

# Josephinum ACADEMY

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*Inspiring Young Women*



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# Josephinum Academy

is an academically rigorous Catholic college preparatory high school for promising young women of Chicago.

We are a multicultural, values-based community that empowers young women to become leaders by nurturing their talents and instilling within them a social awareness that inspires them to make a difference.

Josephinum provides a challenging academic experience and a supportive environment with an all-girls setting, small classes, and Sacred Heart traditions. Josephinum academics are designed to fully prepare students for college with an emphasis on critical thinking, analysis, and writing skills.

## ACCREDITATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of the Sacred Heart Network
- Junior Achievement
- National Honor Society
- Schools That Can
- Illinois State Board of Education
- National Catholic Education Association
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

# Josephinum Academy Graduation Requirements

Class/Subject	Credit Hours
English	4
Mathematics	4
Foreign Language	3
Religion	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Electives	1
Fine Arts	1
Freshman Academy	1
Physical Education	1
Writing	1
Technology	0.5
College Prep	0.5
Consumer's Education	0.5
Health	0.5
<b>Minimum Total</b>	<b>27.0</b>

*\*Successful completion of the Senior Capstone Project is a high school graduation requirement.*





Freshman Students learn about cell division in Biology Class

# Josephinum Academics

Josephinum offers a challenging academic experience in a professional learning community.

- A college preparatory education.
- A talented faculty who are committed to our students.
- Advanced and AP Courses, including AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP English, and AP Spanish.

Josephinum is unique because of the personal attention that motivates students to achieve their full potential.

- Small class sizes: we average 17 students per class
- Our counselor was awarded 2009 Illinois School Counselor of the Year by the Illinois School Counselors Association.
- A College Prep class and college counselor working with each senior to ensure college acceptance, financial aid, college scholarships, and college success.

Josephinum is a community that inspires confident, individual expression and personal growth.

- Single-sex learning environment that is safe for intellectual exploration and greater opportunities for leadership.
- Mentoring in major research projects at the senior and junior levels as well as portfolio projects at the freshman and sophomore levels.

## Life as a Josephinum Freshman:

Wondering what classes you might take? Here is a typical class schedule\* for a Josephinum Freshman:

- Physical Science or Biology**
- Survey Literature or Honors Survey Lit**
- Algebra I or Geometry**
- Lunch**
- Writing or Honors Writing**
- Christology or Honors Christology**
- Foreign Language: French or Spanish**
- Freshman Academy**

*\*Students may have a blend of courses within the College Prep and Honors programs depending on their ability.*

# What does it mean to be a Sacred Heart School?

Josephinum enjoys being one of over 20 other schools in the United States Network, yet has its own identity. The Jo shares the Sacred Heart mission and is guided by the same goals and values. Our graduates are committed to:

**A personal and active faith in God**

**A deep respect for intellectual values**

**A social awareness which impels to action**

**The building of community as a Christian value**

**Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom**

The Network of Sacred Heart Schools is composed of twenty-two schools in the United States. It provides a means of mutual support through sharing of intellectual, spiritual and other resources in furthering the mission of Sacred Heart education. Member schools have numerous opportunities for collaboration. Faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees participate in national Network workshops and seminars. Students benefit from award-winning Network summer service programs, national and international exchange programs, group workshops and opportunities to use shared technology resources including distance learning.

For more information on the Sacred Heart Network, please visit [www.sofie.org](http://www.sofie.org).

# Summer Service Trips with the Sacred Heart Network

Students from Josephinum have the opportunity to participate in Sacred Heart Summer Service Projects across the country. This year, Josephinum girls traveled to places like San Francisco and Washington, D.C. working on projects that deal with immigration reform, feeding the poor, and protecting the environment.



"Last summer I went to Sprout Creek Farm in Poughkeepsie, NY for their Environmental Awareness Program. I learned that I should open my eyes to the bigger picture. I realize now that I can do small things to make a big difference in the world."

*-Kyaira B.*



# At Josephinum, Girls Come First!

- Girls who attend single-sex schools outscore their co-ed counterparts on the SAT by an average of 28 to 43 points.
- Nearly 100% of girls' school grads go on to college.
- Three times as many alumnae of single-sex schools plan to become engineers.
- Girls' school students spend more hours a week doing homework, attending study groups, tutoring others, and working with their teachers than co-ed school students.

