



## November 2021

### Calendar



We are incredibly proud of our Volleyball team as they moved to the Semi-Finals!

They fought hard for our school and made several accomplishments this year:

- 1st time in program history  
Josephinum was ranked #1 in a regional
- 1st time in program history  
Josephinum is hosting IHSA regional contests

Congratulations to our incredible student-athletes!

### SAVE THE DATES

#### November

- 3 - Open House 5 - 7 p.m.
- 20 - Turkey Tournament Tip-Off
- 22 - Family/Teacher Conferences
- 23 - Prof Development Day - **No School for Students**
- 24-26 - Thanksgiving Break

#### December

- 4 - High School Placement Test
- 8 - Art Show
- 13-15 - Final Exams
- 17 - End of Semester 1
- 20-January 3 - Christmas Break

#### January

- 13 - Big Shoulder Fund Application
- 15 - Open House
- 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **No School**

#### February

- 21 - Presidents' Day - **No School**
- 23 - Senior Portraits

#### March

- 14-18 - Spring Break

#### April

- 15 - Good Friday - **No School**
- 18 - Easter Monday - **No School**

May  
21 - Graduation  
30 - Memorial Day - **No School**

June  
1 - Last Day of School

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## RESOURCES FOR YOU

Explore our online [resources](#) including information on [Schoolology](#).

## A Letter From Our President

Dear families,

November is a time when we typically travel to visit with family and friends, eat traditional holiday foods, and reflect on the people and things we are grateful for. It also means we are moving towards the end of Semester One - with projects, exams, and end-of-the-year tasks.

As the end of our calendar year is approaching there is much to celebrate at the Jo; our Open House to welcome a new class of students, Family/Teacher Conferences, as well as our Thanksgiving break.

During this season of gratitude, we want to express our thanks to all of you as well as those who participated in our Virtual Fall Gala and to those who gave because they believe in our students and our mission!

Be well and stay healthy.

**Rich McMenamin**  
President

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**Thank you for attending our 2021  
Virtual Scholarship Gala**

We'd like to extend an enormous thank you to all of you who helped our Scholarship Gala come to life! We gathered online to celebrate our community, cheer on our students, and



raise money for our scholarship fund. We are so grateful for your support and for an evening of connection, celebrating joy and perseverance!

Visit [josephinum.org/2021gala](https://josephinum.org/2021gala) to watch the video of the event and donate today!



### College Lunch Visits

"There are so many things to consider when choosing a college....admissions requirements, majors, size, location, campus life/ambiance/vibe, cost of attendance, activities, athletics, graduation rate, etc. Meeting college admissions representatives during these lunch visits offers students the opportunity for one-to-one conversations. Students can ask questions to determine which schools might be a good fit. With this information, interested students check out additional information on SCOIR and arrange for campus visits, whether virtually or in-person." - Dr. O, Jo College/Alumnae Counselor

The following schools have come to the Jo for our College Lunch Visit series:

DePaul University  
 Illinois College  
 Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 The University of Illinois at Chicago  
 St. Augustine College  
 St. Olaf College  
 Lake Forest College  
 Knox College  
 Dominican University

### Coat Drive

Do you have a used coat you no longer need? In the spirit of giving, we are asking students and faculty to donate gently used





coats. Please drop them off in the main office by **Thursday, November 18th**.

An Alumna from the Jo Class of 2020 has asked us to participate in their Annual Coat Drive at GPLXC Cultural Center, which is a grassroots organization, committed to creating a strong sense of community and identity, in Gage Park, through art, popular education, and direct actions grounded in social justice and mutual aid.

Please make sure the coats are clean and gently used. Your donation is greatly appreciated!



## JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY

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### Check Out the Jo in Crain's

We are pleased to share this year's [Crain's Private School Planner](#) which was distributed recently and featured Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart!

We had a full-page ad, and our principal, Ms. Schrantz was quoted in two articles - [Service Learning Fosters Community Engagement](#) and [Innovative Programs, and Schools, Engage Students](#).

