



## December 2021

### Calendar

#### SAVE THE DATES



#### December

- 2 - The House of Bernarda Alba
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- 4 - High School Placement Test
- 6 - Saint Nicholas Day
- 6 - 8 Holiday Decorating Contest
- 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
- 8 - Art Show
- 11 - Cookies and Cocoa with Santa
- 13-16 - Final Exams
- 14 - The Kwanzaa Experience
- 15 - Holiday Cookie Decorating

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”  
– Isaiah 9:6

17 - End of Semester 1  
20 - January 3 - Christmas Break - **No School**

### January

4 - First day back to school!  
15 - Admissions Open House  
17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **No School**

### February

21 - Presidents' Day - **No School**  
23 - Senior Portraits

## RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

## A Letter From Our President

Dear families,

As our calendar year comes to a close, I am grateful for the many ways you have all contributed to Josephinum's ability to deliver a stellar educational experience no matter what challenges we face.

2021 was unique in many ways, we started our 2021/2022 school year in person with all students, faculty, and staff in the building for the first time since March 2020. Our volleyball team ended their season with an overall 13 - 7 record! They made history by being ranked #1 in the IHSA regionals based on their regular-season record AND this team made program history by competing in a regional championship game for the first time! This coming weekend, December 3rd and 4th, our first theatre production in almost 2 years will continue. Audience members were captivated by the performances of the cast/crew. They have worked so hard as a team and we are incredibly proud of them.

Communication is essential and we strive to connect to our students, parents, families, and community each and every day. We encourage you to visit our website and follow our social platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn for announcements, information, and celebrations.

Thank you for making 2021 a wonderful year like none other at the Jo. As we reflect on the story of Jesus being born into our world and the holiday season before us, let us recall that an undocumented migrant family searching for a place to give birth, and finding it in a barn, is the pathway that God chose to reveal his love to and for humankind. May we be heartened to find God in the struggles of our own lives, in our own families, even in our own school community. And may we have the confidence to know, Emmanuel: God is with us.

Sincerely,

**Richard McMenamin**

President

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The Josephinum Senior/Junior Acting Studios are proud to present  
The House of Bernarda Alba by the Spanish dramatist Federico García Lorca,  
and translated by James Graham-Lujan and Richard O'Connell.

The House of Bernarda Alba is arguably the greatest of modern Spanish tragedies. Bernarda, the matriarch, has just been widowed. In an attempt to protect her five daughters, she cloisters them in the house. Each daughter desires escape but the doors are clamped shut. Inspired by real characters and described by the author as a true record of village life, it is a tragic tale of frustration and explosive passions in a household of women ruled by a tyrannical mother.

**Dates:**

December 03; House opens at 6:30 - Curtain at 7 p.m.

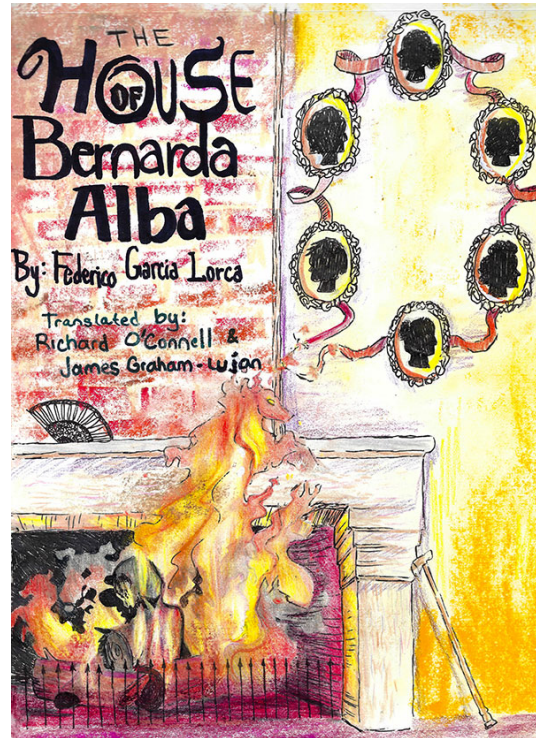
December 04; House opens at 6:30 - Curtain at 7 p.m.

Cost \$8/student, \$15/adult (Cash please)

Patrons will be asked for proof of vaccination or a negative covid test.

The Box office is located in the Bell Street lobby.

\* Temperature checks, masks, and social distancing will be encouraged.



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### Student-Athlete Schedule for December

December 2

V Basketball Game (A) @ University High at 5 p.m.

December 3

V Basketball Game (H) vs. St. Francis De Sales at 5 p.m.

December 6

V Basketball Game (A) @ Intrinsic at 5 p.m.

December 7

Basketball Game (A) @ Walther Christian; JV at 5 p.m., V at 6:30 p.m.

December 10

V Basketball Game vs. Francis W. Parker @ DePaul University at 6 p.m.

