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Parent & Guardian Newsletter



December 2019

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

Reminders and events not to be missed!

December

3rd - Basketball Game vs. Ellison, 5 p.m.
5th - Basketball Game at Cristo Rey, 5 p.m.
7th - Admissions Entrance Exam, 8:00 a.m.
10th - McDonald's Night Christmas Celebration
10th - Basketball Game vs Christ the King, 5:30 p.m.
11th - Advent Reconciliation
12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 10:20 a.m.
12th - Basketball Game at Walther Christian, 5 p.m.
~~15th - Breakfast with Santa Canceled~~
23rd - Christmas Break - **NO SCHOOL**
(classes resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2020)

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendar!

January

7th - Classes Resume
7th - Student 'Holdout Day' for unpaid tuition
7th - Basketball Game at HT, 4:30 p.m.
9th - Basketball Game vs NorthTown, 5 p.m.
15th - 17th - Semester 1 exams
20th - MLK Day - **NO SCHOOL**
30th - Basketball Game vs St. Frances De Sales, 5 p.m.
30th & 31st - IB Senior Theater Production, "Castaways"

RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

You're Invited!

Join us for a Christmas celebration at

McDonald's Night

Christmas Carols by the *Unaccompanied Minors*

Free kids arts and craft activities

Pastry decorating - \$2



December 10, 2019 | 4 – 7 PM

1951 N Western Ave, Chicago, IL

Bring a Toy | 1 Toy = 2 Gifts



Bring a new unwrapped toy for our WGN-TV's 17th Annual Drive-Thru Toy Drive bin. Each toy donated will go to a child in the Chicago Park District and win a Josephinum student a 'dress down' attire day.

Mention Josephinum at the cash register for 15% of your sales to be donated to our school.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Thursday, December 12, 10:20 a.m.
St. Aloysius Catholic Church

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Thursday, December 12, 2019

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

2300 W Le Moyne St, Chicago, IL 60622

10:20 A.M.

December 12th holds special significance. It marks the date in 1531 when the Virgin Mary purportedly appeared to an indigenous Mexican, in the last of several apparitions.

IB Theater Winter Production of "Castaways"

Please join us for the winter Josephinum IB production of "Castaway" originally written as "Varadas" by celebrated Spanish playwright Itziar Pascual and translated by Phyllis Zatlin.

Follow the story through 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 be working in both English and Spanish. **Opening January 30, 2020, and playing Jan 31, February 1, 7, & 8. Please contact the Jo for ticket information.**

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Amazon Smile is free to use and a percentage of your shopping total is donated back to Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart!

Announcements & Reminders



Cheer on our Cougars at the December Basketball Games!

12/5 AWAY 5PM vs Cristo Rey
12/10 HOME 5:30 PM vs Christ the King
12/12 AWAY 5PM vs Walther Christian
2/17 AWAY 5:30PM vs Ida Crown
2/19 HOME 5PM vs Golder College Prep



SCHOOL IS CLOSED!

Please mark your calendar! Josephinum Academy will be closed on the following days in December and January:

12/23 - 1/6 - Christmas Break
1/20 - MLK Day

Students with outstanding balances of over ten (10) days will be excluded from class and school activities on **January 7, 2020**. Exclusion will remain in effect until the account is made current. Students with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to participate in all school sponsored events (including prom and graduation), nor will they receive official school documentation (including transcripts). Please refer to **Parent Student Handbook, page 9**.

For questions regarding your balance, contact our Business Office Manager, Lillian Torres at lillian.torres@josephinum.org or (773) 276-1261 ext. 226.

Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Applications

Applications for the Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship for the 2020-21 school year will open on Wednesday, January 15th, 2020. **The application can be found here.** Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

This year, the reservation form will be available on January 15th at 6:30 p.m. giving families time to enter their information before submission at 7pm. The reservation will have two pages. On page one you will enter basic information, such as parent name, student name, and contact information. On page two you will review this information and click submit. Only after clicking 'Submit' on page two will you receive your first-come, first-served timestamp.

