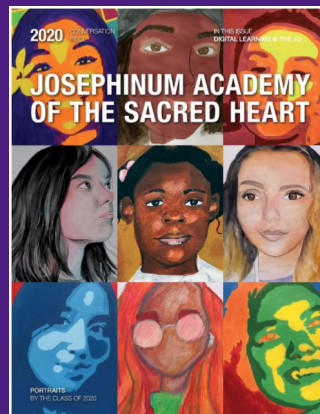


# JO IN THE KNOW

Parent & Guardian Newsletter



## NOVEMBER 2020

### Calendar

*A few of our lovely Jo Instructors!*



### SAVE THE DATES

- 11/3 - Election Day - **No School**
- 11/11 - Veterans Day - **No School**
- 11/12 - Jo Virtual Open House
- 11/16-11/20 - Joint Spirit Week with Leo High School (virtual)
- 11/23 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 11/24 - Professional Development Day - **No School**
- 11/25-27 - Thanksgiving Break - **No School**
- 12/1 - Jo Virtual Open House
- 12/21-1/4 - Christmas Break - **No School**
- 1/13-15/21 - Final Exams
- 1/18/21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **No School**

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](#)."

# A Letter From Our Principal

I am beyond thrilled to be back from maternity leave to be with the community and continue the wonderful work that is happening at Josephinum, along with our administrative team, faculty, staff, students, and families.

This week we have reached midterms, which marks the halfway point in the completion of the first semester. If you have not had a chance to log into your student's Schoology account please take a few minutes to do so. If you have any questions, now is a great time to have a conversation with your student or email her teacher.

This weekend ends daylight saving time. Early Sunday morning please remember to turn your clocks back one hour. What a great time to get an extra hour of sleep!

**This coming week we will have no school on Tuesday, November 3rd** All students will have synchronous classes on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. **The following week students will be off Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day.**

Also, if you have not had a chance yet, remember to **use your voice and go out and vote!**

Thank you,  
Colleen Schrantz, Principal



## *SPIRIT WEEK AT THE JO!*

Spirit Week at Josephinum began October 26th, and ended October 30th! We want to take a moment to show you two of our staff members who participated - our Dean of Students, Mr. Raines, came comfy in his PJs for "Pajama Day," and our Director of Student Services, Ms. De Jesus, got in on the fun for "Mix & Match Day!"

Josephinum Academy will also participate in a joint "Spirit Week" with the students of Leo High School, November 16th-20th! All activities will be virtual.



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Have you visited our new website?  
Same URL - brand new look! ([www.josephinum.org](http://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](mailto:web@josephinum.org).

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## *Announcements & Reminders*

Please take a moment to tune in to the [Mater Prayer Service](#), featuring two additional Sacred Heart Schools, along with the Jo Community!

The Sophomore Class at the Jo also chose to honor the women in the document on the left side of this section on the Feast of Mater, for their impact on the Class of 2023!



*On the Feast of Mater, Josephinum recognizes the Sophomore Class and the women they have chosen to honor. These women embody the qualities of Mary and have impacted the lives of the Class of 2023.*



#### Presentation of the Sophomores and Honored Women

Delyet Berhane honors Besrat Gebretinsae  
Danayt Bitew honors Yordanos Andegiorgis  
Huimeixi Chen honors Shuhua Wang  
Taliyah Coakley honors Tyanna Coakley  
Tamia Dorden honors Maria Dorden  
Xitlali Duarte honors Silvia Duarte  
Erma Evans honors Alyssa Cuffie  
Veronica Flores honors Mayra Llapapasca  
Jocelyn Galan honors Abigail Carteno  
Aaliyah Gutierrez honors Blanca Camarena  
Yohana Haile honors Million Woldemariam  
Nina Harris honors Erica Harris  
Mia Hernandez honors Vanessa Chavez  
Asha Hubbard honors Melissa Kirk  
Oksana Kostryba honors Iryna Kostryba  
Anamelia Limbel honors Isabel Gonzalez  
Blanca Lopez honors Olympia Lopez  
Yoredanose Mamo honors Estegenete Desta  
Makayla McClarin honors Sierra Wolfe  
Marlene Mombela honors Ana Mombela  
Mariana Mukumbila honors Mirsada Kostich  
Witlee Newman honors Winnie Procter  
Jasmin Pinon honors Maria Salas  
Autumn Pomales honors Priscilla Ramirez  
Magdalena Rizzo honors Regina Rizzo  
Jazmin Roa honors Patricia Torres Rios  
Sydney Sample honors Gladys Sample  
Eliza Santiago honors Yaima E. Santiago  
Madison Toliver honors Tchernavia Toliver  
Natalie Venegas honors Jennifer Rutkowski  
Charlotte Zangrilli honors Katie Olszack

Congratulations to our Sophomores, and all Honorees!



