

# "JO" IN THE KNOW

Parent & Guardian Newsletter



## October 2019



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### RESOURCES FOR YOU

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



### THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

*Reminders and events not to be missed!*

### SAVE THE DATES

#### OCTOBER

- 2nd - 9th Grade Full Day Retreat
- 4th - Fall Testing – **Early Dismissal**
- 14th - Indigenous Peoples Day, **No School**
- 17th - School Picture Makeup Day
- 19th - Admissions Open House, 1 p.m.
- 19th & 20th - Open House Chicago, 10 a.m.
- 21st - Mater Mass, 10:20 a.m.
- 27th - ACT at The Jo

#### November

- 1st - All Saints Day Mass 10:20 a.m.
- 1st - Basketball Try Outs
- 2nd- Admissions Open House, 1:00 p.m.
- 5th - 7th: Senior Kairos, Overnight Retreat
- 7th- Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- 8th- Faculty Inservice, **No School**
- 11th - Veteran's Day, **No School**
- 13th- Fall Fine Arts Showcase
- 18th- Feast of St. Philippine Duchesne Mass
- 23rd - Admissions Open House, 1:00 p.m.
- 27th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break, **No School**

## *You're Invited!*



### **Senior Night Volleyball Game!**

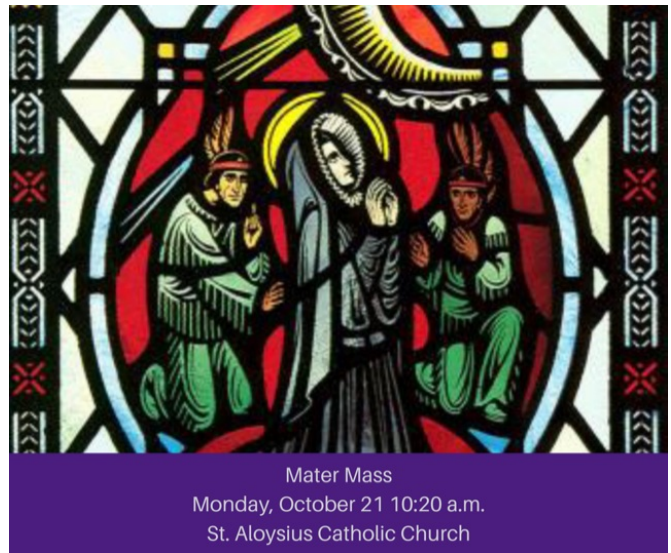
Join us for a special celebration of our Senior volleyball players at their final home game of the season on October 15, against Our Lady of Tepeyac. Game begins at 5:00pm.

Please enter through the Bell Street lobby.

### **Join us for Mater Mass**

Monday, October 21  
St. Aloysius Catholic Church  
2300 W Le Moyne St, Chicago, IL 60622  
10:20 A.M.

The sophomores have learned attributes of Mother Mary and will receive their medal of "Mater Admirabilis" which is a tradition in the Sacred Heart Network during Mater Mass. Each sophomore will invite a woman who exemplifies one or more of Mary's attributes to present this medal.



Mater Mass  
Monday, October 21 10:20 a.m.  
St. Aloysius Catholic Church

### **Open House Chicago**

JOIN Josephinum Academy and the Chicago Architecture Center for Open House Chicago Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

DISCOVER the Jo's mid-century architectural features as you embark on a self-guided tour of the building, designed in 1958.

TOUR the Jo as well as other fantastic landmarks and attractions in our neighborhood and across the city.

All tours are FREE.

To learn more about Open House Chicago, visit [openhousechicago.org](http://openhousechicago.org).







**Cheer on our volleyball teams as they play their next games against:**

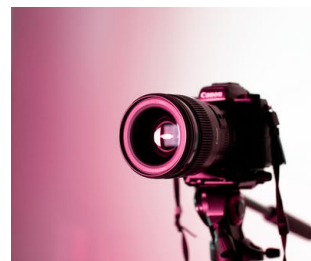
- Hope Academy on 10/1 (Away)
- Walther on 10/3 (Home)
- Rochelle Zell on 10/7 (Away)
- Providence St. Mel on 10/11 (Away)
- Our Lady Tepeyac on 10/15 (Home)



**Fall testing on Friday, October 4**

All tests and workshops will start promptly at 8:50am, it is important that your student is here by 8:40am. **Students will not be admitted to their exam if they are here later than 9:00am.**

**Students will be dismissed from school immediately following their exam.** Dismissal will take place between Noon and 1:40pm, depending on the length of the exam.



**Make-Up School Picture Day**

If your Jo girl did not already take her school ID picture, she will get another chance to do so on **Thursday, October 17th from 9am to 10am**. Please ensure that your Jo girl is in full uniform, on time, and brings her biggest smile!

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## FREE IB EXAMS FOR THE CLASS OF 2020 - ACTION REQUIRED!

We are pleased to announce that Josephinum Academy would like to offer free and full access to IB exams for the class of 2020! Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart recently received a *one-time anonymous donation* to the class of 2020. For families who have already paid their exam fees, Josephinum is proposing to apply those payments to the student's tuition balance. For families who have not yet paid IB exam fees, the charges will be rendered null and void effective immediately. Any student who did not previously register to be a full diploma candidate will be extended the opportunity to do so at this time – free of charge.

We are incredibly excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our senior class. The generosity of this donor will help strengthen our program and build on our original goal of an equitable academic program. It is our sincere hope that this momentous opportunity will pave the way for a future Josephinum that offers all young women unfettered access to the IB program, its culminating exams, and the opportunities IB creates for success beyond our institution.

