

September 2021

WELCOME TO THE 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR!



Our first day back to the 2021-2022 school year was sweet! Hi-Way Bakery brought their truck to school and each student, faculty, and staff, as well as parents, got to pick a treat!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sports events, field trips, school closures, upcoming deadlines
- [find it here](#)

RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

REMINDERS AND EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED!

September 3 - Mass of the Holy Spirit
September 6 - Labor Day - **No School**
September 9 - Back to School Night
September 14 - School Photo Day
September 23 - Open House 5-7 p.m.

October 11 - Indigenous People's Day
- **No School**
October 16/17 - Open House Chicago
October 16 - Open House 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
October 18 - 22 - Midterms
October 21 - Photo retakes
October 22 - Fall Gala!
October 23 - ACT
October 25 - 29 - Spirit Week!

November 1 - All Saints Mass
November 3 - Open House 5 - 7 p.m.
November 22 - Family/Teacher Conferences
November 23 - Prof Development Day
- **No School for Students**
November 24-26 - Thanksgiving Break

December 13-15 - Final Exams
December 20-January 3 - Christmas Break

With a heart filled with gratitude, welcome back to our returning students, and especially first-year students and transfer students as well!

This return to physical in-person / in-school teaching and learning is a momentous time. Since the decision to close down in-person teaching in March of 2020, we have operated under a whole series of makeshift and flexible teaching methods using the technology available to all. It has not been easy; it has been very challenging for everyone.

So this return to a more normal school presence, even under mandatory masking, nonetheless feels like a welcome change. It is an opportunity to be back in school with new friends and old friends. To see and hear your teachers in a way you are more familiar with, and to experience the broader set of activities and rhythms of the everyday school experience you know.

While some things have changed in these 19 months, some have not: the faculty, staff, administration, and hundreds of donors and supporters of Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart are fully invested in your student's education, in our students and families remaining healthy, in helping find your students way forward successfully in high school and then in the life that awaits you after Josephinum.

We embrace the dreams and aspirations for a healthy life, one filled with opportunity, hope, and promise; and we commit to working diligently to help our students make these dreams come true.

And we remind you to always keep in mind the 5 GOALS of our Sacred Heart School, in which we commit to educating our students:

- To a personal and active faith in God
- To a deep respect for intellectual values
- To a social awareness that impels to action
- To the building of community as a Christian value
- To personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom

Together, we will make this an extraordinary school year of promise and achievement. Welcome back to Josephinum Academy!

Sincerely,
[Richard McMenamin](#)
President



Summer Bridge - Jo Class of 2025!

Summer Bridge Orientation is a Josephinum Freshmen tradition! This year, the Class of 2025 gathered at the Jo over two weeks for an opportunity to get to know the school, their teachers, and most importantly, one another. Summer Bridge is a time where friendships are made and new *Students Without Limits* join the Josephinum community. This is an

Summer Bridge students participated in activities daily, including a school-wide scavenger hunt, cupcake contest, games outdoors, field trips to the Contemporary Art Museum and Foster Beach, Self Care Day, Arts Day, Field Day, as well as many fun opportunities to mingle with their teachers!

amazing group of students and we can't wait to see what is in store over the next four years!

Do you know an 8th grader who is looking for a high school that has small class sizes, a dedicated faculty, innovative programs and more?

[Share the Jo with them!](#)



Don't Miss Back-To-School Night!

All parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend Back-To-School Night on September 9th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Younger siblings are welcome to attend!

Meet your students teachers, counselors, and coaches. Learn more about their curriculum including our new enrichment and academic support opportunities. View the latest renovations to our campus while connecting with your fellow Jo parents and guardians.

Come early to cheer on our volleyball teams during their first home games of the season against Trinity.



Diana had her name on the big screen at Wrigley Field on July 12, 2021, along with other Cubs Scholars!

Diana Mejia, Jo Class of 2022, was awarded a \$20,000 college scholarship from Cubs Scholars, a Cubs Charities Program that will pay her \$5,000 in each of her four years of college!

“The Cubs Scholars program, launched in 2013, offers Chicago inner-city high school students financial contributions and a team-sponsored mentorship program designed to promote academic achievement and post-secondary educational advancement. Cubs Scholars are high-potential students with demonstrated need. Each recipient receives a \$20,000 scholarship upon their enrollment in a four-year college or university and participates in a mentoring program with help from Cubs College Prep. The mentoring program helps prepare scholars for the transition from

high school to college. The Cubs College Prep programming and mentoring from Cubs associates helps each scholar continue toward college graduation. Students are recommended for Cubs Scholars by Cubs Charities nonprofit partners.” - via CubsCharities

“Our Jo community is thrilled to hear that Diana has been awarded the Cubs Scholarship,” said Ms. Pucci, Josephinum Academy Counselor. “Diana is an amazingly creative and bright student who has a genuine love of learning. She truly exemplifies what it means to be a Student Without Limits!”



