

# JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART



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## March 2021

### Calendar

#### SAVE THE DATES



Josie is one of the biggest  
leprechaun's we've ever seen!!

March 1 - Basketball Game vs. Rochelle Zell at 5:30 PM @ Josephinum Academy  
March 2 - Basketball Game vs Holy Trinity at Home 5:30 p.m.  
March 4 - Basketball Game vs Christ The King @ Christ The King @ 5:30 p.m.  
March 7 - Open House, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
March 8 - Conference Tournament Game, time TBD  
March 8 - Volleyball Tryouts  
March 9 - Volleyball Tryouts  
March 9 - Conference Tournament Game, time TBD  
March 13 - Basketball Senior Night  
March 18 - Lent Reconciliation  
March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph  
March 22 - 26 - Midterms Week  
March 28 - Palm Sunday

April 1 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

April - Soccer Tryouts and Softball Tryouts

April 2 - Good Friday/Easter Break starts

April 4 - Easter

April 12 - Students return from Easter

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.

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## RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

Happy March! It is hard to believe that in mid-month it will be one year since we closed our physical school due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As we made the pivot to remote learning in March 2020, we remember all of the lessons we have learned that have opened our eyes and hearts a little wider.

Throughout February, we highlighted Black History Month in a variety of ways:

Our young women shared in services from the Archdiocese of Chicago highlighting the diversity in our school.

A group of students/faculty read “Stride Toward Freedom” by Martin Luther King Jr and participated in the Big Shoulders book club.

We had fun while testing the girls knowledge of our African American ancestors.

On Instagram, we highlighted African Americans that have made an impact on our society.

We encouraged our community to support Black and Brown owned businesses.

We acknowledge it should not only be Black History Month or Hispanic Heritage Month when we highlight events like this. It should be an integral part of our community and culture that is naturally built in throughout the year. What would you like to see us do? We would love to hear your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. Email me or reach out to us on social media so we can incorporate what is important to you!

As we enter March, we celebrate WOMEN! Women’s History Month will center on our founding and supporting orders: Sisters of Christian Charity and the Sisters of Sacred Heart. We will also hear from our faculty members on the women that have inspired them.

Thank you for entrusting us to provide your student with the support she needs to reach her highest potential.

Sincerely,

Colleen Schrantz, Principal  
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(773) 276-1261 ext. 229



It's been wonderful seeing our student athletes in the gym again!

### Basketball Tryouts - Feb 2 and 3

We were thrilled to welcome our student athletes back to campus on February 2nd and 3rd for basketball tryouts. Social distancing, masks and all safety measures were adhered to.

#### Girls Basketball March Schedule

March 1 - vs. Rochelle Zell at 5:30 PM @ Home

March 2 - vs. Holy Trinity at 5:30 PM @ Home

March 4 - vs. Christ The King at 5:30pm Away

March 8 - Conference Tournament Game, Time TBD

March 9 - Conference Tournament Game, Time TBD

March 13 - vs. Willow Academy at 3:00 PM @ Home



### 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. Do you know a student who enjoys small class sizes, dedicated faculty, individualized support, and innovative programs? Tell them about the Jo today!

**Virtual Shadow Days** are now available for those interested in the upcoming months.

### Black History Month at the Jo

We hosted a variety of events for Black History Month! Check them out below.

- School wide Black History Month Trivia
- Hosted a Black Women presentation
- Students watched the Archdiocese





Photo from JD4L Black History Month dance assembly in 2018!

- Prayer Service
- Advisory discussions: Students talked about impactful African Americans
  - Select students finished their Big Shoulders book club selection, "Strive Toward Freedom"



### Cheyenne Parker

We were excited to host Cheyenne Parker, WNBA star, who spoke to our students on January 29th during our lunch hour.

Ms. Parker offered a unique and personal experience to students with the goal of motivating them to never give up on their dreams while offering tangible and practical real-world advice on what it takes to achieve dreams from a professional athlete.

