



July 2021

Calendar

SAVE THE DATES



- July 12 - 15 - Softball Camp
- July 19 - 23 - Soccer Camp
- July 26 - 29 - Volleyball Camp
- August 2 - 13 Summer Bridge Program for incoming 9th graders
- August 9 - 11 - Volleyball Tryouts
- August 23 - Freshman Orientation
- August 24 - First Day of Classes!!!**
- August 24 - Volleyball Game at 5pm (H)
- August 26 - Volleyball Game at 5pm (H)
- August 30 - Volleyball Game at 5pm (H)
- August 31 - Volleyball Game at 5pm (H)

- Sept 2 - Volleyball Game at 5pm (A)
- Sept 6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

RESOURCES FOR YOU

Explore our online hub of go-to [resources](#) including information on [Schoology](#).

Campus Ministry Update
from Ms. Forbes

Sacred Heart Collaboration Videos - the



To celebrate the Feast of St. Philippine Duchesne, Josephinum Academy and Colegio Sagrado Corazón (San Luis Potosi) met to pray together, learn from one another, and celebrate our schools.

Chicago-area Sacred Heart Schools did collaboration videos to celebrate the start of the school year, the Feast of Mater, the Feast of St. Philippine Duchesne, and the Feast of St. Madeleine Sophie. Students from Josephinum, Woodlands, and Sacred Heart - Sheridan Road were featured and we were able to learn a little more about how each school celebrates these feast days.

Sacred Heart Sister School Dialogue Groups - to celebrate the Feast of Saint Philippine Duchesne, our school and Colegio Sagrado Corazón in San Luis Potosi met via Zoom. It was a wonderful afternoon of sharing and collaboration.



Social Justice and Youth Advocacy Month - it was great to bring the school together to spend the month learning about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, hosting guest speakers, and doing advocacy work. The letters, posters, walkout and prayer wall are a wonderful testament to the mission of our school.

English Department Update from Ms. Knapczyk



Fahrenheit 451 Movie Night hosted by the English Department in the gym.

Students enjoyed the Fahrenheit 451 movie night we hosted in May. We did a wonderful comparison between the movie version and book.

We read "Poet X," which is a book written in prose from a teenage girl's perspective as she navigates growing up and figuring out her own identity. She and her mother differ in their views on the world, specifically religion and gender standards, and are frequently in conflict.

Students were asked to examine moments in the book from the mother's perspective. They really did an excellent job looking at a situation through another person's eyes.

Students also enjoyed analyzing their own names at the beginning of the year.

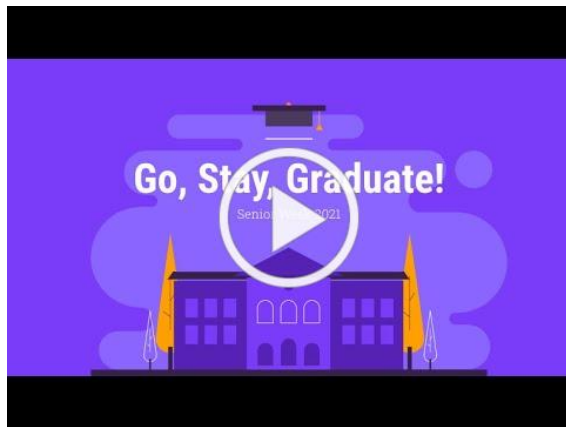


Yanna Smart artwork, Jo Class of 2021!

Fine Arts Department Update from Mr. Lauer

Our Senior Arts Exhibition was a tremendous success! All artwork can be viewed on our [Fine Arts Department Instagram](#).

Please check out their artwork and give them some likes, and leave some comments! We are so proud of their creativity during this past year.



We were blessed to bring this great panel of career women who shared their journey and advice with our students during our Go, Stay Graduate! program.

Counseling Department Update from Ms. De Jesus

This year we had our first ever QuestBridge Scholarship winner!

Also a first, we had our first students accepted to Notre Dame and there are 3 of them!

We hosted our first-ever HBCU Panel on March 17th.

