

Josephinum ACADEMY

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An Education as Unique as You.



Josephinum Academy is...

- an academically rigorous
- Catholic
- single-sex
- college-preparatory school offering grades 6 - 12 for promising young women of Chicago

We are a multicultural, values-based community that strives to empower young women to become leaders by nurturing their talents and instilling within them a social awareness that motivates 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.

ACCREDITATIONS

- Associated with the Network of Sacred Heart Schools since 2000
- Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- National Catholic Education Association
- Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education
- National Honor Society
- Close connection with DePaul University's School of Education and their student body volunteers

What does it mean to be a Sacred Heart School?

Josephinum educates our students according to the values of Sacred Heart education. 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-one 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.



Academics

Josephinum Academics are designed to fully prepare students for college with an emphasis on critical thinking, analysis and writing skills

- Affordable college preparatory education
- Small class sizes - 9:1 student/teacher ratio, average classroom size 13-16 students
- Single-sex learning environment safe for intellectual exploration and greater opportunities for leadership
- Talented and committed faculty, with over 2/3 holding advanced degrees
- Advanced and AP Courses, including AP English, AP Spanish, and AP Biology
- College Prep Class and College Counselor working with seniors to ensure college acceptance, financial aid, and college success
- Authentic Assessment Pieces: Research projects at senior, junior levels; Portfolio at freshman, sophomore levels
- Freshman Academy Program
- Partnership with the Illinois Virtual High School (IVHS) offering courses such as Business, Astronomy, and AP Calculus



Statistics from the 2008 Josephinum Graduates

100% acceptance to college

\$120,900 in total scholarships for college were awarded

52% attending 4 year in-state colleges

16% attending 4 year out-of-state schools

Left: 2008 Valedictorian Angelica Angeles now attends the University of Chicago

Reflections from the Class of 2008



"The students make the Jo special. We are all different, but we know how to put our differences aside."

Jane Kalenga
Columbia College



"The teachers are very supportive and they show real interest in seeing the students succeed."

Angelica Angeles
The University of Chicago



"The teachers are not only there to teach, but to listen, to understand and to push us to do our best. It makes me proud to be a graduate of Josephinum Academy."

Rocío Patino
Dominican University



"I appreciate the staff and their excitement every day."

Brittany Thompson
Harold Washington University



"I believe that my capstone project best prepared me for college. It not only taught me useful writing skills, but also perseverance and hard work."

Drew Uy Kimpang
The University of Illinois - Chicago



Athletics

Physical activity and participation in sports build confidence, provide opportunities for leadership, teach students about teamwork, and lead to good health.

We offer:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Softball (2008 Division Champs)
- Soccer

GO COUGARS!



Technology

3 computer labs with Internet access

1 computer for every 2 students

Digital Media courses using Photoshop, Dreamweaver, After Effects

Students, parents and administrators can track students' grades online



Social Life

- Dances: [Senior Prom](#), Socials
- Pep rallies
- Junior Ring Ceremony
- Poetry readings, art shows, field trips throughout Chicagoland and the country, [spirit week](#), movie nights, and activity nights
- [Retreats](#) to places like Camp Duncan

2008 – 2009 Clubs: [Student Council](#), Yearbook, Lifetime Fitness Club, The Future Teachers Club, The International Club, [The Green Team](#), The Computer Club, Campus Ministry Team, MIKVA club

Students can take the initiative to start new clubs.

Academic Activities: Corporate shadow days, college fairs, Dominican University summer program, and [National Honor Society](#).

Spiritual Life: Liturgical services, community prayer, spiritual retreats, community service.



At Josephinum, Girls Come First!

Girls in a single-sex educational environment consistently demonstrate:

- higher levels of academic performance
- higher test scores
- career aspirations
- greater self-respect and confidence
- better focus in the classroom

They have greater opportunities for leadership roles and are well-equipped to overcome gender stereotypes and barriers to success. **In an all-girls school a girl is the valedictorian, the most athletic, the funniest, and the president of student council.**

All-girls does not equal no fun.

In fact, many of our students say that Josephinum is more enjoyable than the co-ed schools they used to attend because at Josephinum, **girls are free to be themselves.** Students enjoy a vibrant student life through participation in clubs, activities and varsity sports. School dances and activity nights offer many opportunities to hang out with boys, and of course we have a senior prom.

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

Here's What Jo Girls Have to Say About All-Girls Education:

"One of the benefits of an all-girls education is that **you don't have to be afraid to express yourself.** There are more opportunities for leadership."

"At my school, you're able to focus more thoroughly on your classes and projects **without having to worry about what a boy might think.**"

"I like that my school is small and all-girls. It gives me a sense of security and has **allowed me to create many friendships.**"



And After Graduation...

A nationwide survey of over 1,000 all-girls alumnae found:

- **73%** percent were convinced by their all-girls school that **women could accomplish anything.**
- Almost **4 out of 5 women** found that their all-girls school experience **better prepared them for their career.**

-Yankelovich, Clancy & Shulman firm

In a study of over 4,000 girl alumnae:

- **93%** agreed that girls' schools provide **greater leadership opportunities** than co-ed schools.
- **83%** perceived themselves to be **better prepared for college** than female counterparts from co-education high schools.
- 88% would repeat their all-girls school experience.
- **80%** had **held leadership positions** since graduating from high school.

-National Coalition of Girls School www.ncgs.org

All-girls schools offer better preparation for college and provide a haven from peer pressure.

The girls at seven Chicago area all-girls schools said:

89% say they can concentrate more on their class work with only girls.