### Catholic School Week 2021

To all the groups that make our school such a special place to learn - thank you!  
: Victoria Krol

We reached out to various important groups to the Jo to thank them:

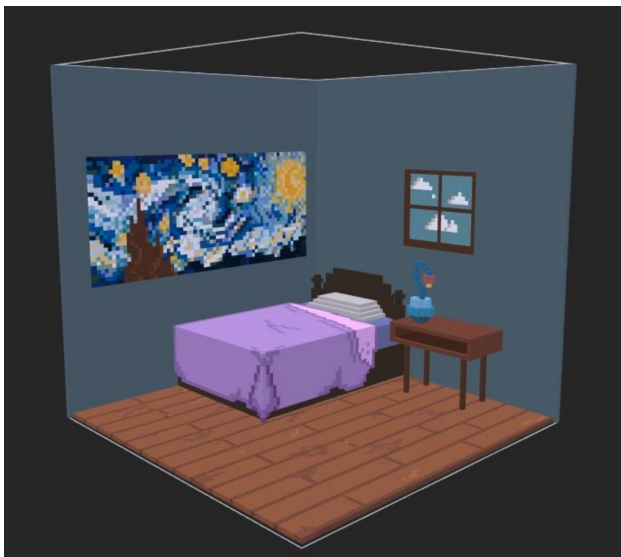
1. Sent flowers to our founding partners: Sisters of Christian Charity and Sisters of the Sacred Heart



2. Played StoryTime Game with our friends at Leo High School
3. Sent videos from our students to their elementary schools to say Hi

**Check out the video that our faculty created to celebrate our students, your daughters!**

### Young Artists Month Fine Arts Update



To start off this semester in art, Junior and Senior Art Students worked on a digital art project. Because we all had varying degrees of access to software and technology, students used a variety of free digital art programs available on the internet.

This artwork by Junior, Dannie Loyola, was created using a Voxel Art program which combines 3D modeling and digital painting. She was inspired by Van Gogh's painting, "The Bedroom."

We have upcoming art projects focusing on media like collage, painting, and clay sculpture, as well as our Senior IB Submission deadline on March 31st.

### Women's Literature takes on Women's History Month!

Ms. Ward will start a poetry unit in March, which will consist mostly of analyzing poetry from diverse women!

Their final assessment will be a poetry open gallery where students will create their own poem - either written or slam - and it will be added to our sophomore



poetry collective.

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## 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.

Need help logging into Schoology?  
Please contact Ms. Vai, our Director of Curriculum & Programming,  
[renee.vai@josephinum.org](mailto:renee.vai@josephinum.org).

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### ***Semester 1 Honor Roll and Goal Awards***



**High Honors**  
3.5 - 4.0

**Honors**  
3.0 - 3.49

#### **Goals**

- I. A personal and active faith in God
- II. A deep respect for intellectual values
- III. A social awareness which impels to action
- IV. The building of community as a Christian value
- V. Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

## **Semester 1 Honor Roll and Goal Awardees!**

Join us in celebrating our students who made the High Honors 3.5 - 4.0 GPA and Honor Roll 3.0 - 3.49 GPA.

Also view our Semester One Goal Awardees!

**[Please view the honoree's here.](#)**

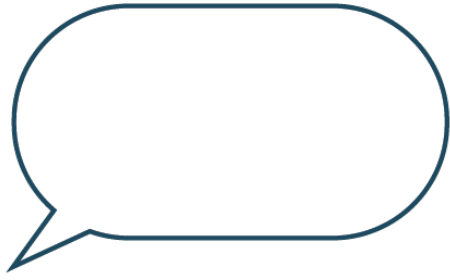
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## **Attendance Matters!**

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.

☎ (773) 276-1261

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

### Exciting Opportunities

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Our Senior SEHS & Bio students participated in the Museum of Science and Industries "Live from the Heart" experience.

Our students were able to engage with medical professionals and learned more about their careers as well as get up close and personal with the intricacies of the heart and bypass surgery.





Our Seniors looked fabulous on February 24th when they came to the Jo to take their Senior portraits. There were lots of happy eyes behind masks, except for the few moments when they got to be mask free while being photographed. Lots of safety precautions are in place at the Jo. Hand sanitizing stations, hands free temperature stations, and social distancing!



#### Upcoming Volleyball Season Tryouts!

- Monday, March 8 - 4:30pm - 6pm
- Tuesday, March 9 - 4:30pm - 6pm
- Wednesday, March 10 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm (Tentative Makeup date)

Best of luck to our student athletes!

**Important links and forms  
can be found on our website.**



Thank you to all who came out to our inaugural Drive, Dine, Dream event on February 4th! We were excited to meet interested 8th grade families and share a pizza from Little Guys, a local family owned business in our area, as well as cookies from Nine Time Bakery.

Our team was able to greet the families, have them see where we are located, meet some of our staff, and more! The weather was threatening that evening but we do plan to do this again and look



forward to meeting even more incoming  
9th grade students and their families!

Ms. Bartholomew and Ms. Schrantz  
braved the cold that evening!

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