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ACADEMY



# Our Academic Program

Josephinum's entire academic program is designed to teach students to be independent thinkers and creative problem solvers. Students are prepared to share their perspective with strong written and verbal communication skills.

Josephinum prepares students for success in college and beyond by encouraging them to dream about their future and establish personal goals that help make their dreams become reality.

# Josephinum ACADEMY

is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school that empowers young women to become confident, faith-filled leaders.

Josephinum offers students a challenging academic curriculum and the support they need to achieve their highest potential. Josephinum's college-prep program is designed to prepare students to be successful at college, to help them gain admittance at the school of their choice, and to win the scholarships that make college affordable.

As a Sacred Heart school, Josephinum shares in the mission, values, and traditions of Sacred Heart education. Josephinum is a welcoming and diverse community that inspires young women to become leaders. Josephinum's well-rounded program nurtures the values of faith, academic excellence, service, and personal growth within students.





# Life as a Freshman at "The Jo"

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

- Physical Science or Biology**
- Survey Literature**
- Algebra 1 or Geometry**
- Writing**
- Freshman Religion**
- Foreign Language: French or Spanish**
- Freshman Academy** (*see purple box*)



## WHAT IS FRESHMAN ACADEMY?

Josephinum's Freshman Academy is an extended day program that eases the transition to high school by developing students' study skills, and providing the opportunity for individual tutoring and help with homework.



## OUR TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Technology plays an important role at Josephinum, both inside and outside of the classroom. Freshmen and sophomores are issued netbook computers while juniors and seniors receive Apple iPads. These computers help to create a dynamic classroom environment and also allow students to track their grades, study, and submit assignments from home. Parents also have the ability to follow student progress online.



## Girls at Josephinum are READY for College:

- Josephinum offers a rigorous curriculum designed to teach the college readiness standards articulated by the American College Board.
- Advanced Placement Courses are offered in Biology, Calculus, Spanish and English.
- With an average class size of 20, our teachers are able to challenge and support each individual student.
- Josephinum's innovative Portfolio Program encourages each student to take personal responsibility for their own education. The Senior Capstone, a college-level research project, develops the written and oral communication skills necessary for success at the collegiate level.

## Girls at Josephinum are SUPPORTED in their College Search:

- Josephinum's college counselor, Dr. Mary O'Reilly, was recognized as the "Illinois High School Counselor of the Year" in 2010 for her work in assisting students and families in the college application process.
- Students are prepared for success on the college-entrance exam (ACT) with a test-prep program that begins during the freshman year.
- Juniors take a College-Prep course that supports students and their families with the process of applying to college, completing financial aid requirements, and winning competitive scholarships.
- Each year, Josephinum hosts a College Fair, welcoming nearly sixty colleges to our campus. Students have the chance to visit with college representatives from across the country.

## Girls at Josephinum are SUCCESSFUL in the College Application Process:

- For the past five years, all (100%) Josephinum graduates have been accepted into college.
- In both 2011 and 2012, the Josephinum graduating class was awarded more than \$1.6 million in college scholarships.
- In the past two years, nearly 90% of Josephinum students enrolled in college in the fall immediately following high school.



# WHAT IS A SACRED HEART SCHOOL?

As a Sacred Heart School, Josephinum is committed to the mission and values of Sacred Heart education. Josephinum educates its students 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**



*As a member of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools, Josephinum is a part of an international community of more than one hundred and fifty schools. This Network nurtures the global perspective of students through the sharing of intellectual and spiritual resources. For more information on the Sacred Heart Network, please visit [www.sofe.org](http://www.sofe.org).*

## What Being a Sacred Heart School Means To Our Community

As a Sacred Heart school, Josephinum's students have exciting opportunities for collaboration and fellowship with students at other Sacred Heart schools through award-winning Network summer service programs, national and international exchange programs, and leadership workshops.

This year, Josephinum girls traveled to New York to study Ecology, traveled to San Diego to serve the developmentally disabled, and worked to reform the juvenile justice system here in Chicago.



