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June 2023 Monthly Newsletter for Family and Students



SEE YOU SOON, COUGARS!

Dear Josephinum Community,

It's finally summer! A few short weeks ago, we celebrated the accomplishments of the graduating Class of 2023!! I am honored to have the incredible privilege to witness the growth and achievements of our young leaders. Graduating from high school is a HUGE milestone. I know that before we know it, we will be celebrating the Class of 2024!

Every year, I am in awe of each and every student's growth. Although it is important to take time to recharge this summer, I want to emphasize the importance of not losing momentum! Cougars, don't underestimate the importance of continuing to stimulate your mind throughout the break! The next few months will provide you with the gift of time – use it wisely. Make the most of your summer and set yourself up for success by taking college tours, interning in a career of your choice, or taking a fun summer class!

I am eternally grateful for the wonderful school year you have gifted me. I hope you have a fun, safe, and sunny break! Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at The Jo if you need anything! **The Front Office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9AM – 3PM and on Fridays from 9AM – 12PM throughout the summer.** If you have any questions or concerns, email frontoffice@josephinum.org.

I look forward to seeing everyone back on campus on August 23rd ready to tackle the 2023–2024 school year!

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Colleen Schrantz



CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2023!

On Saturday, May 20 students, family, and friends gathered in St. Aloysius Parish to honor the accomplishments of the graduating Class of 2023. The class was addressed by theology teacher, Joe Lewis, who spoke highly of the work ethic and moral integrity of the young scholars. The class valedictorian, Julia Yaremchak, was introduced by Jo Laughran with a heartwarming speech. We are incredibly proud and look forward to witnessing the Class of 2023's greatness!



NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

Students who have successfully completed their candidacy into Josephinum Academy's chapter of the National Honors Society (NHS) were inducted as new members on Wednesday, May 6th. NHS is the nation's oldest, largest, and most prestigious student recognition program. These students strive to demonstrate the four qualities that serve as standards for the Society - Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. We are excited for what these new members have to offer this upcoming year!



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Josephinum celebrated the incredible work of our teachers during Teachers Appreciation Week on May 1 – 5! Our Principle's team collaborated with board members, parents, and students to surprise teachers with activities throughout the week! On Monday, Ms.

Schrantz stocked the teacher's lounge with delicious beverages and snacks. Later in the week, teachers were presented with all the supplies to plant their own flowers as a part of a 'zen garden' activity. Our hope was to show our appreciation for the role they play in helping our students grow. On Thursday, our student leaders, the Josephinum Ambassadors, prepared breakfast for the teachers alongside of Ms. Letty. We wrapped up our celebration with a 'Sip-Sip' Luncheon – lunch was catered by Jimmy Johns and teachers were provided with a funky straw to top off their refreshing tea and lemonade. Thank you to all who made this celebration possible!



CAREER FAIR

The "Women Can Do Anything" Career Fair was held on May 5, 2023 at Josephinum Academy. The 2nd annual event began with a partnership between the Junior League of Chicago and Big Shoulders in the hope of highlighting women in business in order to expose our students to a variety of career choices. We featured over 20 careers including film and television, technology, real estate, finance, medicine, and more. The all-school event was held during lunch periods and students were able to participate in fun raffles for a chance to win a prize.



SENIOR PROM

The Josephinum Senior Prom was held on May 13, 2023, at the lovely Diamond Garden Banquet Hall. This year's theme was "Under the Starry Skies". The venue featured landscaped trees that were beautifully lit with adorning white lights. Each table was decorated with white lilly candelabras. Seniors danced the night away to our resident DJ Cashera until 11 pm.



ACTING STUDIO MASTERCLASS WITH REGINA TAYLOR

On May 16th, the esteemed Actor, Playwright, and Golden Globe award–winner, Regina Taylor, conducted an Acting Studio Masterclass with our upperclassmen. Ms. Taylor led our young artists through a public exploration of her original play–scripts, including *Mars*, *You Are Here*, *By Any Other Name*, and *Déjà vu*, as she told stories about her career

and what it is like to explore "big questions" through art.

The evening was the result of a thorough exploration Ms. Taylor and the students had been working on throughout the Spring semester. The scripts touched on Sacred Heart Goal 3 and Goal 4 – Social Awareness that Impels to Action, and Community Building as a Christian value– and allowed us to reflect on the impact art has on the society in which it exists. Thank you to everyone who made this evening possible.



AWARD CEREMONY

Over 300 awards were distributed at this year's Award Night on Wednesday, May 17th! Many of our students walked away with an award, however, the notable awards went to:

Class of 2023 Valedictorian | Julia Yaremchak
Class of 2023 Salutatorian & Illinois State Scholar | Veronica Flores
Seal of Bi-Literacy | Marlene Mombela & Magdalena Rizzo
Philippine Duchesne Award | Xitlali Duarte
Madeleine Sophie Barat Award | Jillian Knapcayk & Nancy To
Helen Bruns Ryan Scholarship | The Lewis Family

A LETTER FROM STUDENTS SERVICES



MAKING THE MOST OF SUMMER 2023

Congratulations! The Student Services team is so incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished and your perseverance. The collective tenacity of the student body is unmatched. You are all visionaries, leaders, and changemakers. As you transition into summer, here are a few tips on how to make the most of your time!

1. [Look for engaging opportunities](#) to push yourself outside of your comfort zone. Is there an online class you're interested in? Are there local organizations that you could volunteer with? Is there a job or an organization that you could intern with to boost your career skills and resume? Could you build your own business?
2. [Look Local. Chicago is home to SO many free resources](#) - museums, public libraries, park districts, community centers, etc. Reach out! See if there are ways you can connect with others through their (often) free programming!
3. [Find YOUR joy.](#) What are some activities that bring you joy? Do you like to read for fun? Do you enjoy painting or drawing? What about exercise? Connect with yourself and recharge before school begins again.
4. [PUT DOWN THE PHONE.](#) Yes, we LOVE to be connected to one another digitally, but if you can, give yourself some no-screen time. We spend so much of the school year on our computers, so be kind to your eyes and your brain. Sometimes putting down the phone or computer can help you connect with yourself and/or others.
5. [CLASS OF 2024: Schedule time to do college and career stuff!](#) Senior year is busy. You'll be overwhelmed with applications, financial aid paperwork, acceptance letters, etc. These are all great things, but moderation is KEY. Don't spend your whole summer worried about college - enjoy the break! Schedule some time each day to look into application processes, complete paperwork, finalize your personal statement, explore colleges, etc. Balance fun with responsibility.



PASS THE TRADITION

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 with questions.

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All children 18 and under.

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Text **FoodIL** To **304-304**
or visit **SummerMealsIllinois.org**

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Llame **(800) 359-2163**
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