

# JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART



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## April 2021

### Calendar



The greatest gift of Easter is hope.

"He is not here; he has risen..."  
- Luke 24:6

### SAVE THE DATES

- April 1 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- April 2 - Good Friday/Easter Break starts
- April 4 - Easter
- April 8 - Basketball Game at Holy Trinity
- April 12 - Students return from Easter Break
- April 12, 13, 14 - Soccer Tryouts and Softball Tryouts
- April 12 - Volleyball Game Away vs Our Lady of Tepeyac; JV @ 5pm, V @ 6pm
- April 13 - Basketball Game vs Our Lady of Tepeyac
- April 13 - Volleyball Game Home vs. Our Lady of Tepeyac; JV @ 5pm, V @ 6pm -- Senior Celebration!
- April 15 - Basketball Game at Providence St. Mel
- April 17 - ACT for Juniors
- April 21 - Volleyball Game Away @ Morgan Park Academy; JV @ 5:15PM, V @ 6:15pm
- April 22 - V Soccer Game Home vs. Richards High School @ Humboldt Park @ 5pm
- April 26 - V Softball Game Away vs. Christ

The King @ 5:30pm

April 27 - V Soccer Game (A) @ Ida Crown @ 5:30pm

April 28 - V Softball Game (H) vs. Hope Academy @ 5:00pm

April 29 - V Soccer Game (A) @ Rochelle Zell @ 5:30pm

April 30 - Feast of Blessed Pauline

May 28 - Last day for Senior Class!

May 31 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

June - Graduation

June - Last day of school

August 2 - 13 Summer Bridge Program for incoming 9th graders

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## RESOURCES FOR YOU

Explore our online hub of go-to resources including information on Schoolology.

We are excited to share that we have created *[A Resource Guide for High School Families](#)*, in which our Administrative Team has adopted many strategies as we plan for the successful reopening of our campus. As we begin to phase students back to campus we are committed to the care for the health and well-being of our community.

With the students at the forefront of all our decisions, it is important for us to come back together to transition to learning in community. Josephinum students will continue to participate in digital learning for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. We will introduce a hybrid model starting April 12th to begin our transition back to campus. The primary mode of instruction will be virtual while we will be gathering in large spaces and breaking off into clusters for classes. All students will be supervised. Seniors and Juniors will report to the building on Mondays and Tuesdays while Freshmen and Sophomores will be reporting on Thursday and Friday. We plan on organizing team building and social emotional centered activities to support our students as they ease out of quarantine and reacclimate themselves with the school environment.

Should you have any questions, or need to contact our staff, please use the following information to reach the correct person.

Main Office (773)276-1261

Contact if you are absent, ill or have travelled outside of the state, if you or your family has been exposed to or diagnosed with COVID-19 or if you have any questions about COVID-19 procedures.

- [letty.pizarro@josephinum.org](mailto:letty.pizarro@josephinum.org)
- [peggy.alvarez@josephinum.org](mailto:peggy.alvarez@josephinum.org)

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

Contact if you have any questions or concerns in regards to any COVID-19 policies or procedures.

● [colleen.schrantz@josephinum.org](mailto:colleen.schrantz@josephinum.org)

Yaritza DeJesus, Director of Student Services (773)276-1261ext. 231

Contact if you have any social emotional concerns about how COVID-19 is impacting your student.

● [yaritza.dejesus@josephinum.org](mailto:yaritza.dejesus@josephinum.org)

Renee Vai, Director of Curriculum and Programs (773)276-1261ext. 227

Contact for general information or questions.

● [renee.vai@josephinum.org](mailto:renee.vai@josephinum.org)

Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of providing your student with an environment and curriculum that will nurture, support, and challenge her to reach her highest potential.