Our Annual Gala is Here!

Join us online on Friday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m., as we celebrate the remarkable resilience of Josephinum Academy students and raise the funds needed for their continued success.

In the midst of a year marked by challenges, uncertainty, and countless hurdles, our Jo students chased goals and pursued passions. They created. They dreamed. They studied, laughed, worked, and grew. They persevered.

Save the date for a powerful evening in honor and support of these incredible young women. Join students, faculty and staff, supporters, and community leaders for our annual virtual gala this fall. Watch your email for a registration link and more updates soon.

We were thrilled that Rosie, Jo Class of 2022, was a guest speaker at the recent Big Shoulders Fund fundraiser on Monday, August 9.

"We were so impressed by the poise and confidence Rosie displayed while speaking to a packed room," said Mr. McMenamin, Josephinum Academy President. "Her message of gratitude, hope, and optimism



for her future resulted in a standing ovation. Rosie represented Josephinum Academy in a manner that should make us all proud!"



Help Us Welcome our New Staff/Faculty!

Assistant Principal - Dr. Shari Demitrowicz
 Alumnae and Relations Coordinator - Marlen Garcia
 Theology Teacher and Campus Ministry - Ruben Chavez
 Science teacher- Omega Isturis
 Literature teacher - Nicole Favia



Cheer on our Volleyball Team!

September 2 - Away at Horizon Science Academy, V at 5 p.m.
September 5 - Home vs Walther Christian JV at 5 p.m., V at 7 p.m.
September 9 - Home vs Holy Trinity JV at 4:30 p.m., V at 5:30 p.m.
September 14 - Away at Rochelle Zell JV at 5 p.m., V at 6 p.m.
September 16 - Home vs Hope Academy JV at 4:30 p.m., V at 5:30 p.m.
September 21 - Away at Christ the King JV at 5 p.m., V at 6 p.m.
September 23 - Away at Providence St. Mel V at 5 p.m.
September 27 - Away at Intrinsic JV at 4:45 p.m., V at 5:45 p.m.
September 29 - Home vs Cristo Rey JV at 5 p.m., V at 6 p.m.
September 30 - Away at Our Lady of Tepeyac JV at 4:30 p.m., V at 5:30 p.m.



Our new athletic website is a one stop

shop where the Josephinum community can now find game schedules, rosters, results, announcements and more!

[Please visit the new athletic website!](#)

Submit Your School Documents

If you have not already signed the following document that pertains to your student, please do so as soon as possible. Your student can turn in signed documents to her homeroom teacher or the front office.

[Student/Family Handbook Agreement](#) (page 48)

Annual Physical Record (athletics only). All students participating in volleyball, basketball, soccer, or softball are required to submit a physical record annually. For questions, contact Mr. Ziolkowski, Athletic Director and P.E. Teacher erik.ziolkowski@josephinum.org.

Scholarship Agreement Contract (if applicable). To request a copy of your letter, contact Ms. Smith, Student Life and Partnership Manager, lauran.smith@josephinum.org.

Class of 2022! – College Prep Important Dates

Attention Seniors!

September 17 - ACT @ Josephinum
Registration Deadline

October 1 - **FAFSA** Applications available


October 6 - FAFSA Parent Workshop
5:00 7:00 p.m. Senior student's parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to attend. Please bring your tax documents with you.

October 23rd - ACT @ Josephinum 8am
Reminder: The month of November means application deadline season!
Many applications are due between November 1 and November 30.

Class of 2022! Scholarships Opportunities

Please encourage your student to apply for all possible scholarships. As a reminder, never pay for scholarship search services.

For more resources, support and information for your student, please visit our [College Counseling](#) page.



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Referral Program

Do you know any middle school or high school students interested in applying to Josephinum Academy? If you refer applicants to Josephinum Academy and she is accepted, enrolls, and attends our school, the referring student receives a **5% discount from her yearly tuition!** This discount can be applied to as many students as are referred until the referring student's tuition for that school year is \$0!

Invite your referral to our next Open House on Thursday, September 23 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

To schedule a Shadow Day or for additional information, contact our admissions office at

admissions@josephinum.org.

**This policy only applies to new applicants.*

**The tuition discount only applies to one school year's tuition.*

Attendance Matters

If a student is unable to attend school due to a serious illness, or any other unavoidable reason, parents/guardians are to call and notify the school before 8:30 a.m. giving the reason for the absence. If contact is not established between a parent/guardian and the office within 24 hours of an absence, the absence will be considered unexcused. A doctor's note is required for three or more consecutive days of absence.

Josephinum's front office is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You may contact someone in our front office by phone at (773) 276-1261 or email frontoffice@josephinum.org.

Every
 Day
Matters!



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