Students have greater opportunities for leadership roles and are well equipped to overcome gender stereotypes and barriers to success. At the Jo **the valedictorian, the most athletic, the funniest, and the president of the student council is always a girl.**

What is the best way to find out if Josephinum is right for you?

## See It Yourself!

Contact Melissa Michaels at 773.276.1261 or at [melissa.michaels@josephinum.org](mailto:melissa.michaels@josephinum.org)

"Being in an all girls school is the best way to go if you want to concentrate on your grades and get into a good college. ***I wouldn't change being here for the world.*** My friends are great and I work hard. The teachers and other staff members are really friendly, so you'll never feel out of place here because, well, it's an all girls school!"

-Cynthia C. '11

"I like all girls education because without the distractions of boys, you really see your peers for who they are. We can build a stronger sisterhood in a open enviroment where we all feel comfortable to learn."

-Camile W. '11



## Josephinum Technology

Beginning this year, Josephinum is a netbook school, which means that all students will have their own computer for school use and at home. Additionally, Josephinum has two computer labs.

Students take courses in Digital Citizenship, which enables them to not only use their creativity and learn new skills in the world of technology but also how to use technology appropriately and safely. Students are exposed to the responsibilities of respecting the rights of other creators and how to protect their own work. In addition to Digital Citizenship, students have an opportunity to learn Photoshop, build their own websites, and create blogs and videos.

The Josephinum community stays connected through the internet even when school is not in session. Students, parents, and administrators are able to track students' grades, homework, and test schedules from anywhere online.



All-School Masses



National Honor Society



Talent Shows



J-Term



Senior Prom





# What Will You Do At Josephinum?

The Jo has TONS of ways for you to get involved! Jo students participate in community service days, enjoy retreats together, perform in our talent shows, attend all-school masses, act in professional plays, party at prom with friends, travel on class trips, dress up for theme days, cheer at all-school pep rallies, and so much more!

- Dances
- Pep Rallies
- Junior Ring Ceremony
- Lock-ins
- Mikva Challenge
- Career Fairs
- Cultural Celebrations
- January Term (J-Term)
- National Honor Society
- Community Service Days
- Spiritual Retreats
- Freshman Academy
- Liturgical Services
- Jo Spirit Week
- School Plays
- College Fairs
- Talent Shows
- Senior Prom
- Field Trips Throughout Chicago & the U.S.
- Sacred Heart Summer Service Programs
- Congé
- Student Council
- Garden Club
- Josephinum Ambassadors Club
- Student Philanthropy
- Class Trips
- HERStory
- Photography
- Spanish Club
- Karate
- Math Smart
- Book Club
- Sacred Heart Matters
- Sewing Club
- Frisbee
- Film Club
- Dance Club



**Pep Rallies**



**School Plays**



**Garden Club**



Basketball  
2010 Blue  
Division  
Champions



Softball  
2011 Blue  
Division  
Champions



# Josephinum Athletics

Physical activity and participation in sports builds confidence, provides opportunities for leadership, teaches students about teamwork, and leads to good health. Josephinum students participate in

- Basketball**
- Volleyball**
- Softball**
- Soccer**
- Track**
- Cheerleading**

We have pep rallies for all our sports, where students and teachers cheer on the Cougars to victory!