## International Service Trips with the Sacred Heart Network

Girls from Josephinum participated in international service trips to Peru and Taiwan this past summer. Here is what two students had to say about their experience:



"This summer I had the privilege to go to Peru for a service trip for two weeks. Not only was it a service trip, but it was also a chance for us to tour and visit different parts of the country. We climbed the wonderful Machu Picchu, visited many of the Incan Ruins and many cathedrals. I will always remember the wonderful group of people we met in Piura; it was hard to leave all the great relationships we built with them!"  
-Laura L.



"The chance to travel internationally, do service and meet girls from across the country made this a once in a lifetime experience. Working with children at the orphanage in Piura was definitely a highlight of the trip. I'm so happy that I was able to have this opportunity through the Sacred Heart Network!" - Daisy P.



# At Josephinum, Girls Come First!

At the Jo we foster a culture of achievement, where academic progress and self-potential are valued and nurtured. Why go to a girls' school?

- Girls' school graduates have a higher confidence in math and technology skills than graduates of co-ed institutions.
- Three times as many girls' school graduates intend to become engineers.
- Girls' school students outscore their co-ed counterparts on standardized tests.

At Josephinum, the valedictorian, the most athletic, the funniest, and the student council president are *always* girls.

## **GIRLS AT THE JO ARE CONFIDENT AND COURAGEOUS**

Questions about life at the Jo?  
Contact Alex Gonzalez at  
**773.276.1261** or at  
[alex.gonzalez@josephinum.org](mailto:alex.gonzalez@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**



"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**

## **WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE CLASS OF 2012**

"I am going to miss the wonderful teachers that put in all their time, hard work, and of course, patience with me. I learned that you can do whatever you put your mind to. The foundation is laid out for you, you just have to build yourself up with the help of faculty and staff."

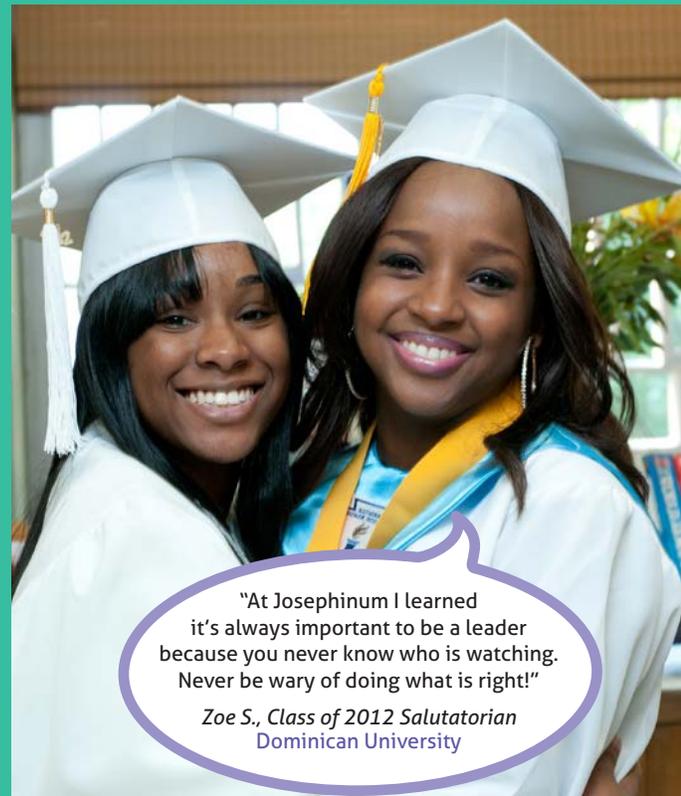
**-Tyra W., now attending Eastern Illinois University**

"At Josephinum I learned that you should not let your fear trap you from being who you are. My fear was to speak in front of people, but throughout the year a teacher helped me get over my fear. I learned to be a successful young lady and not give up."

**-Guadalupe B., now attending Marian University**

"I am going to miss the positive, nurturing, and encouraging atmosphere Josephinum offers. I will miss all the teachers I had over the years because they were role models."

