

JO IN THE KNOW

Parent & Guardian Newsletter



DECEMBER 2020

Calendar



SAVE THE DATES

12/1 - Jo Virtual Open House (6:30p)
12/21-1/4 - **Christmas Break - No School**
1/13-15/21 - Final Exams
1/18/21 - **Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School**
****Catholic School Week****

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 & President

Dear Josephinum Community,

While none of us could have predicted the events of the past year, we remain united as a Josephinum Academy community and resolute in our mission. Now, as always, we come together and reflect on what a Jo education means to our amazing "Jo girls."

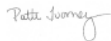
We pray that the miracle of Christmas blesses you and your family in this holy season. And as we cope with a worldwide pandemic, we extend our sincerest wishes for continued good health. We hope the Christmas season fills your hearts with joy and the new year brings a renewal of spirit that heals our world.

Now, at mid-year, we are excited about our incoming first-year class and applaud their enthusiasm for knowledge and the talents they bring to the Jo. We are heartened by all of our students' embrace of digital learning, even while remaining distant from our school building. And once again this June we will graduate a senior class that's ready to take on the world.

You may have already read that there will be a transition of executive leadership at the Jo in January 2021. With Ms. Schrantz continuing as principal, rest assured that this change will not impact your daughter's education in any way. Josephinum remains dedicated to a college-preparatory curriculum and attention to each Jo girl's individual growth, while adhering to our Sacred Heart guiding principles.

The remainder of the 2020-2021 school year will undoubtedly bring us new challenges, many still unknown. It will necessitate decisions regarding virtual vs. in-classroom learning. As before, class schedules may change, and we will adjust extracurricular activities to align with state and city guidelines. And we thank you in advance for your understanding. But regardless of the situation, the Jo will be here to serve our community of young women who seek a fulfilling future; Jo girls who raise their voice, engaged in a world where their voice is heard.

This holiday season, our joy is having you in our Jo family. And we wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



Patti Tuomey Ed.D.
President



Colleen Schrantz
Principal



VIRTUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION!

Take a look at our [Thanksgiving Video](#)! We weren't able to see each other in person, but this video shows that we are all still connected, in spite of the pandemic!

The Jo & Leo Celebrated Homecoming
TOGETHER!

Josephinum Academy and **Leo High School** had a successful **Joint Spirit Week**

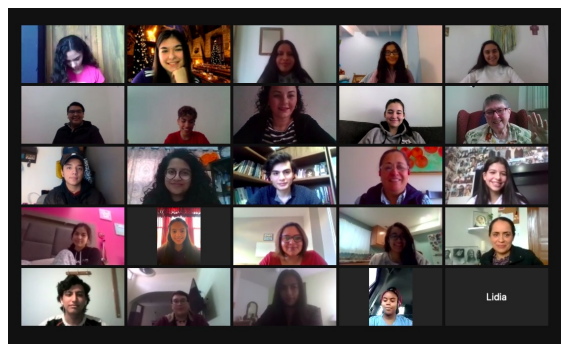
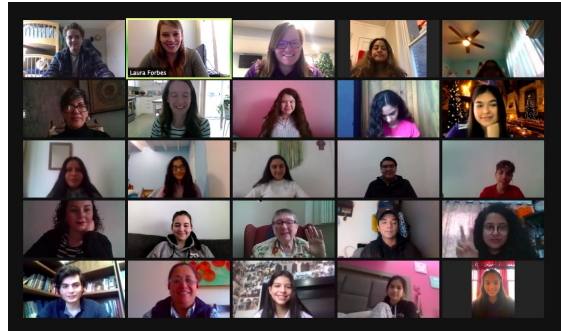


(11.16 - 11.20)! The picture attached is the t-shirt that the students will receive to commemorate our fun week of events! We hosted virtual game nights that included KaHoot and Among Us challenges, and also a virtual Movie Night! This was a great way for students to meet their peers in another high school, and to have a little bit of fun!

The Feast Of St. Duchesne Zoom with Colegio Sagrado!

On November 18th, to celebrate the Feast of Saint Philippine Duchesne, **Josephinum Academy** and **Colegio Sagrado Corazón (San Luis Potosi)** met to pray together, learn from one another, and celebrate our schools. Students and adults from both communities met in small groups to learn about each other's traditions and to discuss the importance of carrying on St. Philippine's legacy. We can't wait to see each other again!

Click here to view [The Feast Day Celebration!](#)



Thank you to all who attended Parent/Teacher



Conferences! Conferences were held virtually, by telephone, and/or by email exchange, and the conferences were successful! We appreciate the adjustment that everyone is making during this time!

Schoology!

Please reference [schoology.com](https://www.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.



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 or (773) 628-7278.

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
frontoffice@josephinum.org



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

From Our Athletic Director:

Dear Josephinum Student-Athletes and Families,

Based upon the new Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations announced on **Tuesday, November 17th** from Governor Pritzker's Office and the IDPH, Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart will be following the guidelines in place. With the guidance from the Governor's office and the IHSA, all winter sport offerings are on a temporary "pause" while these mitigations are in place. This pause will directly impact girls basketball, and all current open gym opportunities.

Josephinum Academy will follow all IHSA and IDPH guidelines during this pause. Once the pause has been lifted, Josephinum will communicate with the entire student body with detailed information regarding athletic offerings.

We are still awaiting further guidance from the IHSA regarding the start date for the Girls Basketball season. Once we receive that information we will share it with the entire Josephinum Community.

Thank you for your support, patience, and flexibility in this situation.



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