

# 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

- DePaul Professional Development School
- Provisional 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
Religion	4
Foreign Language	3
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Electives	1
Fine Arts	1
Freshman Academy	1
Physical Education	1
Technology	1
Consumer's Education	0.5
Health	0.5
Writing	0.5
<b>Minimum Total</b>	<b>26.5</b>

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





Ms. Cervantes teaching her Freshman Biology students about cell division

# 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.

## What Will My Freshman Year Schedule Look Like?

Wondering what classes you might take here in 2011? Here is a typical class schedule for a Josephinum Freshman:

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|--------------------|--|
| Physical Science   | Survey Literature or Advanced Survey Lit |
| Alg. I or Geometry | Lunch                                    |
| Freshman Writing   | Understanding Catholic Christianity      |
| French or Spanish  | Freshman Academy                         |

# 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-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 projects, 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 Seattle and New York working on projects that deal with immigration reform, feeding the poor, and protecting the environment.



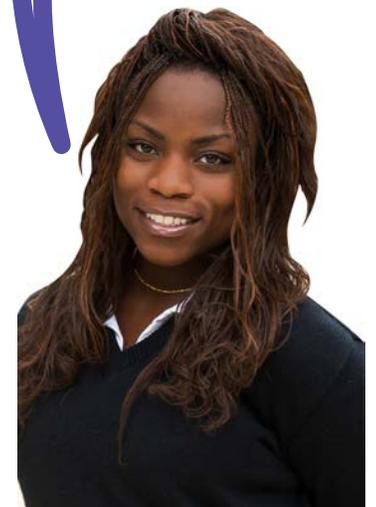
"The Detroit trip showed me that one person can make a difference in kids' lives. It also made me want to start a day care center."

*-Justyna K.  
Class of 2011*



"Because of my Miami Summer Service project, I have become passionate about immigration reform and I look forward to sharing this experience with my classmates so that we can make a difference on this important issue."

*-Precious G.  
Class of 2010*



# 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

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 **rocks** because I don't have to care about what I look like when I go to school. Plus, no distractions!"

**-Corina P.,  
Class of 2011**

"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 girl school!"

**-Cynthia C., Class of 2011**



## Josephinum Technology

Beginning in 2011, Josephinum will be a netbook school, which means that all freshmen will have their own computer during and after class. Additionally, Josephinum has 3 computer labs with Internet access.

Students take courses in our Digital Media Center, where you will learn how to be an expert in Photoshop, build your own websites, and create your own movies.

The Josephinum community stays connected through the internet even when school is not in session. Students, parents, and administrators can track students' grades, activities, and schedules online.

You can even find Josephinum on Facebook! View our profile at [facebook.com/josephinumacademy](https://facebook.com/josephinumacademy), where you can look at more photos of the fun things we do here and also get updates about school events!





All-School Masses



National Honor Society



Talent Shows

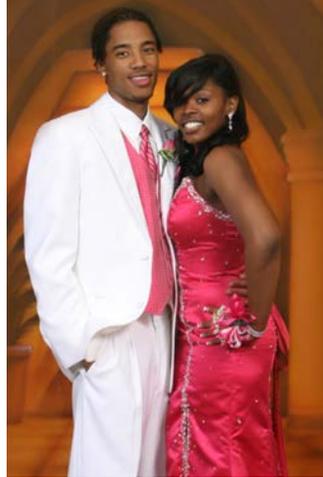


J-Term



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)
- The Green Team
- National Honor Society
- Dominican University Summer Program
- Community Service Days
- Spiritual Retreats
- Freshman Academy
- Liturgical Services
- Jo Spirit Week
- Health Club
- School Plays
- College Fairs
- Talent Shows
- Senior Prom
- Field Trips Throughout Chicago and the Country
- Summer Service Program
- Congé
- Student Council
- Garden Club
- Josephinum Ambassadors Club
- Student Philanthropy
- Class Trips
- HERStory





Basketball  
2010 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

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|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Basketball</b> | <b>Volleyball</b>    | <b>Softball</b>     |
| <b>Soccer</b>     | <b>Flag Football</b> | <b>Cheerleading</b> |

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 2010

We asked our recent graduates to reflect on their years at Josephinum and how they were inspired to be successful young women. Here is what they had to say:



**Valedictorian**  
Laura Guzman is attending Pomona College on a full scholarship from the Posse Foundation.

"I will miss my high school teachers the most. They are so patient with all students. I am forever thankful to them."

*-Carissa C.  
Brigham Young University*

"I will miss the welcoming atmosphere here. The Jo helped me feel comfortable in any surrounding I am put in."

*-Marjorie M.  
DePaul University*

"The teachers helped me grow as a student. They helped me look toward the future and to take advantage of learning opportunities."

*-Monique M.  
St. Louis University*

## Our 2010 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 2010:

- Over **\$600,000** incollege scholarships were offered.
- **90%** of seniors were accepted into 4-year colleges and universities.

**For the past three 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 in California





# 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

Our average cost of education per student is over \$11,000 per year. Tuition for the 2010-2011 school year is **\$4,300** with applicable fees. Thanks to the support of our generous alums and donors, each student saves over \$4,000 each year. We do our best to make Josephinum as affordable as possible.

## Financial Assistance

Over 90% of the current student body at Josephinum Academy receives Financial Assistance. Josephinum is proud to keep great education affordable for all 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.

# Scholarships

## President Scholarship\*

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

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

2011-2012 School year deadline:  
**January 8, 2011**

## Barat Scholarship\*

For 8th grader girls planning to attend and take the Entrance Exam at Josephinum Academy who demonstrate our Goal Three in their lives: Build a social awareness which impels to action.

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

2011-2012 School year deadline:  
**January 8, 2011**

Nomination forms available at Josephinum.

## Principal Scholarship\*

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

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

2011-2012 School year deadline:  
**January 8, 2011**

\*You must take the Josephinum Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 8, 2011 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.

2011-2012 School year deadline:  
**October 29, 2010**

Visit [www.dmsf.org](http://www.dmsf.org) for details.

## HighSight

For 8th graders attending private high schools in Chicago. Provides academic and social support to enable its students to succeed at the high school of their choice. Qualifying families must meet the following:

- 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

- Expected to demonstrate a commitment to their education and show a motivation to succeed.

2011-2012 School year deadline:  
**February 18, 2011**

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

2010-2011 School year deadline:  
**December 10, 2010**

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.

2010-2011 School year deadline:  
**December 6, 2010**

## 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.

2011-2012 School year deadline:  
Must be registered at a Catholic High School by  
**March 2011**

Visit [www.madonnafoundation4girls.org](http://www.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:

**1) Come visit the school with the whole family on one of our Open House Dates:**

<b>Saturday, November 6</b>	<b>10 am - 1 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, November 18</b>	<b>5 pm - 7 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, December 5</b>	<b>Noon - 2 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, March 6</b>	<b>Noon - 2 pm</b>

**2) Have your daughter spend a day at the Jo with a member of the Freshman class for a Shadow Day.**

Call us at 773.276.1261 ext 234 to sign her up for a **Shadow Day!**

**3) For entrance into the 9th grade, students must take the Entrance Exam on: Saturday, January 8, 2011 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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Each Cougar Paw  
represents where  
our students  
come from  
every day.