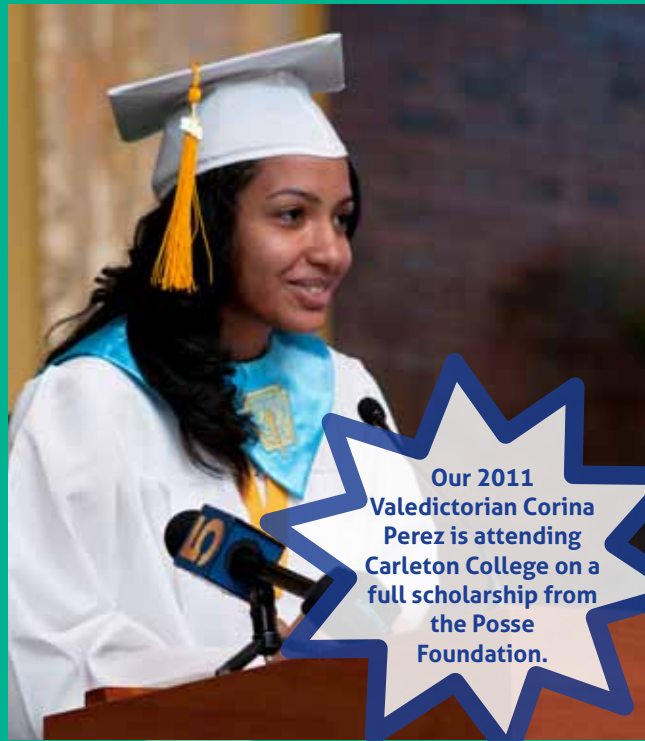


Go  
Cougars!



# Reflections from the Josephinum Class of 2011

How do our most recent graduates feel about their time at Josephinum? See for yourself what they had to say!



Our 2011 Valedictorian Corina Perez is attending Carleton College on a full scholarship from the Posse Foundation.

"I learned that with success comes hard work and hard work is made easier when you have supportive teachers behind you every step of the way."

*-Shakiyla B.,  
Grand Valley  
State U.*

"I am going to miss the sisterly atmosphere. Most of all I am going to miss the teachers, the staff, and my classmates. At Josephinum I learned you can never give up. You have to push and try really hard to accomplish your goals."

*-Justyna K.,  
DePaul University*

"Josephinum was like my second home and like a family to me. I have learned how to be a strong and successful young woman."

*-Janaria Cowley  
Tuskegee University*

## Our 2011 College Stats

### Over the past four years:

- **100%** of our graduating seniors were accepted into colleges and universities.
- More than **90%** of our seniors have graduated on time.

### In 2011:

- Over **\$1,600,000** in college scholarships were offered.
- **82** College Scholarships were offered to 20 of our senior students.

For the past four years, Josephinum's class valedictorian has received a full ride to her university. These women now attend:

- The University of Chicago
- Loyola University Chicago
- Pomona College (California)
- Carleton College (Minnesota)





## Parents' Corner

Investing in your child's education can be one of the most difficult decisions you will make as a parent. We at Josephinum want to make sure that your child succeeds in becoming the best woman she can be. That is our goal, and we take that promise to you very seriously. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns about enrolling or the steps to obtain a great education for your child.

### Costs

Josephinum's cost of education per student is over \$11,000 per year; however, our families pay an average of \$200 per month. We do our best to make Josephinum as affordable as possible. Tuition for the 2011-2012 school year is \$4,500 with applicable fees. Thanks to the support of our generous alums and donors, each student has an instant discount of over \$6,000 each year.

### Financial Assistance

Over 90% of the student body at Josephinum Academy receives scholarships or Financial Assistance. Josephinum is proud to keep great education affordable for all families. Please check out the scholarships at right to see if one fits you!

In order to protect students' individual eligibility, schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago support the policies of the Illinois High School Association. In doing so, Josephinum Academy may not promise or offer any athletic scholarships of any kind. Violations may result in loss of eligibility for the student, coach and/or school.

## Scholarships

### President Award\*

For 8th grade girls who score in the 85th percentile and above on the Entrance Exam at Josephinum Academy.

Tuition Discount of **\$3,500** each year at Josephinum.

2012-2013 School year deadline:  
**January 14, 2012**

### Barat Award\*

For 8th grade girls planning to attend Josephinum Academy who demonstrate our Goal Three in their lives: Building a social awareness which impels to action.

Tuition Discount of **\$1,500** to be spread over four years of high school at Josephinum.

2012-2013 School year deadline:  
**January 14, 2012**

Nomination forms available at Josephinum.

### Principal Award\*

For 8th grade girls who score between the 75th and 84th percentile on the Entrance Exam at Josephinum Academy.

Tuition Discount of **\$1,000** each year at Josephinum.

2012-2013 School year deadline:  
**January 14, 2012**

*\*You must take the Josephinum Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 8:00am at Josephinum Academy to be eligible for these scholarships.*

### Daniel Murphy Scholarship

For high achieving 8th grade students. Scholarship of up to **\$4,000** each year for a private high school.

