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Parent & Guardian Newsletter



September 2020

Calendar

Back To School Edition



SAVE THE DATES

9/7 - Labor Day, No School
10/12 - Indigenous People's Day - No School
11/3 - Election Day - No School
11/24 - Professional Development Day - No School for Students
11/25-27 - Thanksgiving Break
12/21-1/4 - Christmas Break

To protect the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and families we will continue to follow the guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Chicago Department of Public Health, Illinois High School Association and the Office of Catholic Schools as it relates to school safety, group events, and activities.

RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

We are excited to start our 2020/2021 school year with you!

We reflect on the past school year and the amazing stories of our Jo girls and their accomplishments, exciting school activities, dedicated faculty and staff, and the wonderful community that keeps

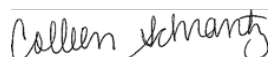
Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart a vibrant educational force in Chicago.

The Jo faced several serious challenges in the past year. We must mention them and their impact, even as we look to tomorrow. We mourn the loss of our wonderful faculty colleague and student counselor Carla Aiello who passed away in a tragic accident. Our city and country were rocked by the events surrounding the murder of George Floyd and so many others—once again raising awareness of our country's social injustices and racial inequality. And of course we were impacted by the global pandemic of COVID-19, necessitating a rapid shift in our academic curriculum and learning processes.

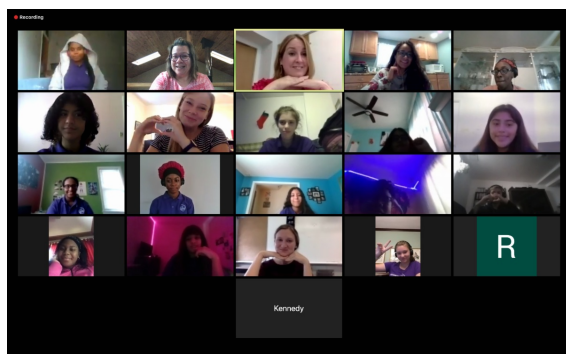
As we faced these obstacles, Josephinum once again demonstrated our resilience as a community. We have seen our students adapt to digital learning. Our faculty and staff rose to the challenge by learning new ways to teach—and doing it well. Through it all we remain committed to preparing students for college and a successful, fulfilling life.

Our faculty and staff have started this new school year with enthusiasm and dedication. While things may be different from years past, in our hearts we are always together as a community.

Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers,



Mrs. Colleen Schrantz
Principal



A great first day at the Jo!

While our school year started differently, we were thrilled to see and hear all of our Josephinum Academy students on August 24th! To see all our photos please visit our social media platforms.

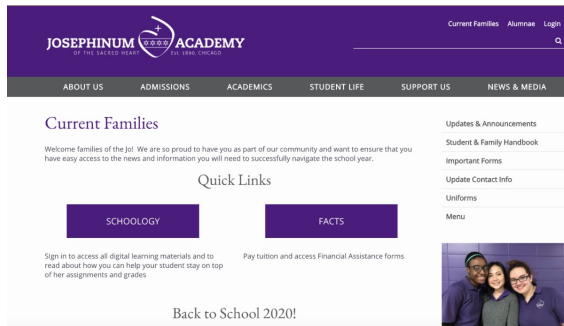


We can't wait to celebrate our 130th Birthday Party with YOU!

We're taking the spirit of our annual gala virtual and celebrating the Jo's 130th birthday! Join us October 2 for a virtual party featuring our Jo girls of all ages, silent auction, and some uniquely Jo games with exciting prizes.

[RSVP Now!](#)

Our New Website!



The Jo is excited to announce the launch of our revised school website www.josephinum.org.

The new site offers automatic translation to Spanish, incorporates our [Social Media](#) feeds, includes more information about the Jo's [curriculum](#) and classes, and much more.

Take a look at the [Current Families](#) section, the [Digital Learning](#) page and the [Back to School News](#) and let us know what you think. Feedback and suggestions can be sent to web@josephinum.org.

Announcements & Reminders



Sports Updates

Aug-Sept 6: NO SPORTS
Nov 16-Feb 13: BASKETBALL SEASON
Feb 15-May 1: VOLLEYBALL SEASON
May 3-June 26: SOCCER AND SOFTBALL SEASON

These dates are current as we publish. Should IHSA make updates and changes, we will keep you posted.

Schoology!

Please reference schoology.com to check on student grades.

If you need help logging into Schoology please contact our Director of Curriculum and Programming, Renee Vai, at renee.vai@josephinum.org.



Submit required paperwork for your student.

If your student is missing paperwork, please contact Ms. Stone at suzanne.stone@josephinum.org and she can

assist you!



2020 Handbook, Academic and Covid Policies and Curriculum Guide are Constantly Being Updated.

The Jo is committed to the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff. And by extension, our students' families. We will continue to enforce the necessary precautions. Please consult our handbook for details and updates by clicking on this link:

<https://www.josephinum.org/news-media/back-to-school-news>

Tuition Payment Reminders

Despite this school year's unusual circumstances, our team is committed to fulfilling the financial awards granted to you and your student(s) through scholarships and financial aid for the school year. However, Josephinum still relies on our families to complete the remaining tuition payments each month in a timely manner. We are an independent high school that receives very little federal and state funding. Your collected tuition payment is critical to continue the work of our school, programs and resources. **We are asking that you please continue to pay the school's tuition.**

Tuition payments can be made online through **FACTS**, a secure tuition management system. You may also drop off or mail your payment to Josephinum Academy, 1501 N. Oakley Blvd., Chicago, IL 60622.

If you have received a notice or have any questions regarding your account, please contact our Business Manager, Lillian Torres at lillian.torres@josephinum.org or (773) 628-7278.

Josephinum News You Can Use!



Attend a NACAC Virtual College Fair!
More than 600 colleges and universities will be online to talk with high school juniors and seniors on each of these dates this fall:

- Sunday, Sept. 13
• 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 12
• Noon - 8 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 18
• 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 8
• 1 - 9 p.m.

Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like. Parents invited too.

Sign up at virtualcollegefairs.org



Attendance Matters! If your student will be absent for any reason please call the main office phone number or email the school.

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