81% think it's easier to express themselves at an all-girls school than at a co-ed institution.

-Kate N. Grossman, Chicago Sun Times

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. 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

Our average cost of education per student is over \$10,000. Thanks to the support of our generous alums and donors, tuition for 2007- 2008 school year was **\$3,900***.

*Prices may change.

Financial Assistance

Over 90% of the current student body at Josephinum Academy receives Financial Assistance. It is part of Josephinum's mission to keep great education affordable for families.

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.



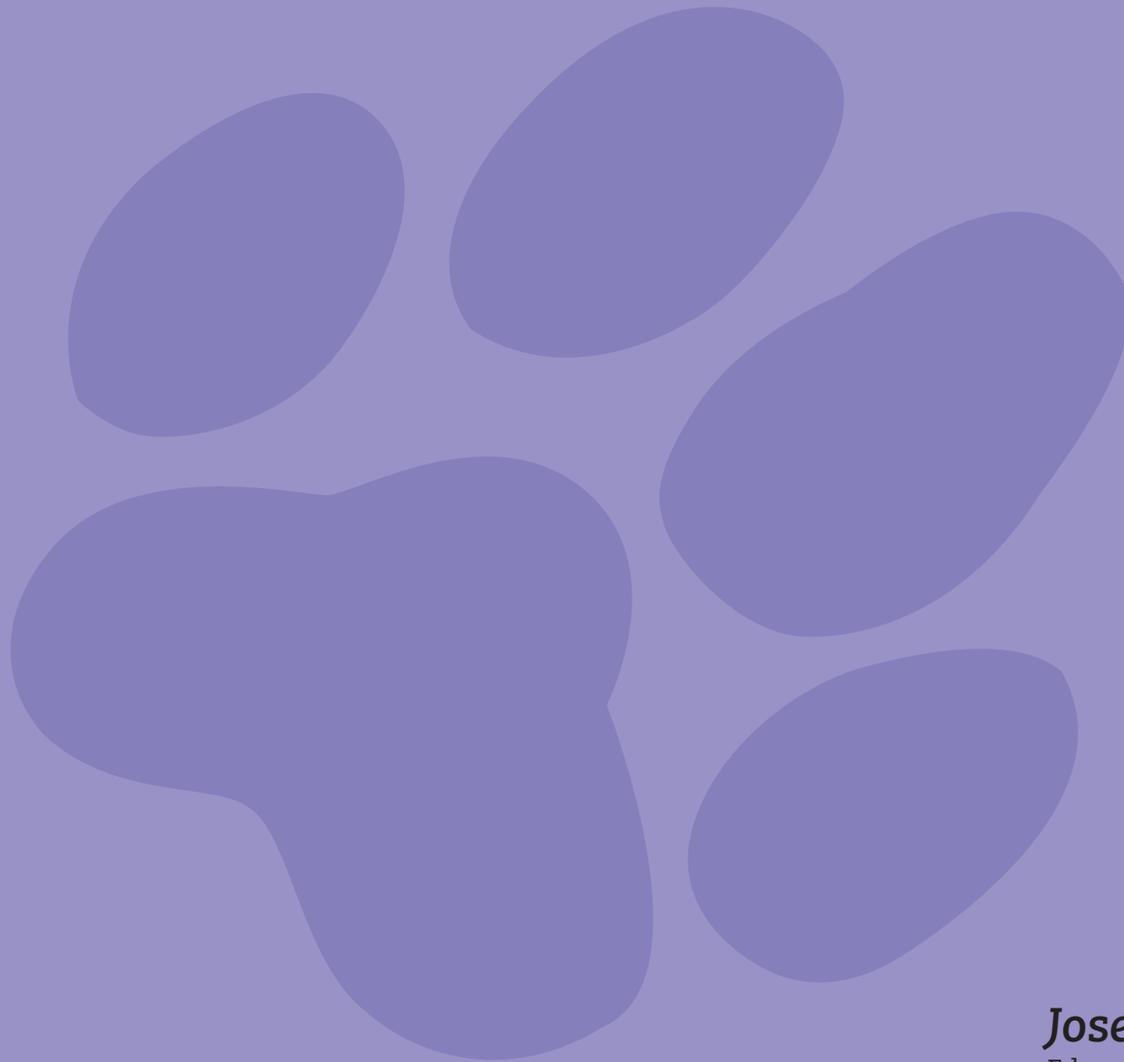
Research other schools in the area and you will find that Josephinum's academics are very strong. Our small class sizes and caring teachers foster an atmosphere to learn.

Part of your daughter's education also involves finding a place that will give her support. Josephinum has added a Freshman Academy to help new high schoolers become more familiar with study skills, assist with homework and give them the confidence to succeed in college.

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

- **Open Houses**
Come with her on either **Wednesday, October 22 from 6 – 8 pm** or **Saturday, November, 15 from noon – 2:30 pm**. See what we are all about!
- **Shadow Days**
Have your daughter spend a day with the freshman class at Josephinum Academy on either **Monday, November 10** or **Wednesday, November 19** from **7:45 am – 4 pm**. Call us at 773.276.1261 ext 234 to sign her up!
- **Placement Exam**
For entrance in the 9th grade, students must take the Placement Exam at **8 am on Saturday, January 10**. *Please note we accept other schools' test results.*

Contact the Admissions Office at 773.276.1261 ext 234 or via email at melissa.michaels@josephinum.org. We will be happy to talk to you about your daughter's future!!!



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