



June 2021

Calendar

SAVE THE DATES



"Your example, even more than your words, will be an eloquent lesson to the world." - St. Madeleine Sophie Barat

June 1 - 4 Go Stay Graduate - College Launch Week

June 2 - Athletics Banquet

June 4 - Baccalaureate Mass

June 5 - Graduation

June 9 - 11 Final Exams

June 11 - Last day of school

June 17 - Incoming Freshman Family Meet and Greet from 4 - 6PM

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

August 23 - Freshman Orientation 8:30AM - 1PM

RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

A Letter From Our President

Dear families,

Routinely, I witness the care, attention and personal investment of time and energy that our faculty and staff devote to our students. It is always inspiring to see, and impressive to know, that we have such a dedicated team working hard on behalf your daughters and our students.

As the warm weather of the late spring arrives, we know it is a time of transition. Our seniors will soon be graduating and as everyone steps up a year in their classes, we will also welcome a new cohort of incoming 9th graders for this fall.

Whatever the time of year, and whatever level or stage of incoming or outgoing students, we hope all know they are part of the Josephinum Academy family for life. We are a community that strives to create a passion for lifelong learning, and a strong desire to make our world a better place for all.

Thank you to all the families of our students for being a part of that story, and especially thank you to our faculty and staff for creating this nurturing environment.

And finally, to our departing former President, Patti Tuomey, Ed.D., we offer our sincerest thanks and deep appreciation for her years of service on behalf of all. We wish her well in her new endeavors and know she will be a part of the Jo Community forever.

Be well and stay healthy.

Rich McMenamin
President

Senior Day a Success!

A small group of our graduating seniors, representing the larger group, decided that they would like to have a special "Senior Day" for their class.

The senior reps and our principal, Ms. Schrantz, planned all the activities, which included an open gym with a variety of sports and Just Dance being played. They tie dyed and ironed words, numbers and patches on shirts, while also running a few relay races, participated in a



scavenger hunt, and played Kahoot (trivia) on senior memories. They ordered pizza and enjoyed one another's company.

Shout out to Fatima Aldana and her mom for making the balloon arch as well as Ms. To for donating lots of snacks and tie dye equipment!



National Honor Society Updates

Our National Honor Society students planned mixed advisory activities for the month of May. NHS members were excited to see their hard work and planning come to life. The finale was a JoAll Kahoot trivia game which was a ton of fun for everyone!

Rising NHS seniors surprised the 2021 graduating class of NHS seniors with a tribute video to thank them for all their hard work and dedication this year. They will be missed!

Creative directors: Belen Amaro and Sandra Zavaleta
Video editor: Windia-Ire Newman
NHS Advisor: Ms. To

Alumna Update - Passion and Purpose

Monique Josephs, Jo Class of 1991, spoke to our school and shared her positivity and stories of her time at the Jo.

One of her key takeaways was, "learning to be of service to others." Of all the gifts she received from the Jo, this is one of her greatest to share with others!

Zoom LIVE

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THE AWARD WINNING PUBLICIST, CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR AND ADVOCATE FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN HEALTH CARE AND RACIAL JUSTICE IS RETURNING TO HER ROOTS WHERE SHE CREDITS HER SOCIAL JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT BEGAN, JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY.

[HTTP://WWW.JOSEPHHOUSEBOOKS.COM/ABOUT-AUTHOR](http://www.josephhousebooks.com/about-author)



Betsy Garbrecht (head of Madonna) with Ms. Schrantz and seniors Madeline F, Priscilla B, and guest Bethany I. (Betsy, Priscilla and Colleen are standing)

Madonna Scholars Class of 2021 Graduation Dinner and Year End Celebration

We are so proud of Priscilla Badu and Madeline Fields, two seniors who have demonstrated their achievement through the completion of four years at Josephinum Academy as a Madonna Scholar. They each exemplify the Madonna Foundation's mission to transform their lives and launch bright futures through access to academic excellence at a single-gender Catholic High School.