**Mayra C., now attending Concordia University**



"At Josephinum I learned it's always important to be a leader because you never know who is watching. Never be wary of doing what is right!"

**Zoe S., Class of 2012 Salutatorian  
Dominican University**



# JOSEPHINUM ATHLETICS

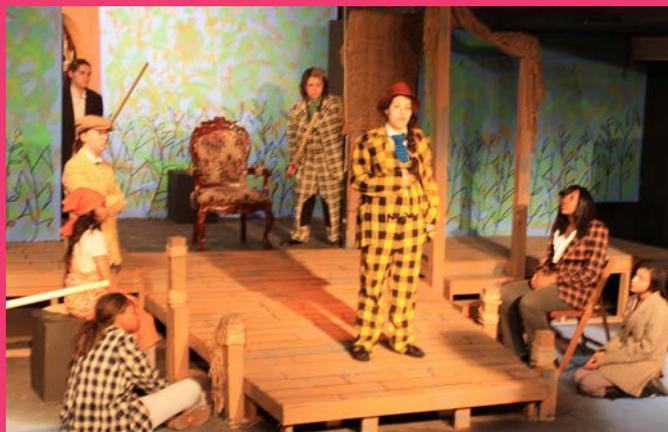
Joining one of Josephinum's sports teams gives students the opportunity to have a great time while building confidence, developing leadership skills, and learning to be a team player.

Students at the Jo participate in The GCAC Blue Division:

- Basketball**
- Soccer**
- Volleyball**
- Softball**

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





## STUDENT LIFE AT JOSEPHINUM

Outside of the classroom, students at the Jo find a wide range of clubs and activities which give them the chance to explore their interests, participate in the school community, and make new friends. Jo students enjoy retreats together, perform in our talent shows, participate in community service days, attend all-school masses, act in professional plays, party at prom with friends, travel on class trips, dress up for theme days, and so much more!



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Josephinum offers several exceptional educational programs in partnership with local Chicago organizations, including:

- Drama Program led by the professional actors of Polarity Ensemble Theatre
- Specialized Tutoring Services provided by St. Joseph's Services
- Mixed Media and Arts Enrichment courses through the National Museum of Mexican Art
- Photography and Journalism courses taught by Street Level Youth Media





## ACTIVITIES

- Dances
- Pep Rallies
- Junior Recognition
- Cultural Celebrations
- January Term (J-Term)
- Community Service Days
- Spiritual Retreats
- Liturgical Services
- Jo Spirit Week
- School Plays
- College Fairs
- Talent Shows
- Senior Prom
- Field Trips throughout Chicago & the U.S.A.
- Student Council
- Leadership Retreats
- Tutoring Center
- Fanga Music & Dance Program
- Congé
- Student Philanthropy
- HERStory
- Photography
- Ultimate Frisbee

## CLUBS

- Garden Club
- Josephinum Ambassadors Club (JACs)
- National Honor Society
- Spanish Club
- Film Club
- Dance Team
- Jo Eco Club
- JAM Session- Music Club
- Guitar & Piano Club (GUPI)
- Chicago Arts' Scene Club
- Track Club
- Law Club/Mock Trial Team
- Sacred Heart Matters





## PARENTS' CORNER

Josephinum understands that your child's education is one of the most important decisions that you will make as a parent. We strive to ensure that its exceptional educational program is affordable for all families.

Tuition for the 2012-2013 school year is **\$4,700** plus fees. The actual cost of education is close to \$11,000 per student but Josephinum is able to offer a discounted tuition thanks to the generous support of alumnae and donors.

Josephinum is in partnership with scholarship organizations throughout Chicago and over 90% of the students at Josephinum receive scholarships or financial assistance. We encourage you to reference the scholarship list on the right to see if your student may qualify for any of these generous awards! Please call us if you have any questions about taking the steps to obtain a great education for your child. We are here to help!

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

## Internal Awards Provided by Josephinum Academy

### President's Award\*

For 8th grade girls who score in the 85th percentile and above on the Entrance Exam at Josephinum Academy on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

Tuition Discount of **\$2,500** each year at Josephinum.