### Real-World Learning

On September 29, Ms. Jovic's and Ms. To's STEAM elective course students traveled to Oak Point University (formerly Resurrection University) at Presence Saint Elizabeth's Hospital. Our students got a

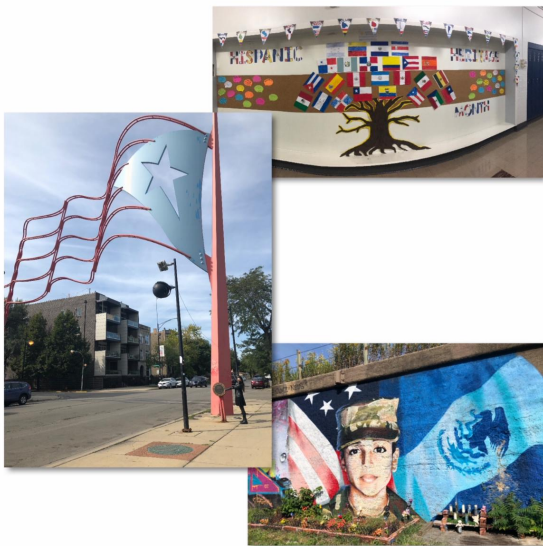


tour of the Foglia Family Foundation IPE Simulation Learning Center, where nursing students are trained through the university. Our students participated in a handwashing germ activity and worked with some of the simulated patients (manikins) relaying data to monitors. The takeaway was that the setting and manikins were a great realistic way to engage in learning scenarios!

### Hispanic Heritage Month

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we were pleased to plan a variety of activities:

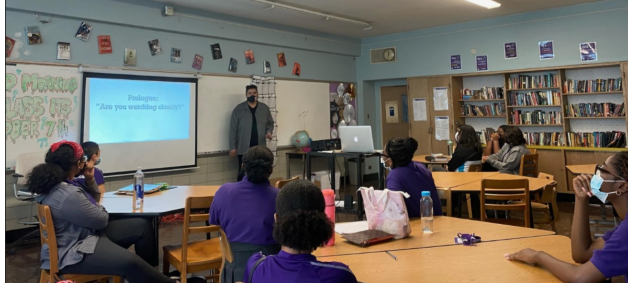
- We had a bulletin board created by Ms. Cruz that celebrated many of the countries our students and faculty/staff are from.
- Ms. Garcia and Dr. D went to a variety of places where students said they felt culturally at home like Humboldt Park and Pilsen.
- Some staff tried different Hispanic dishes like salteñas from Bolivia.
- We also had a bulletin board celebrating our Hispanic alumnae.
- Our Culinary Class made churro cheesecake and Mexican cinnamon cookies too!
- Students were treated to churros on the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month.



### Ms. Knapczyk Brings A Road Scholar To Class

Our American Studies class welcomed Illinois Road Scholar, Ernest Whiteman III,





as they started their Indigenous Culture unit. Mr. Whiteman III is a proud member of the Arapaho Tribe and works as a filmmaker, artist, writer, and media educator. He spoke about the misrepresentation of Indigenous peoples in the media and how Indigenous people can reclaim their own narrative.



## Volleyball Senior Night

On Monday, October 4th we celebrated our 6 senior volleyball players!

"Each senior has been an important member of the Josephinum volleyball program. They have grown so much since their first season with the team. They have left their mark on our program and will be missed." - Mr. Ziolkowski



Belen Amaro  
Milly Freire-Basantes  
Frida Reynolds  
Britney Parry  
Kimoria Green  
Lidia Tesfayohannes

We wish each of you the best as you move forward in your lives!

# JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY'S TURKEY TIP-OFF For 7th & 8th Grade Girls

**OPEN TO ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**  
No travel teams please.

- Register online at [josephinum.8to18.com](http://josephinum.8to18.com), or call Erik at (773) 276-1261 ext. 224
- Registration fee: \$80 per team
- Single day format, 2 game guarantee with a possibility of 3 games in total
- Girls teams only
- 5 on 5
- 8 spots available
- SPOTS FILL UP QUICK!

**DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

REGISTRATION OPEN!  
Deadline is November 5, or until full Games between 9am and 6pm

**7th & 8th Grade Girls!**

**JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY**  
OF THE SACRED HEART

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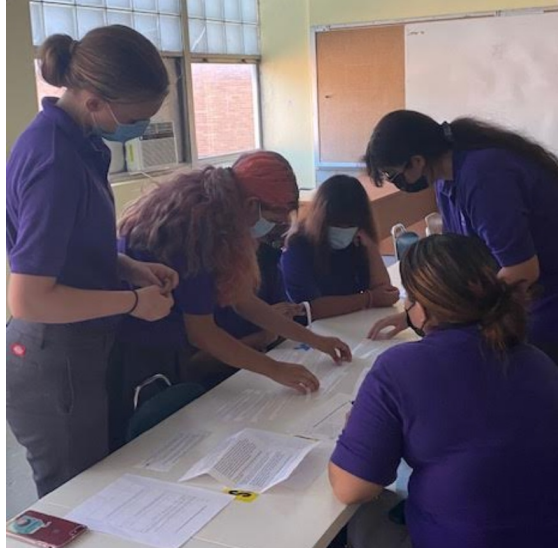
## Join Us For Our Annual Turkey Tip-Off Basketball Tournament

Our long-standing annual 7th/8th Grade Turkey Tip-Off Basketball Tournament will take place on Saturday, November 20th. We will host multiple 7th and 8th grade teams to compete for this year's trophy!