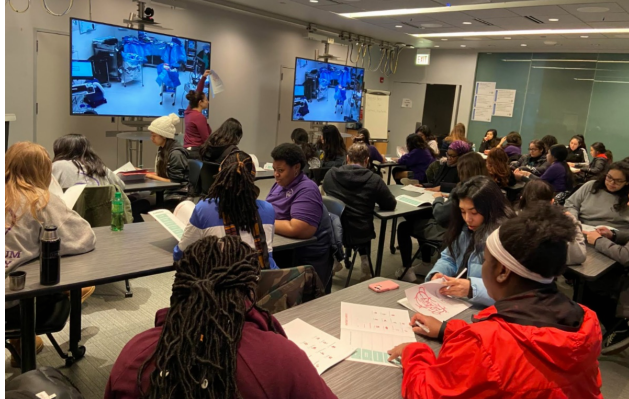
Our Go, Stay, Graduate! Senior Week was a success. We had some wonderful speakers and quite a few of alumnae share their journeys with our students.

We also have our first STAR scholarship winner at the City Colleges!

Science Department Update from Ms. To

Science was still very much going on in classes despite being virtual! Our students enjoyed:

Senior science classes enjoyed a hands



In February 2020, our students participated in a unit on the Heart and Circulatory System for IB Biology. They were able to observe a live video feed into the operating room of a triple coronary artery bypass surgery at the Advocate Christ Medical Center. During the surgery, they could interact in real time with the surgeon and all other medical staff involved in the surgery.

on experience dissecting fetal pigs after learning about the different body systems all year.

"Live From the Heart" run by the Museum of Science and Industry. Our students were able to watch a live open heart surgery.

Students made a 3D model of the layers and appendages of the skin and created video showcasing their final products on flip grid.



Physical Education Department Update from Mr. Ziolkowski

Our Physical Education Department was excited when the IHSA opened up sports again in 2021!

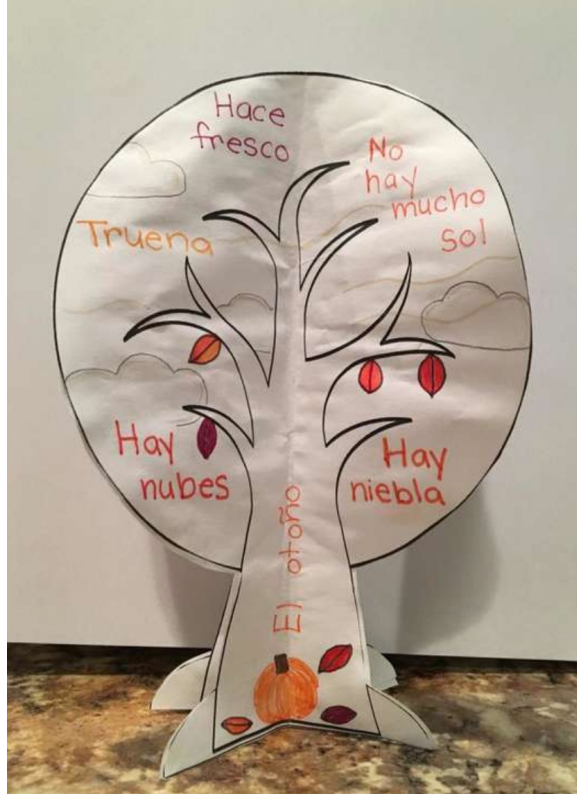
It was wonderful to offer our students the opportunity to play volleyball, soccer, and softball.

Our All Sports Banquet event was incredibly special for all who attended.