## Counseling Corner

### NOVEMBER UPDATES:

The Counseling Team will be in touch with students via email regarding college visits, which will take place on Wednesdays from 12p-2p. Please be on the lookout for that information!

## Schoolology!

Please reference [schoolology.com](https://www.schoolology.com) to check on student grades.

If you need help logging into Schoolology please contact our Director of Curriculum and Programming, Renee Vai, at [renee.vai@josephinum.org](mailto:renee.vai@josephinum.org).

Attend a NACAC Virtual College Fair!  
See the fall schedule here. Parents are invited, too.

**Save the final date of Sunday, November 8th!** More than 600 colleges and universities will be online to talk with high school juniors and seniors on each of these dates this fall.

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

Simply sign up now and register for one or more fairs. On the event date, use your phone or computer to log in. Learn, connect, ask questions, and discover your best college fit!



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### 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 North 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](mailto:lillian.torres@josephinum.org) or (773) 628-7278.

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### Attendance Matters!

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

(773) 276-1261



## Josephinum News You Can Use!



Do you know an 8th grade future *Girl Without Limits*? We are happy to introduce a **Referral Rewards** incentive for current Josephinum students! If you refer an 8th grade Josephinum Class of 2025 applicant, you will be eligible to receive a 5% discount off your tuition. **Your friend or family member simply needs to note you as the referral on their Josephinum application.**

Your recommendations and word-of-mouth are the best way for us to welcome fabulous future Cougars into our community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Bartholomew in Admissions at:  
[kathryn.bartholomew@josephinum.org](mailto:kathryn.bartholomew@josephinum.org).

### Conversation Piece

Our Annual edition of [Conversation Piece](#) is here! Please check out our online



### IMPORTANT ATHLETIC DATES:

**November 16 - February 13:** Tentative Basketball season - additional information forthcoming

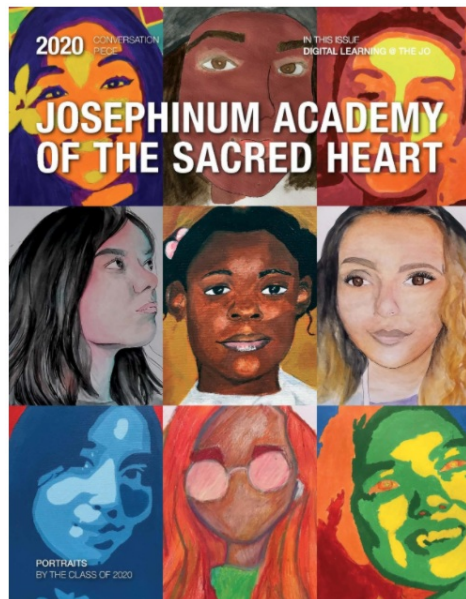
**February 15 - May 1:** Volleyball season

**May 3 - June 26:** Soccer and softball seasons

**\*ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT FOR THE BASKETBALL TEAM, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY\***



magazine that recaps last year and looks forward to the year ahead.



## Upcoming Basketball Tryouts have been POSTPONED.

Due to recommendations by Governor Pritzker, we at Josephinum Academy have decided to **postpone November tryouts** for basketball. We will provide information in the future regarding when tryouts will be hosted at the school. We **still** strongly encourage you to make sure to have up-to-date sports physicals, so that when the time comes to hold basketball tryouts, you will be prepared."

The sports physical form can be found on our [website](#).

**All participants must complete the Mandatory Waiver Of Liability Form and submit it to Mr. Ziolkowski.** This waiver can be found on the Josephinum Athletics page online or at the following link. <https://www.josephinum.org/student-life/athletics>

If there are any questions, feel free to contact [Mr. Ziolkowski](#).



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