## Our teachers are so creative

Ms. Knapczyk created a "crime scene" in our computer lab recently for students to practice connecting timelines and drawing assumptions based on provided evidence. While we all make assumptions about the world around us, the American Studies class hopes to show students their own bias - and biases in the world - and teach students to base their opinions on evidence and proven facts.



While two groups out of six 'found the killer' Ms.K is already in the works to create a second crime scene next semester, at the request of the students!



## We Love Our Teachers

On Tuesday, October 5th we acknowledged World Teacher Day!

"Our teachers have worked tirelessly to give all of themselves to our students and our community. They have been on the front lines providing rigorous instruction; prioritizing social-emotional learning while implementing strategies to ensure learning for all. Our teachers are extremely talented and creative and always go the extra mile for any community member.

It is so important that we recognize the hard work of our teachers and staff members during this time, it is their resilience and dedication that united us when times got tough. I am so grateful to have such a dynamic team standing by my side." - Ms. Schrantz, Principal



## Custodial Workers Day



On October 4th it was National Custodial Workers Day. We are so grateful to our amazing Maintenance team who makes our school sparkle and run smoothly. Your hard work is evident and we are so thankful to you!

From L to R: Mr. Medina, Mrs. Pureco, and Mr. Pureco

## Update from Open House Chicago



The Jo once again was pleased to be chosen to participate in Open House Chicago, hosted by the Chicago Architecture Center. Over 150 people viewed our school and its mid-century modern aesthetic.

Open House Chicago is a free, city-wide event that offers self-guided history and architecture tours with behind-the-scenes access to architecturally, historically, and culturally significant sites across the city.

We are grateful to our student volunteers, JAC's, as well as Ms. Grove, Ms. McGuire, Mr. Cascarano, and President McMenamin for their support.

## JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY



JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE  
NOVEMBER 4TH 5 - 7PM

## Open House on November 4th

Join us Thursday, November 4th for a Josephinum Open House for prospective students and families.

Principal Schrantz, Josephinum alumnae, and current students will be present to share their experiences and stories. The Admissions team will guide tours of the building, and answer all your application and enrollment questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Thursday, November 4th between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Register today!**



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## Fine Arts Update

Join us for our Annual Art Show on December 8th from 4 - 7 p.m. in room 315.

It's a perfect time to view our students' creativity from all grade levels. Poster art created by 12th grader Shari Silas



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## NACAC Virtual College Fairs

Hundreds of colleges and universities from the US and worldwide will be ready and waiting to talk with you at these upcoming NACAC Virtual College Fairs:

- Tuesday, Nov. 2: Arts & STEM Fair: 4-8 p.m. ET
- Sunday, Nov. 14: Signature Fair: 1-6 p.m. ET

Don't miss these free, one-day events for high school students, transfer students, and families. Go to [virtualcollegefairs.org](https://virtualcollegefairs.org) to see the list of participating colleges. Log in on any fair date to attend Zoom sessions, text your questions, and demonstrate interest... all without leaving home. It's a great way to connect with hundreds of colleges in a short amount of time to learn about majors, scholarships, and more.

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## Family Movie Night

On October 8th, we welcomed families to gather safely in our gym to watch Coraline, about an adventurous girl who finds another world that is a strangely idealized version of her frustrating home, but it has sinister secrets.

Thank you to our Administration team who generously provided hotdogs and treats!



# SAVE *the* DATE

**BIG SHOULDERS FUND  
TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

**01.13.22 at 8am**

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Shoulders  
Fund.**

## Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Program

For current Jo families interested, the application process will open at 8 a.m. on January 13, 2022. Remember that all families must reapply each year. BSF will host virtual information sessions in December and have a sample application available.

## Show Your School Spirit

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STORE**

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This month we are offering 15% off on your Spirit Store purchase of \$85 or more! This will end on 11/30/21 at 11:59 P.M. EST.

[Shop today!](#)

## Tuition Payment Reminders

We are an independent high school that receives very little federal and state funding. Your collected tuition payment is critical to continue the work of our school, programs, and resources.

Tuition payments can be made online through **FACTS**, a secure tuition management system. You may also drop off or mail your payment to Josephinum Academy, 1501 N. Oakley Blvd, Chicago, IL 60622.

If you have received a notice or have any questions regarding your account, please contact our Business Manager, Lillian Torres at [lillian.torres@josephinum.org](mailto:lillian.torres@josephinum.org) or (773) 628-7278.



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