Sincerely,

Colleen Schrantz, Principal

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

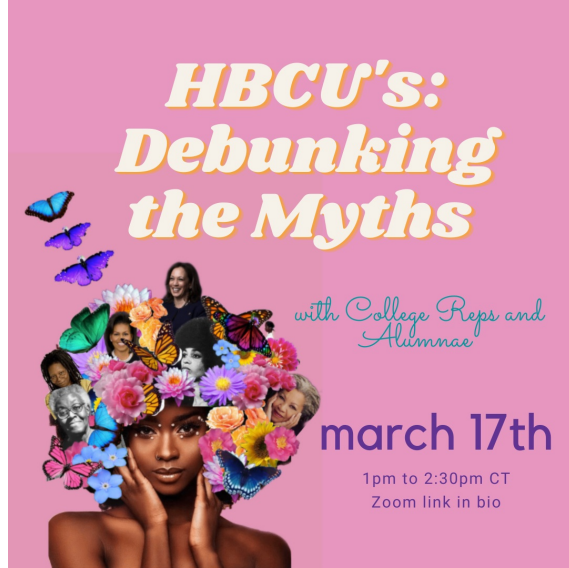
Ms. Ward started a poetry unit consisting of analyzing poetry from diverse women!

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 the Sophomore poetry collective.

### **HBCU Debunking the Myths**

Our first ever Historically Black Colleges and Universities information event was hosted on March 17th to great reviews! Admin, Counseling, Ms. Smith, and one of our esteemed parents, Mrs. Jeffries





worked on hosting our first-ever HBCU informational event on March 17th.

Admissions reps from notable HBCU's and a panel of HBCU/Jo Alumnae shared their experiences and debunked common myths. Students were allowed to submit questions beforehand to be answered by the panel.



### Basketball Senior Night

On Saturday March 13 we celebrated our 4 senior basketball players. Each has been an important member of the Josephinum basketball program.

They have grown so much since their first season with the team and they have left their mark on the basketball program.

We wish each of the senior basketball players the best moving forward!

Did you know our student athletes have their own Instagram account? Give them a follow [@thejoathletics](https://www.instagram.com/thejoathletics)

## Black Student Union

### Josephinum's first Black Student Union (BSU) has been created!

This organization will advocate for the needs of our Black student population and to create a safe space for our Black students. The BSU will strive for cross cultural understanding and appreciation for all our diverse histories and experiences.

Stay tuned for dates and times of upcoming meetings.

## Volleyball Season Has Started!



We are excited to announce that the girls volleyball season kicked off on March 8. Eighteen student athletes are a part of the program this season as part of our JV and varsity team.

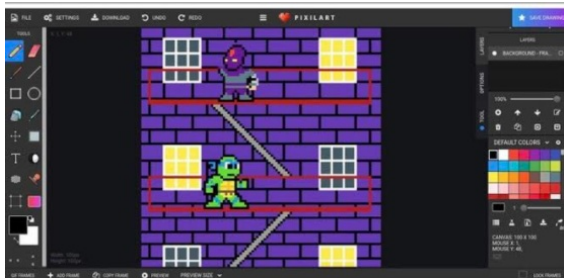
Each team is off to a great start this season with varsity currently posting a 3-1 record, and JV posting a 2-1 record. As of right now we will be celebrating our Senior volleyball players on April 13th in the Josephinum Gymnasium. The JV game will take place at 5pm, and varsity to follow at 6pm that evening.

All home volleyball games can be viewed via livestream on Youtube. At this time spectators are not allowed in the building for indoor sports. However, the IHSA guidelines now allow spectators to attend outdoor sports. With softball, and soccer right around the corner we are excited to see this occur!

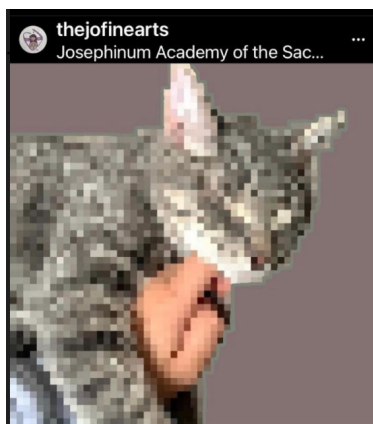


## Arts update

Sharing more digital art by Kathy Garcia!! This pixel piece was painted using Pixilart by 11th grade artist Katherine Garcia. It was inspired by early Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle video game levels.



