



Happy New Year to our Jo family! I hope you had a wonderful winter break with family and friends.

As we celebrate the new year, 2022, it is important to look forward. What changes do we want to make or what resolutions will help us follow through on our new course? I am always inspired by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat's quote, "Be humble, be simple, and bring joy to others." A beautiful goal to have each year.

With COVID numbers on the rise and many gatherings taking place recently, it is important that we bring our community back in the safest way possible. We are moving to remote learning from Jan 4th - 7th.

I have ordered 180 rapid tests and expect that during the time that we are remote, everyone will be expected to take and turn in the results of a COVID test. Based on the results we will determine how long we will be remote. Faculty, staff, and students can either take a test administered at school or at your local test facility. The only tests we will be accepting are Rapid tests and PCR. Please forward the proof of your COVID test to covid@josephinum.org. Airing on the hopeful side, we will plan on being back together in person on January 10th.

Our school will be closed on Monday, January 17th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Did you know his birthday became the first federal holiday honoring an African American when it was approved in 1983? My favorite quote of his is, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

On behalf of our faculty and staff, thank you for your continued support of our students and the work we do for them. It's the partnership of parents, students, and faculty working together that allows us to maintain the success we have here at the Jo.

Your partner in education,

Colleen Schrantz

Principal

The House of Bernarda Alba



"This past December marked the completion of a major project for the Josephinum Senior/Junior Acting Studio. The three sections of the class were able to envision, produce, and stage Fredrico Garcia Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba*.

This classic tragedy, about a Spanish family reeling from their father's sudden death, represented a great opportunity to explore the 5 Sacred Heart Goals both in and out of

the classroom. The thematic conversation about the play soon gave way to research, and then practical exploration in the rehearsal process.

By investigating how each aspect of a theater works and defining each role within the troupe, the students were able to explore and refine their individual roles - while simultaneously learning how to work in partnership with one another. With only 5 weeks to put the pieces together, the ensemble collaborated in all aspects of the production. One section of the class took on the main characters, a second section of the class was responsible for stage management and running crew, and the third section of the class ran the box office and house management. The Studios will rotate their responsibilities for the next play in our season, *The Revenger's Tragedy* by Thomas Middleton, which will open mid-February 2022." - Mr. David Fehr, Fine Arts Department Head

Thank you to all who attended!

Sports and Clubs Update

Bowling, Indoor Tennis, Badminton, and Pickleball are some of the new offerings we are excited to bring to our Jo students. 🏏 🎾 🏸 Our 2nd-semester electives are varied. We hope that everyone can find something they enjoy!

To learn more about the Jo Sports Program, please visit [here](#).

To learn more about our Clubs and Activities, please visit [here](#).

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa



Santa came to the Jo on December 11th to share joy and kindness! Families enjoyed their time visiting with Santa as well as one another. Our volunteers were busy setting up a wonderful event and their enthusiasm and attention to detail were evident everywhere. "What better way to bring the community together than with Santa?" remarked Ms. Garcia, Josephinum's Admissions & Alumnae Relations Coordinator. "We wanted to celebrate our community during this holiday season and invite our alumnae back to the Jo! It was a wonderful event filled with joy and holiday cheer."

"We wanted to plan an event where we could all come together to share in the joy and spirit of the season," said Ms. Norington-Joseph. "That's just what the Student Life and Admissions team did. We put our Santa hats together and planned an event where students, staff, faculty, alumnae, and community could come and share in the common spirit of the Sacred Heart family. It was a true team effort and a beautiful community event enjoyed by all."

"It was so special to see the smiles and excitement on the faces of our Jo friends and family--no matter what age they may be!" shared Ms. Bartholomew, Josephinum Head of Admissions.

Many thanks to our elves! Samaya, Ilani, Sominar, Maggie, Malto, Dayana, Daniya, Da'Shyra, Jeidelisse, Jiemiela, Amy, Diana, Mellat, Lidia, and Jordan.

Additional appreciation goes to Mr. Chavez, Mr. Medina, Ms. Pizarro, and Mr. Puerco.

Special thanks to Ms. Bartholomew and Ms. Garcia for their efforts in preparing the event that day, and keeping the goodies stocked. Cookies and cocoa were enjoyed by all!

2021 Art Show



"We had 38 artists in the show and approximately 50 artworks! It was our first in-person show in 2 years." stated Mr. Lauer, Jo Visual Art teacher. Art Prizes were announced during our Christmas Spirit Week assembly. Congratulations to Diana Mejia Munoz who won the \$500 Grand Prize!

"The Arts are significant in the intellectual, spiritual, emotional growth of our students. We encourage students to challenge their own creative and cultural expectations and boundaries." shared Mr. Fehr, Josephinum Fine Arts Department Head

Deck the Halls Door Decorating Contest

Thank you to our students who took on our Deck the Halls Door Decorating contest! We were super excited seeing all the hard work and creativity 14 students put into decorating our teacher doors and hallways. We love how festive our halls looked.

Congratulations



Many thanks to our judges who had a hard job of selecting their top choices!

To our winners!

Ornaments Made with Love



Ms. Knapczyk and her Sophomore Habits of Success class cut out salt dough ornaments that they baked and then hung on the Jo Christmas tree!

Celebrating Sister Mary

We loved celebrating Sister Mary, RSCJ who turned 75 on December 12th with a surprise party! Tacos and cake were on

the menu and everyone enjoyed themselves.

We have been blessed to have Sister Mary as our Registrar at the Jo since 2013. When asked what her favorite memory of the Jo is she replied, "Every graduation! Each one has been beautiful, and each one has been made different by the ethos of the Class!"

"Every day holds the possibility of life - ups and downs and everything in between!" We love the wisdom that Sister Mary shares with us.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

4-7 - Remote learning

06 - Basketball Game (H) vs Christ the King: JV at 5:30 p.m., V at 7 p.m.

10 - Basketball Game (H) vs Our Lady of Tepeyac: V at 5 p.m.

11 - Basketball Game (H) vs Golder Prep: V at 5 p.m.

12 - Basketball Game (H) vs FW Paret: 5:30 p.m.

13 - Basketball Game (A) at Cristo Rey: JV 5:30 p.m. V 6:30 p.m.

13 - [Big Shoulder Fund Application Tax Credit Scholarship Application opens](#)

13 - Altus Family Admission Event

14 - Basketball Game (H) vs Horizon Science Academy: 5 p.m.

15 - [Admissions Open House 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.](#)

15 - Makeup High School Placement Test from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

15 - Basketball Game (A) at Westmont HS: 11 a.m.

17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **No School**

18 - Jose De Diego Families Admission Event 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

18 - Basketball Game (A) at Our Lady of Tepeyac: V 5 p.m.

20 - Basketball Game (H) vs Northtown: v 5 p.m.
25 - Josephinum Shadow Day
25 - Basketball Game (A) at Ida Crown: JV 5:30 p.m., V 7 p.m.
27 - Basketball Game (H) vs Rowe-Clarke: 5 p.m.
27 - Basketball SENIOR NIGHT 5 - 6:30 p.m.
27 - JD4L performs at the Basketball Halftime
27 - Josephinum Shadow Day 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
31 - Basketball Game (H) vs Muchin College Prep: JV 5 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.

February

03 - Drive, Dine, and Dream Student and Family Event 4:30 - 6 p.m.
21 - Presidents' Day - **No School**
23 - Senior Portraits

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