



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We are proud to foster a safe, collaborative learning environment for our students and look forward to serving you for the 2020-2021 school year. As a result of our commitment to you—while considering the risks and rewards of in-person education during these unpredictable times—we have made the decision to begin the school year as an enhanced, fully digital learning program that is an effective and engaging instructional model offering group and individual learning opportunities.

At Josephinum it is our goal to create long-lasting relationships and strengthen our community. Regardless of what we are learning or where we are learning, we will always continue to foster a sense of belonging for all, in addition to providing a holistic and enriching school program and experience while maintaining the safety of the community.

What does this mean? ([click her for FAQ](#))

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will be “synchronous” where students will meet at the scheduled time with their class and teacher. At the same time the building will be open to students who need it. Attendance will be taken for these meetings.
- While synchronous classes are scheduled to meet for an hour, the structure and flow of the class will look different from teacher to teacher and subject to subject.
- Each day starts with advisory, where students will check in with a teacher and a small designated group of students. There will be short lessons that focus on social-emotional health and mental well-being and other opportunities and activities to build community.

If you find that your Jo student needs a place to work with supervision, if she is struggling with motivation and accountability, or if she needs access to a reliable device for her digital classes, she will have the option to come into the building four days a week. The building will remain open to our community Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. However, if you prefer that your student work from the safety of your home then you may choose that option.

If you elect to send your Jo student into the building one or more days per week, government mandated health requirements will be in place for all those working inside the building.

- All staff, faculty, and students that choose to attend Josephinum in person will be required to wear masks upon entering the building and keep them on until

they depart.

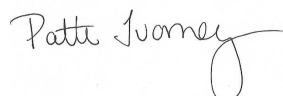
- Everyone will also receive a temperature check daily upon arrival. If a student is found to have a temperature of above 100.4 a timely guardian response and pickup will be required.
- All students and staff must keep a safe 6 ft. distance from one another during the school day.
- Other health measures will also be implemented, including hand sanitizing stations, separate lunch times and one-way halls. [Please complete this survey by August 10th if you would prefer for your student to work from inside the building.](#)

How has the digital learning program been enhanced?

Josephinum has been using Schoology for blended 1:1 learning since 2011, in addition to the full Google suite (email, software, and data storage). When schools had to pivot to remote learning in March, we were ahead of the game. But, our students—and our teachers—missed the interaction that in-person classes offer. Therefore, we've added a synchronous component to allow you to meet online with your teachers and classmates.

At this time, while there is still so much unknown, we know that change is inevitable. We will be providing new opportunities to connect with students and families, to have enriching dialogue, and to provide students to lead choice-filled lives. We will continue to update you as plans unfold. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Your partners in education,



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