Another "Amaze" digital piece by 12th grade artist Angie Miguel. Hold your phone back several feet for the full effect! [#ojos #pointillism](#) for the pixel age.



Did you know our Fine Arts Department has their own Instagram account? Give them a follow [@thejofinearts](#)



## Softball and Soccer tryouts: April 12, 13, and 14



We are excited to announce coach Nestor Garcia as the head coach, and Coach Daniel Lopez as the assistant coach for the girls soccer team at the school. Each individual has played soccer throughout their lives including at the collegiate level. Both coaches bring multiple years of coaching experience with them coaching at the recreational, and club level around the Chicagoland area. We are excited for the season ahead!

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### Sacred Heart Network Virtual Dialogue Exchange



We are excited that two of our students have been given the opportunity to engage and lead discussions with students and staff virtually regarding equity, culture, application of basic dialogue skills, and to foster relationships with students from other schools

From this program the key takeaways will be to develop a greater understanding of the culture, including strengths and challenges, of Network schools.

Foster stronger relationships between students and adults across the Network, developing lifelong friendships and connections.

Have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership in the form of leading dialogues, generating ideas, and putting those ideas into action.

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### DePaul University Rise Initiative with the Archdiocese of Chicago



10 students from the Jo were granted the opportunity to engage in discussions with DePaul University staff and other students regarding social justice/racial equality and inequality. There are approximately 300 people involved in this inaugural initiative

at DePaul, and per the staff, this is a historical moment our Jo students are part of!

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## SCHOOL UPDATES

### You Are Invited!



Join us, Thursday, April 29 at 5:00 P.M., for our virtual celebration, "Planting the Seeds of Opportunity," supporting \$2.2 million in scholarships and financial aid for our Girls Without Limits.

This year, we take a special focus on the work of Helen Bruns Ryan, Chair Emerita, recognizing her vision and dedication to the Josephinum Community for the past forty years. Helen has not only planted the seeds of opportunity for over 40 years of graduating classes, but has cultivated, nurtured, and seen our students begin to plant their own seeds of opportunity.

**RSVP TODAY!**

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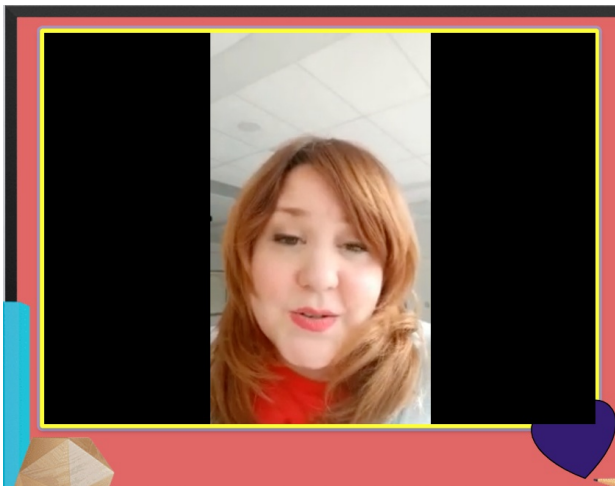
### We invite you to directly impact our growing Jo community!

We are challenging all students to refer a Josephinum applicant (9th grade or Transfer) and we will put \$100 in their pocket!

Details are in our [video](#)!

Let friends, family, and neighbors know about our excellent Josephinum community! (It also does not hurt to mention that we do still have scholarships and financial aid available.)

Questions? Please contact Ms. Bartholomew at [kathryn.bartholomew@Josephinum.org](mailto:kathryn.bartholomew@Josephinum.org)







### 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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### 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

A dedicated faculty

Individualized support

☞ Innovative programs

Tell them about the Jo today!

[Virtual Shadow Days](#) are now available for those interested in the upcoming months.

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### Schoology!



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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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### 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.



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