



October 2021

Calendar

SAVE THE DATES



Our students learned about team building, tower building, as well as lab safety, in Ms. To's science class the first week of school!

October 6 - Paying for College Night

October 4 - Senior Night

October 11 - Indigenous People's Day -

No School

October 14 - Hispanic Heritage Showcase

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

October 16 - Open House Chicago

October 16 - Admissions Open House

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

October 18 - 22 - Midterms

October 22 - Virtual Fall Gala!

October 23 - ACT

October 23 - Homecoming

October 25 - 29 - Spirit Week!

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 -

No School

December 4 - High School Placement Test

December 13-15 - Final Exams

December 17 - End of Semester 1

December 20-January 3 - Christmas Break

- **No School**

RESOURCES FOR YOU

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



Join Us For Our 2021 Virtual Scholarship Gala

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 22! Join Josephinum students, staff, and supporters online as we celebrate everything we have accomplished during this difficult year, and witness the incredible generosity of our community of donors—a community that helps provide tremendous educational opportunities for students at the Jo.

In a year that challenged us all, you chased goals and pursued passions. You created. You dreamed. You studied and grew. You persevered.

Tune in to hear how you have inspired our community, and join us as we celebrate your strength, resilience, and bright futures.

October 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Students and families are invited to join this special event! We can't wait to see you there.

[Sign Up Today! It's Free To Attend!](#)

Illinois State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission is pleased to recognize these Josephinum Academy students who have been named 2021-22 State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Fatima Aldana
Emily Gualpa
Liana Jeffries

Please join us in celebrating this wonderful accomplishment!



Class on the Lawn!

Ms. Favia, our Literature teacher, took advantage of the beautiful weather in September and hosted her class outdoors recently! What a wonderful way to enjoy our campus.



Physics and PE - A Winning Combo

Ms. To's Junior/Senior Physics class collaborated with Mr. Ziolkowski's Sophomore Gym class to do an Olympic-style Physics lab where the Physics students conducted measuring and calculating results labs with the Gym students as the athletes/test subjects.

A medaling ceremony was hosted at the end of class!



Join us for our Volleyball Senior Night

On Monday, October 4th, our varsity volleyball student-athletes will play Golder College Prep at 5:30 p.m. Spectators are allowed, but there will also be a live stream option.

We will celebrate the Seniors before the game begins. Following the game, we will have

snacks and drinks for the players and families in the cafeteria.

We look forward to celebrating our Seniors and their accomplishments at the Jo over these past four seasons! Look for photos and more details in our next eNewsletter!



JD4L Update

Our JD4L call-outs and try-outs were very successful!

Co-Captains Destynee and Windia-Ire are teaching the group the steps to the dance that our newest members will try out with.

Help us wish them a wonderful year of dance! We can't wait to see their creativity!



Hispanic Heritage Month

Ms. Cruz, Jo Foreign Language teacher, created this amazing display for Hispanic Heritage Month! Here are some of the areas our students, faculty, and staff identify they are from:

- Cuba
 - Guatemala
 - Puerto Rico
 - Ecuador
 - Colombia
 - Bucaramanga
 - La República Dominicana
 - Mexico
 - Chilapa
 - Nayarit
 - Momax, Zacatecas
 - Jalisco
 - Celay, Guanajuato
 - Guadalajara
 - Guerrero
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Who Inspires You?

Some of our first-year students worked on a positive community activity in early September. Students, faculty, and staff were invited to share the names of those that inspire them. They read through all the names, wrote them out on colored paper, and hung them on the "Be Inspired"

bulletin board on the 3rd floor. It's such an inspiration!!

We were especially thrilled when our alumna Sandra Cisneros, an American writer, best known for her first novel, *The House on Mango Street*, who was on the board, saw our Instagram post and shared with her followers as well!

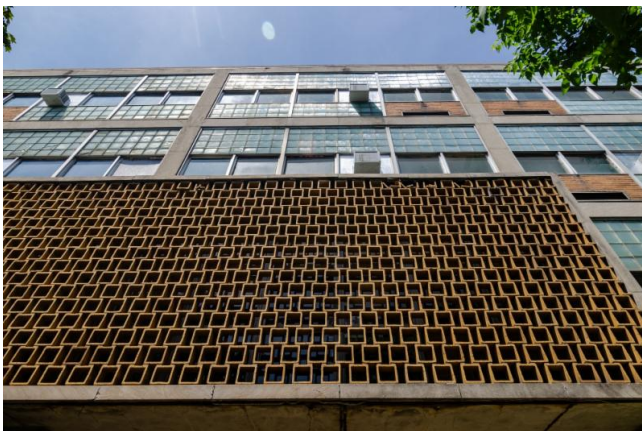
Paying for College Night

We hope you'll join us for this information-packed evening scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, from 5:45-7:45 p.m. Senior students and parents or guardians (along with juniors & parents or guardians who want to get a head start) are strongly encouraged to attend. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) session will outline the following:

- ⇒ The general financial aid process
- ⇒ Provide insight on how financial aid works
- ⇒ How to apply for it
- ⇒ Student eligibility
- ⇒ State/federal programs
- ⇒ Information and resources about scholarships for college will be presented
- ⇒ And much more!

After the informational session, families will have the opportunity to begin their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In order to do this, you are encouraged to bring your tax documents and other individual identifying information.

Please contact the Counseling Department, counseling@josephinum.org with questions.