2012-2013 School year deadline:  
**October 28, 2011**  
Visit [www.dmsf.org](http://www.dmsf.org) for details.

### HighSight Scholarship

HighSight awards partial, four-year scholarships for eighth graders to attend private high schools in Chicago. HighSight also provides academic and social support to prepare its students to enroll in college. To qualify for a HighSight scholarship, you must:

- Be a current 8th grader and live in Chicago.
- Live in a household that exhibits financial need: income under \$45,000 for a family of four.
- Take the entrance exam and be accepted to the private high school of your choice.
- Apply for financial aid from the private high school once accepted.
- Be able to attend HighSight's five-week

Freshman Summer Program starting in July.

- Be able to participate fully in HighSight's activities, which include Academic Study Sessions Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and Saturday mornings during the school year.

2012-2013 School year deadline:  
**February 17, 2012**  
Visit [www.highsight.org](http://www.highsight.org) for details.

### Holy Family Scholars

For 8th grade students planning to attend a private high school in Chicago and have the following criteria:

- Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above (B average or above).
- 40 to 55 percentile on 7th grade standardized test scores in math and reading.
- Evidence of positive academic work ethic (demonstrated through the required 7th and 8th grade report cards).
- Demonstration of positive conduct.
- Demonstration of financial need.

Scholarships of **\$2,200- \$1,800** per year for a private high school.

2012-2013 School year deadline:  
**November 18, 2011**  
Visit [www.hfshicagoscholars.com](http://www.hfshicagoscholars.com) for details.

### LINK Unlimited Scholarship

For African-American 8th grade students with high academic achievement who demonstrate financial need.

Scholarship of up to **\$4,000** each year for a private high school.

2012-2013 School year deadline:  
**December 14, 2011**

### Madonna Scholarship

For 8th grade girls enrolling in a Catholic High School in Chicago chosen on the following criteria:

- Demonstrate family financial need.
- Residency within one of the 60618, 60622, 60634, 60639, 60641, 60647, 60651 ZIP Codes.
- Demonstrate scholastic effort.
- Commitment of family to effectively partner with school in optimizing student growth.
- Willingness to participate in service learning activity and an extra-curricular activity, and to make a positive contribution to the school.

2012-2013 School year deadline:  
Must be registered at a Catholic High School by  
**April 1, 2012**  
Visit [madonnafoundation4girls.org](http://madonnafoundation4girls.org) for details.



Research other schools in the area and you will find that Josephinum's academics are very strong. Our small class sizes and caring teachers foster an atmosphere to learn.

Part of your daughter's education also involves finding a place that will give her support. Josephinum's Freshman Academy program helps new high schoolers become more familiar with study skills, gives assistance with homework, and brings out the confidence in themselves to succeed in high school and beyond.

We will be happy to talk to you about your daughter's future!  
**Contact the Josephinum Admissions Office** at 773.276.1261 ext 234 or via email at [melissa.michaels@josephinum.org](mailto:melissa.michaels@josephinum.org).



## Important Dates and Other Information

Now that you're ready to invest in your daughter's education, the following are ways to find out more about the school:

Come visit the school with the whole family and take a personalized tour at our **Open House!**

### Open House Dates:

<b>Sunday, October 23</b>	<b>Noon - 2 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, November 19</b>	<b>10 am - Noon</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 7</b>	<b>5 pm - 7 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, March 4</b>	<b>Noon - 2 pm</b>

**Have your daughter spend a day at the Jo with a member of the Freshman class for a Shadow Day. To sign up, call us at 773.276.1261 ext. 234!**

For entrance into the 9th grade, students must take the **High School Entrance Exam**.

**Josephinum Entrance Exam Date\*: Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 8 am**

\*Please note we accept other schools' test results. If you have more questions, please contact the Josephinum Admissions Office:

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 Chicago, Illinois 60622  
 Tel: 773.276.1261 ext 234  
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## Come See Us in Wicker Park!

Josephinum is located in the beautiful, hip, safe, and historic Wicker Park neighborhood in Chicago (our block is pictured at left). Two El stops, two major bus routes and the expressway are minutes away from campus!



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Each Cougar Paw  
represents where  
our students  
come from  
every day.

