with Mobile Care Chicago to provide free medical care for our students. We had 11 students get free sports physicals and general check-ups.

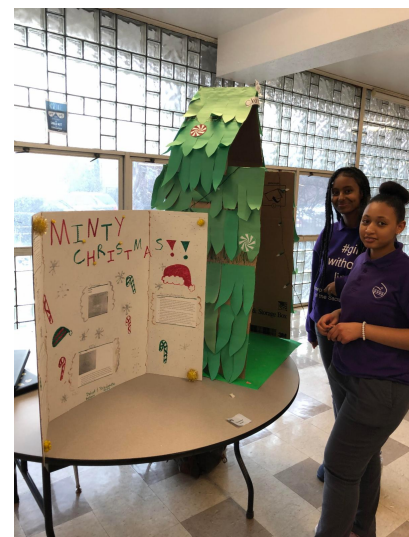
During January's wellness assembly, students engaged in stress-relieving practices to prepare for finals. Students tried out meditation and a "write-and-rip" strategy to toss out their stress and get ready for exams.



## 3rd Annual STEM Fair

Our Fresh(wo)men students built Rube Goldberg machines to engage their knowledge of physics in the design process. They work collaboratively in teams across several weeks to design, build, redesign and rebuild.

We had some incredible innovations, themes, and presentations. Thank you to all the parents, students, faculty, staff, and alumnae who came out to visit us.



We're excited to announce we have new social media accounts specific to our Athletics and Fine Arts Departments!

Follow us on the following Instagram profiles:

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