

JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART



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May 2021

Calendar



Reminder: Memorial Day is May 31st
and the Jo will be closed in
observance.

Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- John 13:15

SAVE THE DATES

May 3 - V Soccer Game (A) vs. UIC College
Prep @ 5pm

May 4 - V Softball Game (A) vs. Walther
Christian @ 5:30pm

May 5 - V Softball (H) vs. Northtown @ 5pm

May 6 - V Soccer (H) vs. Cristo Rey @ 5pm
(Humboldt Park)

May 7 - V Softball Game (A) vs. Horizon Science
Academy @ 5:30pm

May 7 - Dine, Drive, Dream event for prospective
9th grade students and families

May 10 - V Softball Game (H) vs. Cristo Rey @
5pm

May 13 - V Soccer Game (A) vs. OLT @ 5pm @
Douglas Park

May 17 - V Soccer Game (A) @ Catalyst Maria
@ 5:30pm

May 17 - V Softball Game (A) vs. Christ The King
@ 5:30pm

May 18 - V Soccer Game (H) vs. Northtown @
5pm @ Humboldt Park

May 18 - V Softball Game (H) vs. Hope Academy
@ 5pm

May 20 - V Soccer Game (A) vs. Hope Academy
@ 5:30pm

May 28 - Last day for Senior Class!

May 31 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

June 1 - 4 Go, Stay, Graduate - College Launch Week

June 2 - Athletics Banquet, 6 - 8pm

June 4 - Baccalaureate Mass

June 5 - Graduation

June 9 - 11 Final Exams

June 11 - Last day of school!!

June 17 - Incoming Freshman Meet and Greet 4 - 6pm

June 28 - Basketball Camp starts

July 12 - Softball Camp starts

July 19 - Soccer Camp starts

July 26 - Volleyball Camp starts

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

RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

President and Principal Corner

Since students began to slowly return to our campus for tutoring, counseling, various sports team activities or to participate in school hybrid classes, the energy level has increased and the presence of the young women has lifted our spirits.

It has been my good fortune to meet some parents during the basketball and volleyball seasons when our student athletes were playing or getting picked up or dropped off. I love meeting both parents and students, hearing your thoughts about Josephinum and how we are doing.

As the virus and its challenges in limiting personal gathering opportunities recedes, I look forward to much more engagement with the entire Josephinum Academy Community. The Jo Community is a special one. One of our goals for the Community is to increase opportunities for all constituent groups who care for, love and support our Mission, so we may become more engaged, to get to know each other better and more completely. We think there are blessings that will materialize when we take strides forward in achieving this goal.

Thank you all for your support of the Jo and for believing in your students. Thank you for your sacrifices and for entrusting them to a school community that wants to see them become their best selves. By all of us working together, your Jo girls' futures become bright with possibilities.

With best wishes,

Rich McMenamin, President
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It has been almost a year since the murder of George Floyd flooded our televisions, newspapers, communities and hearts. This tragic event magnified the impact of our feelings of isolation and highlighted the racial inequity and injustice of not only the pandemic, but the country.

We at the Jo continue to educate ourselves. We are learning and listening how to make this a more equitable country.

During the month of May we will focus on Social Justice and Youth Advocacy. Starting this week we will invite our students to share the social justice issue(s) that are closest to their hearts. The next few weeks will be spent researching different social justice issues, and signing and writing petitions and letters. We have scheduled guest speakers to help strengthen our individual and collected voices. This work will culminate in a safe and peaceful walk-out within the community for the juniors and seniors on May 25th, and freshmen and sophomores on May 28th. We will come together in reflection and prayer for the justice issue(s) that concern each of us.

If you have additional resources or questions, we would love to hear from you.