Foreign Language Department Update from Ms. Cruz

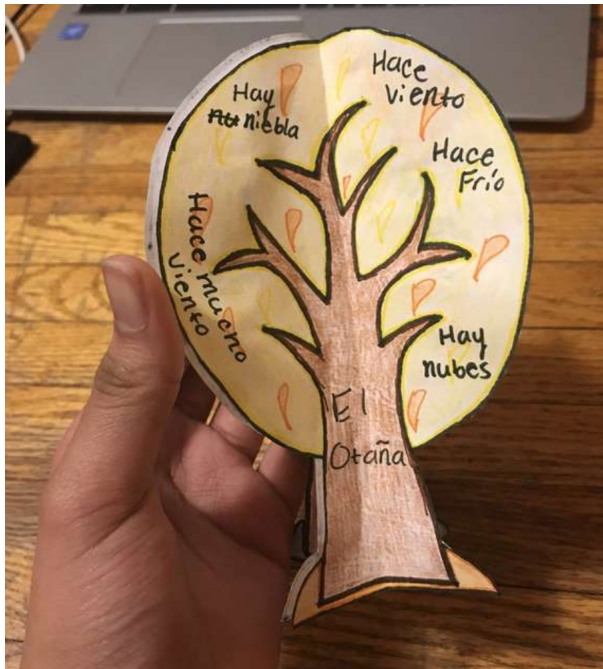
Our Freshmen in Spanish class created a seasonal tree during a weather unit (El Clima.) It was a hands-on crafts project. They needed to decorate and include vocabulary in the targeted language, Spanish, to describe the weather during the 4 seasons. It was great seeing the final results and how creative each student was.

Our Freshmen in French conducted a research project: Une région de l'Hexagone. Each student had to research



a region of France and present basic information in French using objectives covered in class. Students presented their research on the languages/patois spoken in the region, the basic geographical features, the geographical location, the climate during the seasons, and stated a brief opinion about the region. Students presented excellent projects and were able to use the French they had learned in a presentational context.

All Seniors hosted a conversation in the targeted language of Spanish or French for 12 to 15 minutes. Students got a picture and had to talk about it for 3-5 minutes, followed up with a conversation with the teacher about the picture's theme. Students finished the conversation talking about another topic covered during the year. All students did great and were able to truly showcase their Spanish/French skills!



Humanities Department Update from Ms. Knapczyk

We examined women and power, both during the Salem Witch Trials and present day. We examined how female power in the past was looked at as "witchcraft" and in present day, the word "witch" is still used to negatively describe a woman.

Students also researched Indigenous People's tribes and gave presentations.

History Department Update from Mr. Popovski



Map of Africa showing where Rwanda is located.

Students studied the psychology of genocide. We read psychological studies about why ordinary people commit genocide, "the deliberate killing of a large number of people from a particular nation or ethnic group with the aim of destroying that nation or group." We used these studies with the context of the Rwandan genocide, and there were some pretty interesting discussions on fair punishment and human behavior.

For our Historical Investigation Unit, the students got to choose their own topics. They had to be at least 10 years ago. Each student then researched the topics, analyzed sources related to them, and projected their viewpoints in an essay.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Graduation 2021



On Saturday, June 5, the thirty-seven young women of the Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart Class of 2021 graduated in an in-person, outdoor ceremony on the Josephinum field. The commencement address was delivered by Science teacher Olivia Johnson and inspiring speeches were given by this year's six co-valedictorians. This graduating class faced challenges like no other in Josephinum's history and we are so very proud of their resilience and their accomplishments.



Class of 2021 graduates will be continuing their education at schools such as Cornell University, DePaul University, Howard University, Northwestern University, Notre Dame University, Purdue University and University of Illinois (Chicago and Urbana Champaign). Several graduates



are taking part in the Star Scholarship Program, beginning their college journeys at City Colleges of Chicago.

The young women of the Class of 2021, including three Illinois State Scholars, were awarded a total of over \$6.7M in merit scholarships. The entire Jo community wishes them all great success in their future endeavors and looks forward to hearing where their journeys take them.



We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how about YOU?!

Our new online apparel store has opened!

There are multiple apparel options for students, families, faculty, staff, alumnae and more! Choose from shirts, sweatshirts, quarter zips, shorts!

[Visit our store today!](#)

Do you know a 7th or 8th Grader?

We are excited to announce that we're scheduling private tour opportunities at the Jo this summer!

Do you know a student who enjoys:

- ☞ Small class sizes
- A dedicated faculty
- Individualized support
- ☞ Innovative programs

Tell them about the Jo today!

Schedule an in-person meeting and [tour the Jo](#) with our Admissions department.





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