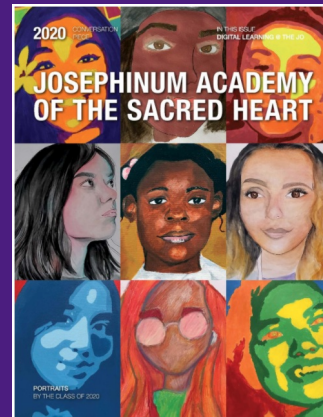


# JO IN THE KNOW

Parent & Guardian Newsletter



## October 2020

### *Calendar*

We had a Cougar-ific time meeting our Jo Class of 2024 and their families in August!



### SAVE THE DATES

- 10/1 - Opening Day for FAFSA
- 10/2 - Jo's 130th Birthday Party
- 10/7 - Virtual FAFSA Workshop
- 10/8 - Jo Virtual Open House
- 10/12 - Indigenous People's Day
- No School
- 10/16 - 25 Open House Chicago
- 10/24 - ACT Testing Day at the Jo
- 11/3 - Election Day - No School
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day - No School
- 11/12 - Jo Virtual Open House
- 11/23 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 11/24 - Professional Development Day
- No School
- 11/25-27 - Thanksgiving Break
- No School
- 12/1 - Jo Virtual Open House
- 12/21-1/4 - Christmas Break - No School
- 1/13-15/21 - Final Exams
- 1/18/21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- No School

To protect the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and families we will continue to follow the guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Chicago Department of Public Health, Illinois High School Association and the Office of Catholic Schools as it relates to school safety, group events, and activities.

## RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

### It's a Boy!

We are excited to announce the arrival of Michael Joseph Schrantz, son of Principal Schrantz!

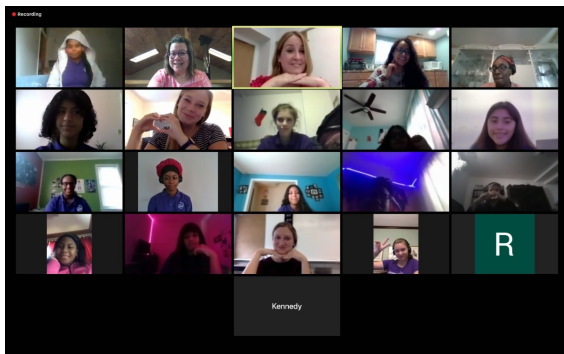
Baby Michael joins his siblings, James and John.

Mom and Dad are happily settling into being a family of 5.



### A great first day at the Jo!

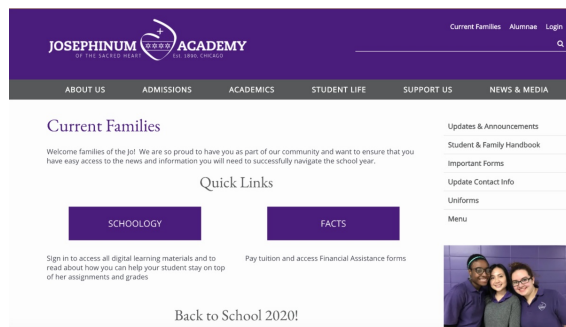
While our school year started differently, we were thrilled to see and hear all of our Josephinum Academy students on August 24th! To see all our photos please visit our social media platforms.



### We can't wait to celebrate our 130th Birthday Party with YOU!

We're taking the spirit of our annual gala virtual and celebrating the Jo's 130th birthday! Join us October 2 for a virtual party featuring our Jo girls of all ages, silent auction, and some uniquely Jo games.

[RSVP Now!](#)



## Same URL, New Website!

The Jo is excited to announce the launch of our revised school website [www.josephinum.org](http://www.josephinum.org).

The new site offers automatic translation to Spanish, incorporates our [Social Media](#) feeds, includes more information about the Jo's [curriculum](#) and classes, and much more.

Take a look at the [Current Families](#) section, the [Digital Learning](#) page and the [Back to School News](#) and let us know what you think. Feedback and suggestions can be sent to [web@josephinum.org](mailto:web@josephinum.org).

## Announcements & Reminders



We hope you will watch this wonderful [Holy Spirit Blessing Prayer Service](#) made in conjunction with Sacred Heart Sheridan Road, Woodlands Academy and featuring our own Jo community!



### Counseling Corner

October 1st is the opening day for FAFSA!

It's now state-mandated that  
**ALL ELIGIBLE SENIORS MUST APPLY!**

Virtual FAFSA workshop for our families hosted on Wednesday, October 7th from 5-6:30pm.

October 24th the Jo will host the ACT test for seniors. Information and details about COVID social distancing procedures will be shared shortly.

## Schoology!





Please reference [schoolology.com](https://schoolology.com) to check on student grades.

If you need help logging into Schoology please contact our Director of Curriculum and Programming, Renee Vai, at [renee.vai@josephinum.org](mailto:renee.vai@josephinum.org).

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### Virtual College Exploration for all Illinois students presented by IACAC and StriveScan

The goal of Virtual College Exploration is to provide students with a wealth of college search information, allow them to browse and learn about different colleges, and ask questions of admissions counselors, all in a safe, flexible, online format.

#### Schedule

College Information and Affinity Group Panels

- October 13-15

Institution Specific Presentations

- October 5-8
- October 10 – Trades and Military Service Day
- October 19-22

**Register today!**



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### NACAC Virtual College Fair!

