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February 2021

Calendar

SAVE THE DATES



From our heart to yours -
Wishing you a happy
Valentine's Day!

- February 1 - Basketball Tryouts
- February 2 - Basketball Tryouts
- February 3 - Basketball Practice
- February 4 - Basketball Practice
- February 5 - Basketball Practice
- February 12 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- February 15 - Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
- February 17 - Ash Wednesday
- February 18 - Virtual Open House for 8th grade students and parents
- March 8 - Volleyball Practice Starts
- March 22 - 26 - Midterms Week
- March 28 - Palm Sunday
- April 1 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- April 2 - Good Friday/Easter Break starts
- April 4 - Easter
- April 12 - Students return from Easter 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](#).

Greetings and Happy New Year!

I am honored to serve you as the new President of Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart. But I am not new to the school. I was introduced to this amazing community through the dedicated work of my wife, Patty Mulvihill, who volunteered for twelve years before serving as interim Director of Admissions. That was followed by almost four years as Director of Development. Because of her passion for the mission of the school, I also became involved as a volunteer, then a Board Member, and most recently as our Board Chair.

There are a few things you should know about me. I am the product of a scholarship given to my grandfather 112 years ago. The opportunity changed his life, and the lives of generations that came after him. As one of 12 children, I am proud that all of us have college degrees, and 11 of us have advanced degrees. My family takes education seriously, just like you do!

I'm excited to begin this new chapter in my life, and look forward to meeting all of our students and families when it is safe to do so. I am proud to join a team of dedicated faculty, staff, administrators, donors, and supporters who share a common belief in the transformative power of a Sacred Heart education. We hold our commitment to educate and develop your daughter as our sacred responsibility. And as the new Jo President, be confident in my focused determination and passion to see your daughter succeed at the Jo, and in life.

As we proceed with this transition at the school, please join me in thanking Dr. Patti Tuomey for her outstanding leadership of the Jo these past 4 years. Her unwavering confidence in, and love for our entire community was unmatched and proved instrumental in guiding us through some of our most challenging days. Thank you Dr. Tuomey; you will forever be a cherished part of the Jo Community.

I welcome your ideas, comments, suggestions. Please feel free to reach out to me at richard.mcmenamin@josephinum.org or 773-292-3964, ext. 223.

Sincerely,

Rich McMenamin

Inauguration 2021



January 20th was a historic day as we watched the inaugural ceremony to swear in President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. We are thrilled to witness the first woman, and woman of color, be sworn in as our nation's Vice President.



Do you know a 7th or 8th Grader?

We are excited to announce that we're in touch with interested families to schedule private tour opportunities at the Jo. We will also have a [Virtual Open House](#) on February 18th at 6:30pm.

[Virtual Shadow Days](#) are now available for those interested in the upcoming months. Interested students can [sign up](#) for more info!

We Are Beyond Blessed!



We are truly grateful to everyone 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.

There's still time to donate! [Check out our safe and secure online giving site.](#)

Sports Updates



We are excited to announce that we will be welcoming basketball activities back on campus! Beginning next week we will be offering basketball tryouts on Monday (2/1) and Tuesday (2/2) with practice dates to follow at Josephinum Academy. For those who are interested in participating on the Josephinum basketball team this season you should do your best to attend these tryout dates in order to be considered to make the basketball team this season.

Schoology!



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



Fine Arts Update

HerStory will return in April, and will be streamed online. HerStory has been our evening of devised performance art, that is centered on women sharing and communicating ideas with one another, and then to the community at large. This is our 16th year hosting this event that was created by our previous principal Ms. Mary Rose Guerin.

Currently, the Fine Arts Department is in pre-production for the Spring Play that will open in MAY.



Photo: HerStory from a previous year

when masks and social distancing weren't needed!



Josephinum Academy 2020-2021 Admissions

Do you know a 7th or 8th grader?

This year we have been able to share information about the Jo 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 **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.

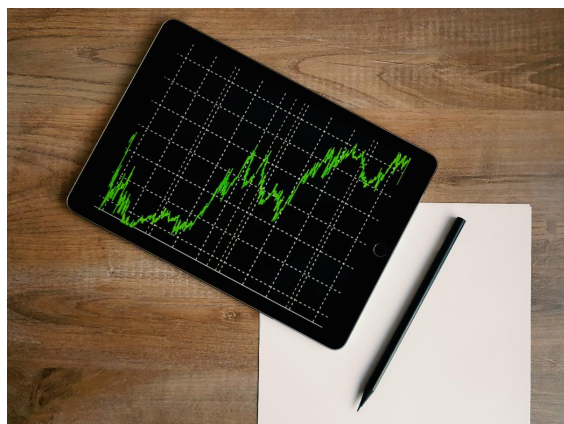
If you have received a notice or have any questions regarding your account, please contact our Business Manager, Lillian Torres at lillian.torres@josephinum.org or (773) 628-7278.

Announcements & Reminders



Last month Ms. Knapczyk's U.S. History class completed a virtual privilege walk. The goal of the exercise was to help students recognize how power and privilege affect their lives, even if they are unaware that it is happening.

She created a thought provoking discussion that ranged from comparing and contrasting the events on January 6th in our nation's capital, to this summer's Black Lives Matters protestors, to the importance of word choice (e.g. protester, rioter, domestic terrorist). The goal was to inform, but also to provide students with further information on activism, involvement and strength in their own power.



Students are being taught the basics of stock market investing by business professionals through our partners at Big Shoulders Fund.

As they learn more about the ins and outs of the market, students receive the opportunity to choose 5 stocks as a class with a fictitious \$3,000 budget, and throughout the year trade/buy shares of stock in order make a profit. They are competing against other schools in the



Attendance Matters! If your student will be 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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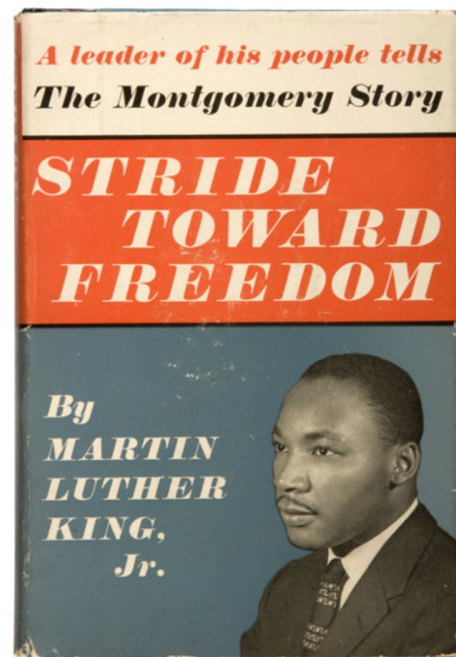
Recently several of our students participated in Big Shoulders' *Stride Toward Freedom* Book Club.

Professionals and volunteers joined various high school students in Chicago to read Dr. King's *Stride Toward Freedom* and think about how we make positive social change through perseverance.

To kick off the book club, Big Shoulders Fund hosted a panel of diverse professionals. We're excited to hear from the students and faculty who participated.

Chicagoland area.

In addition, there is an individual component where each student chooses one stock and stays with that stock throughout the year. Students whose stock has made the most profit are awarded a free tablet! This program began in October and runs through May.



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