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Parent & Guardian Newsletter



September 2019

WELCOME TO SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020!



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!

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd - Labor Day, **No School**
- 6th - Mass of the Holy Spirit, 10:20 a.m.
- 10th - School Picture Day
- 12th - Back to School Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 12th - Volleyball First Home Game vs. Cristo Rey
- 20th - College Fair, 10:00 a.m.
- 28th - Annual Scholarship Gala, 6:00 p.m.

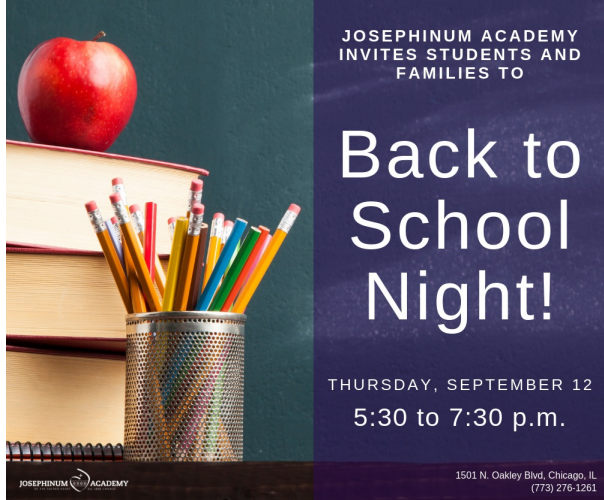
NEXT MONTH - SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER

- 1st - School Picture Makeup Day
- 2nd - 9th Grade Full Day Retreat
- 4th - Fall Testing
- 14th - Indigenous Peoples Day, **No School**
- 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

You're Invited!

Don't Miss Back-To-School Night!



All parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend Back-To-School Night on Thursday, September 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Meet your Jo girl's teachers, counselors, and coaches. Learn more about her curriculum including our new enrichment and academic support opportunities. View the latest renovations to our campus while connecting with your fellow Jo parents/guardians.

Come early to cheer on our volleyball teams during their first home games of the season against Cristo Rey, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Join us for Mass of the Holy Spirit

Friday, September 6
St. Aloysius Catholic Church
2300 W Le Moyne St, Chicago, IL 60622
10:20 A.M.

Be there as we gather to celebrate and thank God for the gift of Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart and ask the Holy Spirit to bless our year and studies with wisdom and guidance.



It's Time for our Annual Scholarship Gala on September 28th at the Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park!

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. As our signature fundraising event, the Annual Scholarship Gala plays a vital role in ensuring all girls in Chicago have access to a transformative, world-class education.

Come enjoy yourself and support your school at our festive evening of dining, dancing and celebrating. Purchase your tickets today!



Announcements & Reminders



Cheer on our Volleyball Teams at their first home game of the season on Thursday, September 12, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.



Josephinum's College Fair will be held on Friday, September 20th. Over 60 colleges and universities attended last year. Join us to further prepare your Jo girl for college.



School Picture Day will take place Tuesday, September 10th. Please ensure that your Jo girl is in full uniform and on time.

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.

Beginning September 9, breakfast and lunch will be 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.

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.

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**.

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**.

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

Class of 2020! – College Prep Important Dates

Attention Seniors!

September 27 - ACT @ Josephinum
Registration Deadline

October 1 - FASFA Applications available

October 9 - FASFA Info Night from 5:00 to
6:00 p.m. Senior student's 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
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 admissions@josephinum.org.

**This policy only applies to new applicants.*

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

Attendance Matters

If a student is unable to attend school due to a
serious illness, or any other unavoidable
reason, parents/guardians are to call and
notify the school before 8:30 a.m. giving the
reason for the absence. If contact is not
established between a parent/guardian and
the office within 24 hours of an absence, the
absence will be considered unexcused. A
doctor's note is required for three or more
consecutive days of absence. Missing two (2)
or fewer class periods is equal to ½ day's
absence; 3 or more missed periods will equal
a full day of absence.

Josephinum's front office is open Monday
through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
You may contact someone in our front office
by phone at (773) 276-1261 or by email at
frontoffice@josephinum.org.

Cougars Pride!

Alexis Studied in Rwanda with the The Peace Exchange



Each year Josephinum students have the opportunity to study and travel with The Peace Exchange as Peace Builders. This past summer, Alexis, class of 2019, studied in Rwanda for two weeks with the program. Her days were filled with educational and interactive activities, including visits to genocide memorials, conversations with survivors and the perpetrators, peace classes at the Kigali Genocide Memorial, meetings with Rwandan youth leaders, homestays with local families, and attendance at the national July 4th Liberation Day commemoration.

Girls Without Limits are Makers of Good!



Ms. Moore traveled to New York City this past Summer with B. Adan, Lucia, Becky, and An for the Makers of Good conference, sponsored by Hershey and WE schools. They joined over 65 teens from across the country to work on combating social isolation and building empathy.

Volleyball Pre-Season Victory!



Congratulations to our varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams for their pre-season wins on August 27th. Join us to cheer on our players at their next home game on Thursday, September 12.

To view our full athletic schedule visit josephinum.org/calendar.



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