The evening's program began with a welcome and blessing by Betsy Garbrecht, Madonna Foundation Director, followed by a lovely dinner and Senior Awards presentation that concluded with a photo session of the 14 Madonna Scholars in attendance.

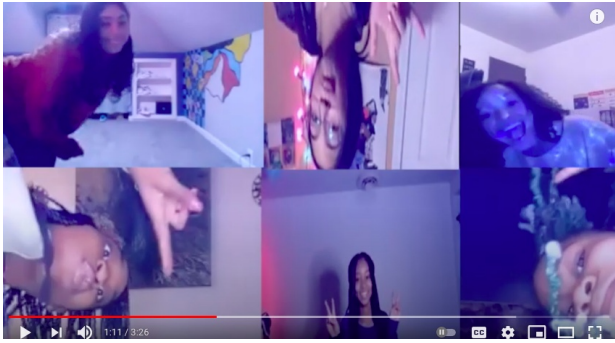
JD4L update



Josephinum's Dance Team, JD4L, spent each Thursday this school year developing new routines via Zoom due to the challenges of the pandemic.

Though the team would have loved to be dancing together in person, their dedication to each other and themselves along with their passion for dance kept

them together--even if virtually.



Jo staff team sponsor, Kathryn Bartholomew (Ms. KTB), is filled with inspiration and pride for this amazing team of creative young women.

Kudos to team co-captains, Liana Jeffries, Destyne Smith, and Windia-Ire Newman for their leadership, along with wonderful teammates Juliaha J, Daniela L, and Da'Niya P. All the best to Seniors, Liana and Juliaha, and their bright futures ahead!

Feast of Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt Mass



Saint Pauline was the foundress of the Sisters of Christian Charity, our religious order for over 100 years. We give thanks for their continued love and support of our school.

You can watch the video Ms. Forbes our Campus Ministry Coordinator, put together for this occasion.

[Feast of Blessed Pauline Video](#)

Social Justice and Youth Advocacy Month

During May, our students identified various social justice causes such as police brutality, racial injustice, immigration justice, human trafficking, and gun violence to advocate for.

Through letter writing campaigns, self expression such as creating poems, songs, or making posters our students mobilized to make their voices be heard.



On May 25th and 28th students led peaceful walk outs where they demonstrated and showed their activism.

Alderman LaSpata of the 1st Ward spoke to our students about civic work and how to get involved on a local level.

We also heard from The National Youth Art Movement Against Gun Violence (NYAM). They are the first non-profit project in Chicago and in the US to use a combination of art activism, commercial billboards, and Augmented Reality technology for large-scale, youth-led campaigns for social good.



Freshman Movie Night!

Our Jo Class of 2024 enjoyed the movie Fahrenheit 451. As part of their class, they read the book discussing knowledge, society, and propaganda, as well as censorship. After they watched the movie they engaged in a compare and contrast discussion.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Graduation



We will honor our graduates in a lovely, in-person, safe and organized ceremony on Saturday June 5th. Graduates should plan on being at Josephinum at 11:30am.

Seating will be first come, first served. The ceremony will take place outdoors. If we experience inclement weather, we ask that the graduate remain in the car until the ceremony starts.

We ask that all gifts, balloons and

celebratory objects be left at home or in the car. The building will not be open.



Show Your School Spirit!

Visit our new apparel store that will provide multiple apparel options to students, faculty, alumnae and more!. Some of the apparel items include shirts, sweatshirts, quarter zips, and shorts.

[Shop today!](#)



Join us!

Athletic Banquet - June 2nd

Athletic Banquet!

Our Athletics Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2 from 6pm - 8pm at Josephinum Academy. During this time we will be recognizing each athletic season including basketball, volleyball, soccer, and softball. Each team, and player will be celebrated for their dedication to the sports program they participated in. In addition to recognizing each program we will also be providing several awards to our Josephinum athletes. Each athlete of the Jo has shown great adversity to work through these challenging times over the past year. We hope you will join us on this special evening to celebrate all of our 2020/2021 Josephinum athletes!

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



Schoology!



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.

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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