



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL - AUG 24-25, 2020

The below information was shared with students by email on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Hello Students of Josephinum!

I know you have been waiting patiently for information regarding the first day of school - so here it is!

- School begins promptly at 9am Monday morning 8/24. For the first two days we will not have regular classes, instead, we will be presenting beginning of the school year information via Zoom and internet, answering your questions and concerns, and getting to know each other (or catching up!)
  - **These days are mandatory for all students to attend digitally.** Be diligent with your email as we will be sending information through this AND be on the lookout for calendar invites to your Advisory (which begins at 9am Monday morning) as well as your regular classes. These Zoom links are how you will be "present" in your classes.
- In the next day or two you will receive an invitation to a Schoology group called "Overcoming Challenges: Digital Learning in the Time of COVID-19". We ask that you accept this invite and that is where you will find your grade's schedules for Monday and Tuesday's presentations and activities.
- Although you will see your classes in Schoology in a day or two, you will not be receiving your regular class schedules until your Advisory meeting on Monday. If you would like to know your schedule before that point in time, please email Ms. Vai at [renee.vai@josephinum.org](mailto:renee.vai@josephinum.org).
- The first day of "regular" scheduled classes begins Thursday, 8/27 with your Advisory at 9am. You will meet in your first 4 periods. Friday you will meet in your Advisory as well as periods 5-8. See schedule [here on slide #3](#)
- 9th - 11th graders will be completing a beginning of the school year project (all the info is in the Schoology group "Overcoming Challenges: Digital Learning in the Time of COVID-19" but it will also be presented to you on Monday morning!)
- 12th graders will participate in the presentations on Monday and Tuesday but will begin their IB coursework on Thursday and will not have to complete the project
- **FINALLY** - following this email students will receive an email from Gerald Raines, Dean of Students, with a sign-up survey to come into the building next week

8/24-8/28. We are allowing 35 students to come in and will be sending out the sign-up on a weekly basis but it will be first-come, first-serve.

- **Please only sign-up for days that you need to come into the building.** If you do not need to be supervised or held accountable for your attendance, or if you do not need access to wifi or technology, we ask that you leave the slots open for students who do need it.
- If the slots fill up but there is an extenuating circumstance and you must come into the building please have you or your parents/guardians contact Mr. Raines at [gerald.raines@josephinum.org](mailto:gerald.raines@josephinum.org).
- You will be contacted before Monday whether or not you will be able to come in.
- If you do come in, you will be following proper safety protocols for the entire school day. You will not be able to switch rooms you are assigned in, work closer than 6 ft. from anyone else, or take off your mask outside of designated times. You also must bring a pair of headphones, although if that is an issue we do have some for you to use here as well.
- In the first week of school we will not be serving lunches, so if you come into the building please bring your own lunch. Microwaves will be available with proper cleaning and usage guidelines.
- Please also remember that everything you bring with you must be stored in a backpack as we will not be issuing lockers until we may safely be able to do so.

**THANK YOU!**

**Ms. Vai!**