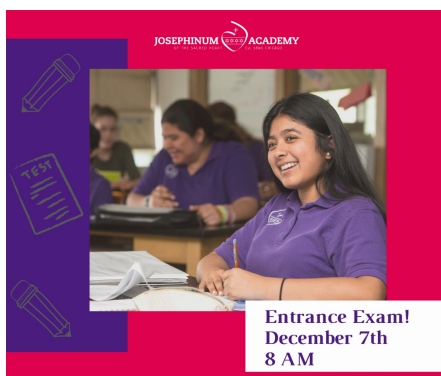
On January 17th, you will be notified by email when part two of the application opens. To ensure accuracy you can complete this step whenever you are able. But we encourage you to submit your application before January 27th for the best chance at receiving a scholarship.

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? If so, applications will open on January 14th, 2020. Applications are processed and awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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

If you have any questions regarding the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship applications, please contact Chris Haslam, Josephinum Academy's Scholarship Coordinator at chris.haslam@josephinum.org or (773) 276-1261 ext. 236.



High School Entrance Exam

Josephinum will host the Catholic High School Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 7th at 8:00 a.m. All eight grade girls are welcome to test. Register for free at josephinum.org/exam.

If a current student/family refers applicants to Josephinum Academy and she is accepted, enrolls, and attends our school, the referring student receives a **5% discount from her yearly tuition!**

Cougar Pride!

Congratulations to our Volleyball players on their incredible season!

Our JV Volleyball team completed their season with an 11-2 record! The JV team placed 1st in Conference during the regular season game play.

Our Varsity Volleyball team completed their season with an overall record of 10 - 6. And a bid into the IHSA playoffs where they made it to the Regional semi-final round.

Special Shout Out to:
JV Coach - Lamar Lockett
Varsity Coach - Tania Lopez

And a very special thank you to all of the parents for their continued support throughout the fall season. With your support we were able to experience a successful season at both levels of volleyball. You brought a lot of energy and excitement at both our Josephinum home and away games.



Unaccompanied Minors at the Special Olympics!



Our Unaccompanied Minors had the honor of singing the National Anthem for the 5th time at the Special Olympics Illinois State Floor Hockey Tournament hosted at Northeastern University on November 16th.

Josephinum represented in Rwanda!



Alexis Foldes, class of 2020, traveled to Rwanda this past summer with the Peace Exchange. Last month, she shared her experiences and knowledge with our Jo community regarding what she learned about conflict resolution while she was there. [To learn more and to see more photos, please visit the Peace Exchange.](#)

Our Senior Class enjoyed their Kairos experience! As they left we prayed over them:

As you enter this time of Kairos, God's Time, may the excitement you feel right now enable a heart of gratitude for each other and for all the people who make this time possible.

May you seek a sense of balance for yourself this week: time to reflect alone on the journey that has made you the person you are today and time to honor and celebrate the journey and life of those around you

May you see each other with new eyes, coming to know your oneness and similarities so that compassion will be the first thing you notice in each



other.

May you have a sense of God and her love for you this week and have a heck of a lot of fun in that joy over these next days and return to us safe and sound.

IB Theater Senior Class 'Wows' Multiple Audiences



This year's Fall Fine Arts Showcase included two 10-minute children's musicals written, directed, and performed by our talented senior IB theater students! Their Jo peers, faculty, and staff filled the seats along with children from St. Joseph Services' after school program.

The seniors also performed the musicals for the preschool class at the JCYS Michael R. Lutz Family Center in Wicker Park.

We are immensely proud of the hard work and effort they put into their production. Thank you to all who came out to support the performers.

Congratulations to our Art Show Winners!



Thank you to all who joined us for the season opening of our art gallery during the Fall Fine Arts Showcase. Our student artists filled the gallery with incredibly creative and beautiful artwork, making it a challenge for our guests to vote on their favorites. Congratulations to all of the artists whose work was displayed.

And special congratulations to our Fall Arts Show Winners!

1st Place Winner - Lucy Sanchez
2nd Place Winner - Trixie Ayettey
3rd Place Winner - Marilyn Hernandez

Follow the Jo's New Instagram Pages



We're excited to announce we have new social media accounts specific to our Cougar

Dancing Under The Stars!



Athletics and Fine Arts Departments!

Follow us on the following platforms:

[instagram.com/the_jo_1890](https://www.instagram.com/the_jo_1890)

[instagram.com/thejoathletics](https://www.instagram.com/thejoathletics)

[instagram.com/thejofinearts](https://www.instagram.com/thejofinearts)

Our Jo students enjoyed the 2019

Homecoming Dance on Saturday, November 2nd. The evening was filled with good music, laughter, and 'Dancing Under the Stars.'

Thank you to our JAC's for helping to make this event possible.



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