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,

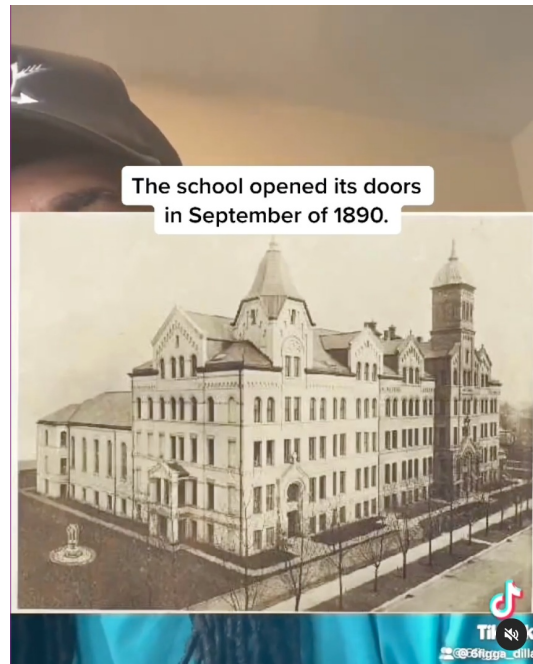
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10th Anniversary of Jo joining Sacred Heart Network

On April 11, 2011, the membership of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools voted unanimously to promote Josephinum Academy to full membership within the network. It's been a wonderful 10 years!

TikTok Historian @figga_dilla Visits the Jo!

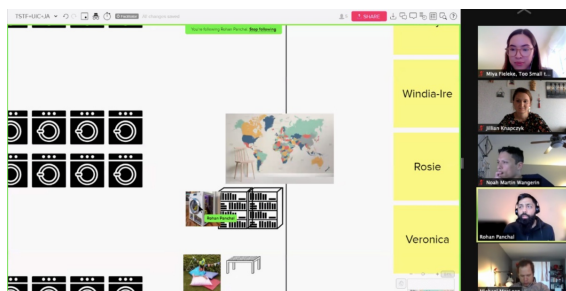


TikTok Historian, Shermann Thomas aka "Dilla" visited Josephinum Academy recently and highlighted the school in one of his 60 second TikTok's. Mr. Thomas has a passion to share Chicago history with the people of the city and beyond and encourage them to learn more.

Featured recently on the front page of the Chicago Tribune, in the Chicago Defender, as well as a guest on WGN and WBEZ, we were honored when he came to the Jo to share our history as the longest standing all girls Catholic high school in the city!

[Watch the video here!](#)

Real World Learning Experience for our Students



Did you know that UIC Engineering students, students from the Jo and Leo, as well as those members of Too Small To Fail (the Clinton Foundation) have been working to develop and build a whole laundromat designed around childhood literacy? The program, DREAM BIG, asks how can this help and be part of the community. Students have been tasked with what should be included in it:

- What kind of art
- What kind of music
- Do they host classes
- What types of child activities

Ultimately, the goal is to build this laundromat on the South Side of the city, student ideas and all!



Volleyball Senior Night

On April 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)



Advisory Classes Discusses Female Empowerment During Women's History Month

During March, Advisory periods discussed female empowerment. Mr. Fehr's class were asked to find images that spoke to them.

MR - Females standing together no matter what they look like, is definitely empowering. It speaks confidence.

ES: The second image is a pregnant woman and I know that women are not only for giving birth but the fact that women are strong enough to give birth shows a lot of what I think shows women empowerment.



Softball Season Has Started!

reached out to Erik
Reminded him 4/28



Arts update



Thalia, Jo Class of 2022, as Beatrice.

While we didn't present a public production this year (thanks Corona!), the class of 2022 worked on a number of exciting texts, including John Strand's **Lovers and Executioners**, an adaptation of the 17th century classic of the same by Montfleury.

Cast:

Isabella C as Constance
Rosemeila F as Constance
Windia-Ire N - as Guzman
Diana M as Bernard
Madeline O as Julie (playing Fredric)
Thalia P as Beatrice
Lyric R as Bernard
Destyne S as Beatrice

Did you know our Fine Arts Department has their own Instagram account? Give them a follow [@thejofinearts](https://www.instagram.com/thejofinearts)

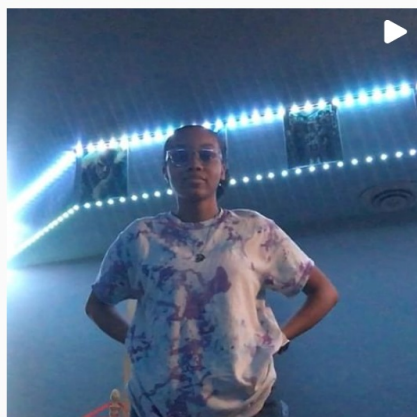
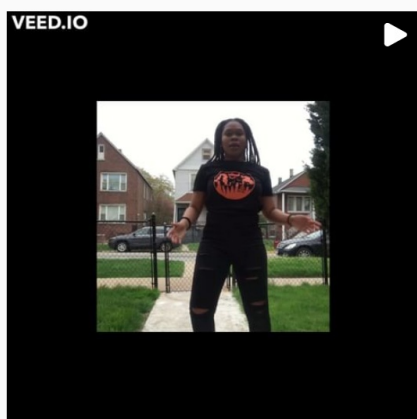
Soccer Update!