### Principal Award\*

For 8th grade girls who score between 75th and 84th percentile on the Entrance Exam at Josephinum Academy on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

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

*\*You must take the High School Entrance Exam at Josephinum Academy on Saturday, January 12th, 2013 at 8:00 AM to be eligible for these awards.*

### 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. Nomination forms must be submitted by the student's elementary school principal. *Preference will be given to students who test at Josephinum Academy the day of the Entrance Exam on January 12, 2013.*

Tuition discount of **\$500** each year at Josephinum.

### Cardinal Bernardin Award

For 8th grade girls planning to attend Josephinum Academy who demonstrate our Goal One in their lives: Commit oneself to a personal and active faith in God. These students are active in the local parishes, and are committed to remaining active with Josephinum's campus ministry. Students must be nominated by their pastor.

Tuition discount of **\$1,500** each year at Josephinum.

### Citizen's Award

8th grade girls planning to attend Josephinum Academy who demonstrate our Goal Four in their lives: Building community as a Christian Value. Students must live in Chicago and be nominated by their ward's alderman.

Tuition discount of **\$1,500** each year at Josephinum.

### Big Dreams Award

The Big Dreams Award is a supplemental scholarship for any scholar who receives \$2,500 or more annually from a Big Shoulders Fund renewable scholarship. The amount of the Big Dreams Award is dependent upon the amount of the Big Shoulders Scholarship. Should a student lose their Big Shoulders Renewable Scholarship on account of no longer meeting the scholarship's requirements, the student will lose their Big Dreams Award, and the student's family will then become responsible for tuition payments.

## External Scholarships

Our students also receive financial support through the following scholarship organizations. Please visit the websites listed below for additional information about qualifications and award details.

### HighSight Scholarship

HighSight awards partial, 4-year scholarships for 8th graders to attend private high schools in Chicago. HighSight also provides academic and social support to prepare its students to enroll in college.

2013-2014 Application will be available November 15, 2012

2013-2014 school year deadline: **February 22, 2013.**

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.

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

2013-2014 school year deadline: **Friday, November 16th, 2012**

Visit [www.hfeschicagoscholars.com](http://www.hfeschicagoscholars.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 over four years for a private high school.

2013-2014 school year deadline: **Monday, November 19th 2012**

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

### Madonna Scholarship

For 8th grade girls enrolling in a Catholic High School in Chicago that live in the following zip codes: 60618, 60622, 60634, 60639, 60641, 60647, 60651.

2013-2014 School year deadline: **Friday, March 15th 2013.**

Visit [madonnafoundation4girls.org](http://madonnafoundation4girls.org) for details.

# VISIT US AT JOSEPHINUM!

The best way to get a feel for a school is to spend time exploring it! Come visit us at the Jo!

Josephinum is located in the safe and historic Wicker Park neighborhood in Chicago. Two 'L' stops, two major bus stops and the expressway are just minutes away from campus.

We will be happy to talk to you about your daughter's future!

## OPEN HOUSE DATES

Sunday, **October 14th**; 12:00pm–2:00pm  
Wednesday, **November 7th**; 5:00pm–7:00pm  
Saturday, **December 8th**; 10:00am–12:00pm  
Sunday, **March 10th**; 12:00pm–2:00pm  
Sunday, **April 28th**; 12:00pm–2:00pm

## SHADOW DAYS

Spend a day at Josephinum with a member of the Freshman Class through our Shadow Day program. To sign up for a Shadow day, call the Josephinum Admissions Office at **773-276-1261 ext. 234**.



# TAKE OUR 2013 ENTRANCE EXAM

For entrance into ninth grade, students must take the high school entrance exam.

Josephinum Entrance Exam\* Date:  
**Saturday, January 12th, 2013 8:00am-11:30am**

*\* Please note that other schools' test results are accepted.*

If you have questions or would like additional information about Josephinum Academy, please contact the Admissions Office:  
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every day.