December 14

Basketball Game (H) vs. Rochelle Zell; V at 5:30 p.m.

JD4L Halftime Performance! 6 - 6:15 p.m.

December 16

Basketball Games (H) vs. Hope Academy; JV at 5 p.m., V at 6:30 p.m.



Way to go Maite, Izelle, Carissa, Michal, Elizabeth, Kennedie, Da'Shyra, and Yohana!

## Model UN

Saint Ignatius hosted its 20th Model UN premiere on November 6th. Delegates from all over the Chicago area as well as bordering counties and states engaged in a one-day conference full of exhilarating committee sessions, and fruitful debate.

Our Model UN team competed at the conference and it was a great success.

"We had 8 students attend and they all displayed a wealth of knowledge of global & foreign affairs after conducting weeks of research on their respective international issues. Their speaking and leadership

skills were on full display." - Mr. Baran, Jo  
Social Studies chair



### Pep Rally

Our annual Pep Rally was hosted in our gymnasium and tons of fun ensued. Our Varsity Volleyball team challenged our faculty and staff to a game where our student team won!

A pie-eating contest was a highlight. And Mr. Chavez was the winner!



From L to R: Natalie, Madeline, Ilani,  
Diana, and Rosie.

### Halloween

Our halls were filled with so much creativity and sights to see on October 31st! We are known for the sisterhood vibes in our school and the fast friendships that develop here.

We absolutely love this group costume effort by some of our students. Their version of Alice in Wonderland at the tea party was spot on. Their attention to detail was incredible.



## Día de los Muertos

On November 1st and 2nd, we celebrated the Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)! It is a day to celebrate and remember our loved ones that have passed away. Our ofrenda was set up in the foyer by the Spanish classes.

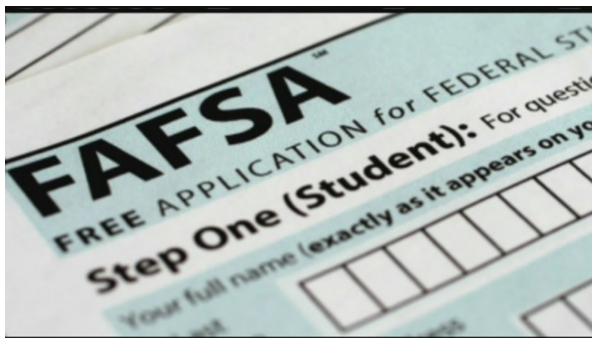
Ms. Cruz brought pan de muerto (bread of the dead) to share and Mr. Hedin made champurrado, a thick Mexican hot chocolate, for students in the Cultural Exploration class.



## Fall Art Exhibition

Our Annual Art Show Opening Reception will be on December 8th from 4-7 p.m. in Room 315.

All are welcome! Masks and temperature checks will be enforced.



## Counseling Update

- FAFSA completion rate right now is 60%
- 52% of seniors have submitted at least one college application (154 applications to 78 colleges)!
- Next big college application deadlines are Nov. 15th, Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st, Jan. 1st, Dec. 15th, Dec. 31st., Jan. 1st.,
- College rep visits have been taking place and students have enjoyed meeting with the representatives.



Photo provided by Izelle Marie

## Volleyball Banquet

On Wednesday, November 10 we came together to celebrate the accomplishments of the volleyball program. Both our JV and Varsity teams had tremendous seasons. Each team represented Josephinum Academy very well. We enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate each team and the individual players who have made a mark on the volleyball program.

Based on the success the teams had this year we are excited for what's to come in the future! Congratulations on a wonderful season Cougars!

## We ♥ our alumna

Lucia Sanchez and Gabriela Gonzalez, both Jo class of 2020 and currently sophomores at St. Norbert stopped by to say hello. We were so happy to see them!



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### Homecoming 2021

Our Homecoming Dance on October 23 was a great success! Our theme was Fairytale Mask-erade and the students were dressed like they stepped out of a fairy tale. Students and guests enjoyed the twinkling lights and fun selfie wall while dancing the night away to great hits the DJ played!

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### Local ArtWork Inspires

Our Creative Writing/Slam Poetry elective students recently took a walk around the Wicker Park area looking at and engaging with local art for inspiration!



### Senior Council

We are thrilled to announce our new 2021 Senior Council members! We are excited to see what they plan this year.

### Choir Students Warm-Up for Mass



#### Constant Contact

We were pleased to hear the melodic tunes wafting from our Chapel recently as they practiced for the upcoming Feast of St. Philippine Duchesne Mass.

Our choir consists of the talented voices of Windia-Ire, Destynee, Isabella, Taliyahm, Erma, Yohana, Gabrielle, Hiermiela, Bella, and Mahlet.



#### Black Student Union

Our all-school Black Student Union meeting was a great success! Students came together and elected a President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, they have planned an entire year of events that will include a Kwanzaa museum, Black history month celebrations, fundraising activities, field trips, and more!



#### 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.

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