Have you ever noticed the southern exterior of the building? This is a beautiful use of a design element known as brise soleil, French for “breaking the sun.” This screening effect was used as an artistic way to filter sunlight so that enough penetrated to provide some interior lighting but enough sun was blocked so that the

Open House Chicago

The Jo once again is pleased to be chosen to participate in Open House Chicago, hosted by the Chicago Architecture Center!

Open House Chicago is a free public festival that offers self-guided history and architecture trails throughout Chicago, talks, programming, and behind-the-scenes access to architecturally, historically, and culturally significant sites across the city.

Visit us on October 16 from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Interested in volunteering? We are looking for volunteers on October 16th from 9 a.m.

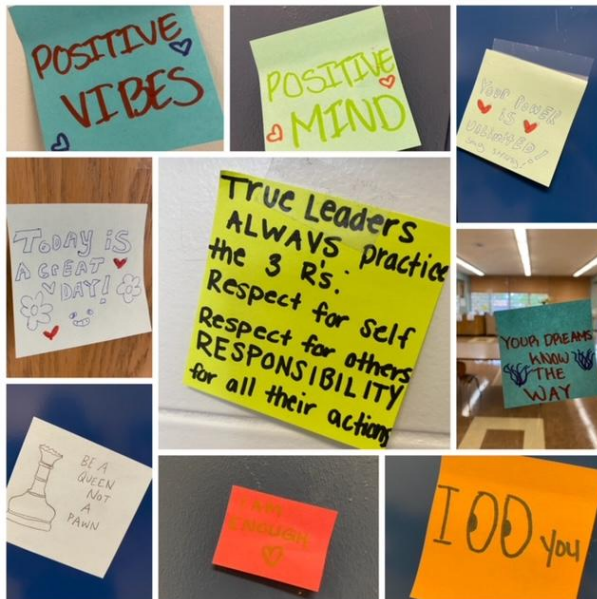
interiors stayed comfortable and cool.

- 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Contact [Ms. Grove](#) today if you are interested!



The Jo's Newest Sport - Tennis

Mr. Reid, Jo Math teacher, has started a Tennis Club that meets after school Wednesday and Friday from 4 - 6 p.m. Tennis takes place offsite at the Humboldt Park Tennis Courts. We can't wait to hear and share more with you!



Art Classes Share Positivity

During the first week of school, Mr. Lauer, Jo Visual Arts teacher, worked with the 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to create an activity to share positivity throughout the school. The Post It Notes scattered throughout the school have brought many smiles to all who see them!

Kids Take Over The Kitchen Day

September 13 was Kids Take Over The Kitchen Day and our Culinary Class was so excited to whip up some delicious muffins and danishes!

What are the benefits of cooking with teens?

As they measure ingredients, they can practice fractions.

While they prep, students learn how to



best divide the responsibilities. And let's not forget about the clean-up!

Another great cooking skill is reading.

No matter their age, there's a job for everyone.


Many thanks to Ms. Knapczyk and Ms. Cheng for teaching our Culinary Class and sharing this awesome photo!

College Fairs in Your Home

The college search doesn't have to be spooky. #NACAC is hosting several FREE Virtual College Fairs! Attend one of the upcoming College Fairs to find the best college for you.

[Learn more today!](#)

Find the college for you at the
Oct 3
College Fair



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All high school students, transfer students, and families are welcome.

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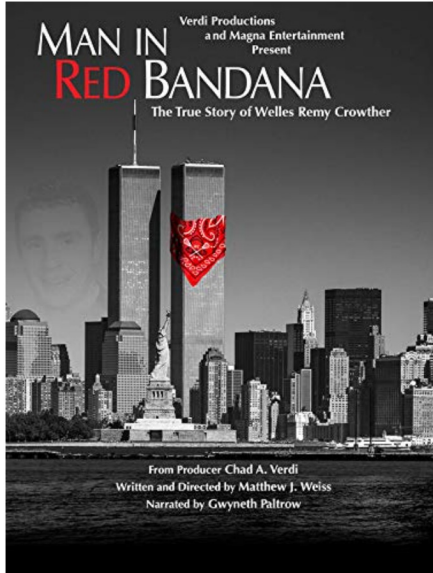
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Our students learned about the events of September 11, 2001, in their History classes. This year Ms. Knapczyk worked on a cause and effect lesson using the events of September 11th. Mr. Popovski had his class watched a film entitled, "Man in the Red Bandana," which shares the story of Boston College alumni, Welles Crowther, who tragically lost his life while making heroic efforts during the 9/11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center.

Spread the Word and Pass It On

Josephinum Admissions is hosting Open Houses for prospective students! We know there is no better way to grow our amazing community than recommendations from current Jo students and families.

If you know a family with a current 7th or 8th grader, please share our upcoming Open House dates. We can't wait to meet them!

- Saturday, October 16th, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Thursday, November 4th, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Families can reserve a spot [here](#), or reach out to Admissions@josephinum.org

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 p.m. You may contact us at: (773) 276-1261 or frontoffice@josephinum.org.

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 October 16th or November 4th!

To schedule a Shadow Day or for additional information, contact us at admissions@josephinum.org.

**This policy only applies to new applicants.*

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

Tuition Payment Reminders

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.

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.



Show Your School Spirit

Visit our new apparel store that provides multiple apparel options to students, faculty, alumnae, and more!. Some of the apparel items include shirts, sweatshirts, quarter zips, and shorts. Show your school spirit and pride and grab some quality gear!

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