The soccer team has a busy schedule playing 15 games during this shortened season. The schedule can be found on the Josephinum Website Calendar. All home soccer games will be located at Humboldt Park. Spectators are welcome at all soccer games this season with social distancing required, and masks being worn. Come on



out to see the Cougars in action this spring!

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. We are excited for the season ahead!



International Dance Day

Our JD4L dance team took over Instagram on April 28th for International Dance Day!

Head over to our Instagram account and view the routines of:

Destynee Smith (Junior) Co-Captain
Windia-Ire Newman (Junior) Co-Captain
Juliahna Jimenez (Senior)
Daniela Loyola (Junior)
Di'Niya Phillips (Freshman)

[Josephinum Instagram](#)

DePaul University Rise Initiative with the Archdiocese of Chicago

On April 16th, Josephinum Academy students along with other local Catholic high schools got the opportunity to be in conversation with Cardinal Cupich. Each school shared their school statements on racial justice and equity. Our student

spokesperson was Nicole Aguilar.



Please read the statement our students created that was read: *Josephinum Academy will commit to racial equity and justice by educating and creating opportunities for dialogue, celebrating diversity and honoring perspective; adjusting our academic programs and supports. Josephinum will continue to work toward bringing awareness and addressing racism and injustice head on while modeling the beauty of inclusion.*

To read more about our Commitment to Equality please view our [website page](#) outlining our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the Jo.

Josephinum to Offer Summer Camps

We are excited to announce that the Jo will offer summer camps throughout the months of June, and July this year!



Camps will be offered in several areas such as soccer, softball, volleyball, basketball, and arts. These camps encourage students from 1st grade - 12th grade to come out to improve their current skill set while having fun with the Josephinum coaching staff.

We are excited to offer these camps to the community, and look forward to seeing a great turnout. If anyone is interested in learning more about Josephinum summer camp offerings please visit www.josephinumcamps.com, or contact athletic director, [Mr. Ziolkowski](#).

Our Garden Overflows!



On Thursday, April 29th we gathered virtually to honor the work of Helen Bruns Ryan, Chair Emerita, recognizing her vision and dedication to the Josephinum Community for the past forty years. Our event, "Planting the Seeds of Opportunity," supports \$2.2 million in scholarships and financial aid for our Girls Without Limits.

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.

[Watch our Video!](#)



We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how about YOU?!

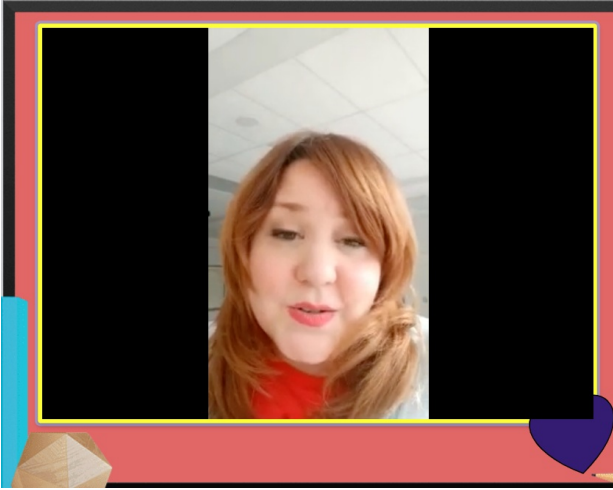
Our new online apparel store has opened!

There are multiple apparel options for students, families, faculty, staff, alumnae and more! Choose from shirts, sweatshirts, quarter zips, shorts!

Just for Jo families, place your order by May 31st and take 15% off orders \$75 or more with code May21. [Visit our store today!](#)

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



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

frontoffice@josephinum.org

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.



Schoolology!

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



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Need help logging into Schoology?
Please contact Ms. Vai, our Director of
Curriculum & Programming,
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 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.



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