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## February 2023 Monthly Newsletter for Family and Students

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**WITH LOVE, FROM YOUR LEADERS!**

Dear Josephinum Community,

We officially entered a month dedicated to the celebration of love and Black History. I encourage you to take this time to recommit yourself to unlearning harmful biases and uplifting our Black brothers and sisters. Josephinum is committed to our allyship and is working towards implementing anti-racist policies that our entire community can benefit from. We look forward to reflecting, celebrating, and learning about Black History as a community. May we continue to empower each other as we learn to love, appreciate, and embrace our differences.

**Warm Regards,  
Mrs. Colleen Schrantz**

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## FAITH. EXCELLENCE. SERVICE.

This year we joined Catholic schools across the nation to celebrate **Faith. Excellence. Service.** These pillars are part of our daily lives at Josephinum, but we were excited to take some extra time and care to connect with our community and show our appreciation. Students wrote letters, made banners for our teachers, and sent flowers to the Sister of Christian Charity and Religious of the Sacred Heart.



## WELCOME TO THE JO

Josephinum's community is proud to welcome Susan Mollet, Chief Administrative Officer, Tamia Phifer, Math Teacher, and Jocelyn Salgado, Student Services Office Manager. We'd also like to congratulate Monique Norington-Joseph for her promotion to Director of Community Partnerships & Student Life. We are thrilled to welcome such



strong leaders into our community and look forward to witnessing their incredible contributions!



## Enjoy "Retirement" Sister Mary

January saw the departure of one of Josephinum's most valued community leaders, Sr. Mary, RSCJ. Her history with The Jo goes back to 2007 when she joined the Board of Directors. In 2013, Sr. Mary moved to Chicago from California and began volunteering before accepting a role on staff as the Registrar. Since then, she has watched 374 students graduate! While we will miss seeing her daily at The Jo, she has promised not to be a stranger. We wish her all the best and cannot wait to cheer her on as she embarks on this new chapter. Even on her last day, she was reminding us, "nuns don't really retire!"



## WELCOME TO THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT

The Asian/Chinese Cultural Club and National Honors Society joined forces to celebrate the Lunar New Year! Red envelopes and fortune cookies were distributed to the community during lunch while students watched a video and learned the cultural relevance of the holiday. In Ms. Sheu-Chang's Mandarin class, students also learned how to prepare dumplings – a symbol of good fortune and prosperity. We hope that by experiencing the holidays and cuisines of different cultures, students learn to value diversity and appreciate each other's differences.

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### SPREAD THE LOVE, TELL YOUR NEAREST & DEAREST

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Find your voice by joining a diverse community of strong leaders at **Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart**.



**2023- 2024**  
**Application**  
**NOW OPEN**

As Josephinum students and families, you play an important role in influencing future *Girls Without Limits* and encouraging a flourishing community. If you know a **current 8th grader** or **potential transfer student** who would be a wonderful addition to our one-of-a-kind school, recommend they **apply today for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year!** Ask them to mention your name on their application, and if they enroll, you can receive a 5% discount off your own tuition for the year!

Interested applicants should visit: <https://www.josephinum.org/admissions/apply> to get started. Email: [admissions@josephinum.org](mailto:admissions@josephinum.org) with questions.

Apply Now

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## SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

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## EXAMINATION OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

The freshman class began their World History class with a unit on the British Empire. Students have explored the actions taken by the island kingdom across Africa, Asia, and South America as well as the repercussions that continue to affect the daily lives of millions of people. The impact of the British Empire is a polarizing topic of debate around the world that we are fairly sheltered from in the U.S. Through this study, students will gain a better understanding of people groups, perspectives, and conflicts that exist around the world.

## HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS: FLORENTINE CODOX

In Mr. Popovski's class, History of the Americas, students are reading the American Historical Association's translation of Bernardino de Sahagun's *Florentine Codex*. The codex contains how the Aztecs viewed the conquest of Mexico. Along with this resource, we will be reading Spanish sources and Cortez's own letters to the king. The purpose of this is to strengthen students' ability to read primary sources and analyze 'cause and effect' in complex historical texts. Discussions in the class center around themes of religion, conquest, and culture clashes.



## TOPIC OF DEBATE: THE 1619 PODCAST

Students in the American Studies course are currently working on one of their larger assignments for the semester. A current topic of debate is whether the 1619 Podcast should be nationally banned in high school. The podcast is a series that explains how slavery has transformed America by connecting past events and policies to the present day. For their assignment, students must defend their perspectives by writing an essay.



## PSYCHOLOGY: WHY DO WE SLEEP?

Mr. Vivoda's AP Psychology class is continuing to study our various states of consciousness. Currently, students are learning about the science of sleep and are considering several theories on why we dream.



## COMPUTER SCIENCE: APP DEVELOPMENT

This month, the AP Computer Science class finished coding their 3rd app. The app is a simplified version of a social media site in which users can like, dislike, and comment on a particular post. This project saw students create variables and develop patterns to affect their values. In the coming weeks, students will learn to create conditionals and functions which they will then apply to upcoming development projects.

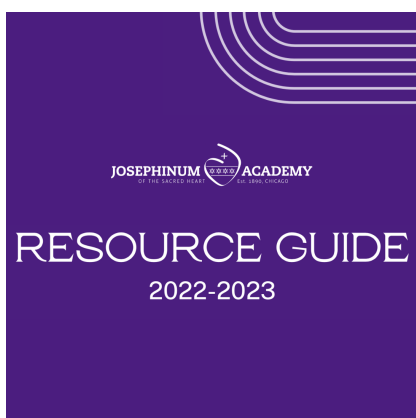






February is American Heart Month, a time dedicated to the awareness of cardiovascular health! We encourage you to prioritize your health by getting active. The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of exercise per week. Whether it's walking or cycling, make sure it's something you love! Additionally, the UIC College of Nursing students will be onsite throughout the semester. For a detailed schedule, please refer to the calendar posted outside the school nurse's office located in the lunchroom.

## TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS



### YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE TUITION!

Your family may qualify for 100%, 75%, or 50% off of your student's tuition and school fees! Sign up for the Tax Credit Scholarship Program! For more information, please contact Ana Barcenas at [ana.barcenas@josephinum.org](mailto:ana.barcenas@josephinum.org)

## MONTHLY CAFETERIA MENUS

## Breakfast Menu

## Lunch Menu

			1	2	3	4
			CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK			
			Teacher Trivia w/ Holy Trinity 4:30pm – 6pm	Basketball Game (A) v. TBA @5:30PM	Black History Month Mass	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	COUNSELORS WEEK					ACT
			Live from the Heart Field Trip (Seniors)		Hair Care Friday Sponsored by BSU	IHSA Basketball Playoffs Begin
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Senior Photos	IHSA Basketball Playoff Game	Black History Pep Rally & Black Out Day	Admissions Shadow Day		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	NO SCHOOL		Ash Wednesday Service 8am		Tentative Career Fair – Student Services	
26	27	28				
	Soccer/Softball Tryouts	Soccer/Softball Tryouts				





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