

September 2022 Monthly Newsletter for Family and Students



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear Josephinum Community!

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! I am beyond excited to welcome the many new and returning students and faculty/staff members back to the Jo for another exciting year of learning and growing!

Back-to-school is one of my favorite times of the year. From new shoes, to new school uniforms, to new school supplies; there is something to be said about starting anew

from year-to-year. For the last few weeks there has been an excitement vibrating through the halls and smiles permeating the faces of all. It is the comfort that all of us find in being in a space where people notice, acknowledge and accept us for the work we are doing and the changemakers we are inspiring.

We are beyond thrilled to jump into a new year and see where it will take us. There is truly something to be said about "The Jo" Difference and the experiences we are going to have along the way are the differential. I look forward to celebrating homecoming, sports games, holidays, masses and honoring the class of 2023 this year. There is so much to look forward to!

It's time to get to work and start the year off strong!

Warm Regards, Mrs. Colleen Schrantz



OUR GREEN THUMB JUST GOT GREENER

Our green thumb has been put to the test! Josephinum received an anonymous donation to increase greenery throughout the building. We are blessed to have such generous people form part of our community and look forward to decorating our home with these beautiful plants.

















WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Last night, was Back to School Night! It was truly wonderful to host so many new and familiar faces at yesterday's event. We hope you enjoyed yourself and had the opportunity to meet some of our new faculty members- be sure to keep an eye out for our next social event!

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



WHO AM I? WHAT DO I BELIEVE?

Ms. Knapczyk is starting the fall semester off by exploring key literally works that highlight diverse viewpoints and cultural context. This quarter, our Freshmen class will be discussing Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's Ted Talk, "The Danger of a Single Story," and Afro-Latina writer, Elizabeth Acevedo's *Poet X*. In combination, these two narratives aim to empower our students, and encourages them to own their story, explore their identity and celebrate their existence!

INTERDISCIPLINARY HISTORY: PRE-COLONIZATION

The Sophomore class is starting their American Studies course by exploring the true, and sometimes painful, history of the United States through an interdisciplinary perspective. The course begins with precolonization and ends with the founding documents of our country. During the month of September, our students will focus on learning about Indigenous history, culture, and literature with a key focus on oral storytelling and current events surrounding Indigenous communities. Students will be encouraged to explore the topics of appreciation versus appropriation, and examine the pluralistic origins of the peoples who contributed to the unique character of the United States.





IDENTITY FORMATION

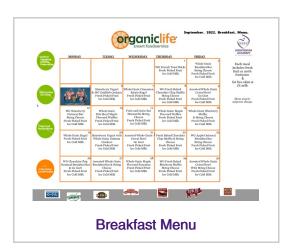
The junior class is beginning the study of Intersectional Literature. In the first unit, Intro to Intersectionality - Identity Formation. Students will read texts that break down intersectionality as a concept and will complete a number of activities that ask students to reflect on and be in conversation with their own upbringing and identities. This unit is all about expanding students' worldview. Students will study the works of Kimberle Crenshaw, a civil rights activist and law professor who coined the term "intersectionality". At the end of this unit, students will participate in a socratic seminar, developing the speaking and listening skills necessary for intellectual, collaborative discussion.

FIRST STOP ON THE MAP: AFRICA

Ms. Favia's senior class kicked the semester off with an activity! The class received six pictures of South America during apartheid. After viewing the images, students guessed what their first unit was going to be by utilizing their observational skills and background knowledge to discussed the common themes they saw throughout. Together they began to explore the nuances of the harsh reality many people faced.



CAFETERIA MENUS



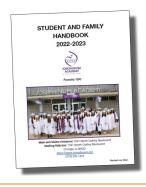


MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2022

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Welcome Back to the Jo Night Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	2 Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	3
4	1	5 Labor Day/ No School	6 All School ID Photos Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	7 Student Support Meeting 7:15am-8:15am	8 Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	9 Mass of the Holy Spirit Volleyball Game V @5pm	10 ACT- not at Josephinum
1	.1	12 Student Government Elections Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	13 Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	14 Fire Drill I-Ready; Reading & Math	College Fair	16 Family Movie Night- Under the Stars w/ Holy Trinity Last day to register for Oct ACT	17
1	.8	19 Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	20 Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	21 Student Support Meeting 7:15 am-8:15am	22 Madonna Luncheon Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	23 Faculty Retreat	24
2	5	26	27 Volleyball Game JV @4:45PM; V @5:45pm	28 All School Service Event 11:30am-1:15pm	29 Volleyball Game JV @5PM; V @6pm	30 Hard Lockdown Drill	

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!



STUDENT / FAMILY HANDBOOK

Our 2022-2023 Student/Family Handbook includes a listing of Josephinum's leadership, academic policies, philosophy of discipline, student conduct expectations, athletic code, and more. Download a copy here or find it on our website.



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