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Adult eNewsletter





January 2021

Calendar



SAVE THE DATES

January 13-15 - Final Exams

January 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL

January 21 - Open House 6:30 p.m.

February 12 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

February 15 - Presidents' 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 <u>resources</u> including information on <u>Schoology</u>.

From all of us at Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart we wish you a joyful and healthy New Year!





Did You Miss Any of Josie's Videos in 2020?

Josie enjoyed making several holiday themed videos in 2020. If you missed any of them, please check them out here!

Halloween Video

Thanksgiving Video

Entrance Exam

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam was administered at the Jo on December 5th and we were thrilled to welcome over 20 students to test with us!

We have an Open House on January 21st and 8th graders can schedule private tours of the Jo in 2021.





We Are Beyond Blessed!

We are truly grateful to all those whose donations are the gift of opportunity to our Girls Without Limits!

It is heartwarming to feel the support of our community, which has carried us through the twists and turns of this year.

Thank you for joining with us to keep the bright light of our future leaders shining.

News You Can Use!



Sports Updates

Josephinum will postpone all open gym opportunities due to the guidelines put in place by Governor Pritzker. In addition to Governor Pritzker's guidelines, the IHSA has also decided to follow suit with the guidelines and postpone all winter athletic activities for the time being. For that reason we will do the same in order to maintain the health and safety of our student-athletes.



Schoology!

Please reference <u>schoology.com</u> to check on your student's grades. Sign in to access all digital learning materials and to read about how you can help your student stay on top of her assignments and grades.

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



A Beautiful Advent

May the God of Hope be with you, inspiring, calling, inviting you to dream and to believe in possibilities. May you trust the dream that is forming in you and May your uplifted face and courageous spirit inspire others who have lost hope.

May the blessing of Hope be with you. Maxine Shank, OP



Baking Club

The Baking Club was able to meet (following CDC guidelines) to make some delicious treats during our first semester. Their first meeting they made pumpkin cookies with cream cheese frosting. The girls also made Christmas cookies and decorated them in their most recent meeting. They were able to bring the treats home to share with their families. Baking club is a great way to learn how to collaborate and work as a team.



Josephinum Academy 2020-2021 Admissions

Do you know a 7th or 8th grader?

This year we have been able to share information virtually with students and families at high school fairs and in classroom visits.

Help us spread the word about the Jo! Check out our 2020-21 Admissions video and share it with prospective families so they can learn more about our curriculum and see if they are a fit for our school. Learn more about our private tours for 8th grade families and more about our admissions process.

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 <u>FACTS</u>, 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.

Announcements & Reminders



Our Fall Art Show went live on December



Attendance Matters! If your student will be

7th, hosted on the Jo's Fine Arts Instagram account <u>@thejofinearts</u>. Please check out the amazing work our students created. They are incredibly talented!

Winners include: Fatima Aldana, 12th grade Marilyn Hernandez, 12th grade Kimora Green, 11th grade Sherlin Aguilar, 9th grade



Our All Souls Day Prayer Wall was a wonderful way to remember our loved ones during this time of distance. Please visit this electronic version to honor and remember those we have lost.

absent for digital learning for any reason, please call the main office phone number or email the school. Please also indicate if the absence is due to COVID-19 symptoms.

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Recently, our Juniors and Seniors had a special advisory hosted by our World Language Department.

Curtrice Dorsey, a USAID Foreign Service Officer spoke about Foreign Service Officers as a career and our students had the opportunity to ask questions!

"Foreign Service Officers apply their technical knowledge, program design, management, and evaluation expertise to promote and demonstrate democratic values abroad, and advance a free, peaceful, and prosperous world."