We will be following up with phone calls for those not registered for the full IB Diploma in order to answer questions and enroll interested students. We sincerely hope that you will discuss this opportunity as a family and consider changing your student's status to pursue the full IB Diploma. **Decisions must be made by Thursday, October 3rd** to ensure that your student is registered correctly with the IBO. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anne Ross, IB Coordinator at [anne.ross@josephinum.org](mailto:anne.ross@josephinum.org).

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### Prepay for School Meals in the Front Office

Josephinum is thrilled to partner with **Healthy Organic Kids** to provide our Girls Without Limits delicious and nutritional food options served daily for breakfast and lunch.

### Submit Your School Documents

If you have not already signed the following documents that pertain to your Jo girl, please do so as soon as possible. Your Jo girl can turn in signed documents to her homeroom teacher or the front office.

Breakfast and lunch are offered at a free, reduced, or full rate. Reduced and full rates are as follows:

#### Reduced Rate

Breakfast - \$.30 daily | \$1.50 weekly | \$6.00 monthly (4 weeks)

Lunch - \$.40 daily | \$2.00 weekly | \$8.00 monthly (4 weeks)

#### Full Rate

Breakfast - \$2.45 daily | \$12.25 weekly | \$49.00 monthly (4 weeks)

Lunch - \$4.00 daily | \$20.00 weekly | \$80.00 monthly (4 weeks)

**Meal payments will no longer be collected during the lunch period. Students and/or their parent/guardians can prepay for school meals in the front office on a weekly or monthly basis.** To make payments by phone with a credit card, contact Ms. Letty at (773) 276-1261 ext. 221 on Fridays.

#### Student/Family Handbook Agreement (page 50)

#### Parent/Student Contact Update Form

Annual Physical Record (athletics only). All students participating in volleyball, basketball, soccer, or softball are required to submit a physical record annually. For questions, contact Mr. Ziolkowski, Athletic Director and P.E. Teacher at [erik.ziolkowski@josephinum.org](mailto:erik.ziolkowski@josephinum.org).

Scholarship Agreement Contract (if applicable). To request a copy of your letter, contact Chris Haslam, Scholarship and Student Life Coordinator, at [chris.haslam@josephinum.org](mailto:chris.haslam@josephinum.org).

Free or Reduced Lunch Application (if applicable). To request a copy of your application contact Abdullah Ali, Director of Finance, at [finance@josephinum.org](mailto:finance@josephinum.org).

### **Class of 2020! – College Prep Important Dates**

Attention Seniors!

October 1 - FASFA Applications available

October 9 - FASFA Info Night from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Senior students' parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to attend. Please bring your tax documents with you.

October 27 - ACT @ Josephinum

The month of November - Application deadline season! Many apps are due between November 1 and November 30.

### **Class of 2020! – Scholarships Opportunities**

Please encourage your Jo girl to apply for all possible scholarships. Never pay for scholarship search services - but check out these scholarship resources: [Navience](#), [BigFuture.CollegeBoard.org](#), [Cappex.com](#), [CollegeGreenlight.com](#), [CollegeXpress.com](#), [FastWeb.com](#), [FinAid.org](#), [Scholarships.com](#), [SuperCollege.com](#), [Latino Voice for Civil Rights in America](#), [Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#), and [the United Negro College Fund](#).

### **\$\$ Referral Program \$\$**

**Do you know any middle school or high**

### **Fall Testing | October 4th**

On Friday, October 4th we will conduct our annual

**school students interested in applying to Josephinum Academy?** If you refer applicants to Josephinum Academy and she is accepted, enrolls, and attends our school, the referring student receives a **5% discount from her yearly tuition!** This discount can be applied to as many students as are referred until the referring student's tuition for that school year is \$0!

**Invite your referral to our next [Open House](#) on Saturday, October 19** from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. To [schedule a Shadow Day](#) or for additional information, contact our admissions office at (773) 276-1261 ext 291 or [admissions@josephinum.org](mailto:admissions@josephinum.org).

*\*This policy only applies to new applicants.*

*\*The tuition discount only applies to one school year's tuition.*

Fall Testing. Our Freshmen will take the Explorer Exam, Sophomores will take the Pre-ACT Exam, Juniors will take the Practice ACT Exam and Seniors will be attending a Math Workshop.

All tests and workshops will start promptly at 8:50am, it is important for your student is here by 8:40am. (our normal start time). **Students will not be admitted to their exam if they are here later than 9:00am.**

**Students will be dismissed from school immediately following their exam.**

**Dismissal will take place between Noon and 1:40pm, depending on the length of the exam.** Students are responsible for communicating their pick-up time with their guardians. Due to the half day we will be closing the building at 2:00pm. **Because of this short day, lunch will not be served this Friday.**

## *Cougars Pride!*

### **Our Annual Scholarship Gala on September 28th at the Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park was a huge success!**

For nearly 130 years, Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart has believed that every girl in Chicago has the right and responsibility to dream, pursue her passions, and positively impact her own life and the lives of others. And our Annual Scholarship Gala plays a vital role in ensuring all girls in Chicago have access to a transformative, world-class education.

View more photos on our Facebook page!



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**Josephinum Academy listed in Crain's Chicago Business Private School Planner this year!**

**Show Your Jo Pride!**





"Students are very committed to the environment," says Patti Tuomey, President of Josephinum, a Catholic all-girls high school in Chicago. The school offers an International Baccalaureate curriculum and a strong STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program plus real-world experience. Students requested organic food for the cafeteria and helped to select a new food supplier, Healthy Organic Kids. "Our students want to make a difference," Tuomey says.



Check out our online spirit store where you can purchase hats, shirts, jackets, leggings and more!

**[bit.ly/thejospiritstore](https://bit.ly/thejospiritstore)**



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