Attend a NACAC Virtual College Fair! See the fall schedule here. Parents are invited, too.

Save the date! More than 600 colleges and universities will be online to talk with high school juniors and seniors on each of these dates this fall.

Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like.

Sunday, Sept. 13

- 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. CT

Monday, Oct. 12

- 12 - 8 p.m. CT

Sunday, Oct. 18

- 11a.m. - 7 p.m. CT

Sunday, Nov. 8

- 1 - 9 p.m. CT

**Simply sign** up now and register for one or more fairs. On the event date, use your phone or computer to log in. Learn, connect, ask questions, and discover your best college fit!



## Tuition Payment Reminders

Despite this school year's unusual circumstances, our team is committed to fulfilling the financial awards granted to you and your student(s) through scholarships and financial aid for the school year. However, Josephinum still relies on our families to complete the remaining tuition payments each month in a timely manner. 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. **We are asking that you please continue to pay the school's tuition.**

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 North 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.

## Attendance Matters!

If your student will be absent for any reason please call the main office phone number or email the school.

(773) 276-1261  
[frontoffice@josephinum.org](mailto:frontoffice@josephinum.org)





Do you know an exceptional 8th grade Girl Without Limits? We would love to welcome her into the Josephinum community this 2021-22 school year!

Check out our website admissions page: [www.josephinum.org/admissions](http://www.josephinum.org/admissions) for more details, or reach out directly to Ms. Bartholomew, Enrollment Manager, at [admissions@josephinum.org](mailto:admissions@josephinum.org) with any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting her!

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## Conversation Piece

Our Annual edition of [Conversation Piece](#) is here! Please check out our online magazine that recaps last year and looks forward to the year ahead.

## CLASSROOM CORNER!

Ever wonder what the Jo students are learning? We asked Ms. Bitton, English Department Chair to share what her Senior Literature class is engaged with.

"Currently our seniors are reading and discussing *Sula* by Toni Morrison; exploring themes like what Morrison calls 'the consequences of [a woman's escape from male rule] on female friendship.' We have been discussing the implications of racist ideology and the ways that justice has been historically withheld from communities of color, specifically black communities. We are also discussing the suffering of soldiers returning home with PTSD and the ways that the United States has fallen short in caring for these individuals."



*Toni Morrison (Journal)*

**Video 1:**

- + What is Morrison saying about the experience of Black authors and stories centralizing Black lives:
  - o "as though our lives have no meaning and no depth without the white gaze"
  - o some writers "could assume the centrality of their race"
- + Personal responses?

**Video 2:**

- + Why does Morrison suggest that the right question is "How do you [white people] feel?"
- + Personal responses?

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## IMPORTANT ATHLETIC DATES:

November 16 - February 13: Basketball season

February 15 - May 1: Volleyball season

May 3 - June 26: Soccer and softball seasons

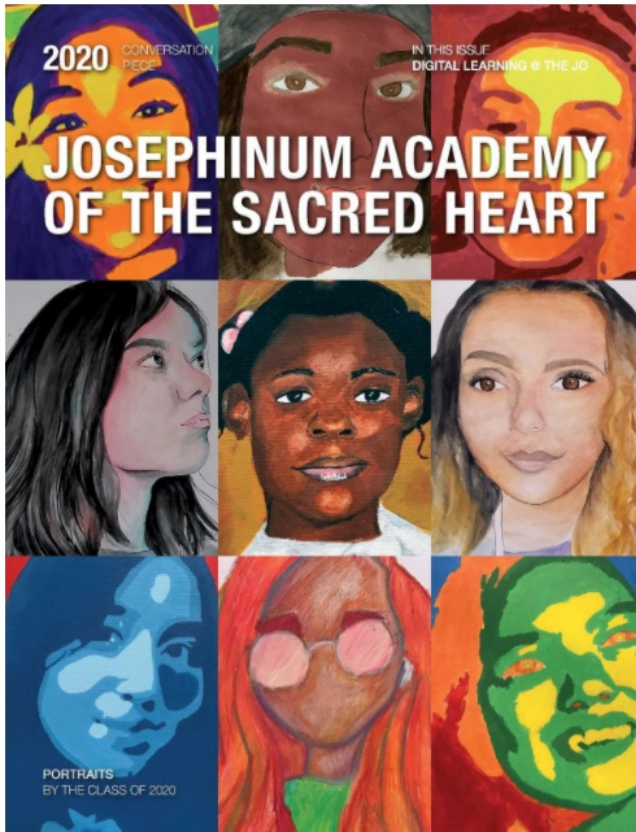
Basketball tryouts are scheduled for November 16, 17, and 18. The times will be announced at a later date.

**\*ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE  
INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT  
WILL NEED AN UP-TO-DATE  
SPORTS PHYSICAL\***

The sports physical form can be found on our [website](#).

If there are any questions, feel free to





## Share the Jo with your Family and Friends Oct. 16 - 25!

Josephinum Academy is proud to participate in the Chicago Architecture Center's Open House Chicago (OHC), a free public architecture festival that offers behind-the-scenes access to more than 250 buildings across Chicago. In light of the global pandemic, CAC has developed an event that both honors the safety of our guests and observes the COVID-19 guidelines from the city and the state. Open House Chicago will take place on October 16-25.

Utilizing the [Open House Chicago website](#) and an Open House Chicago app, visitors will explore sites and neighborhoods like never before. The OHC 2020 experience combines both virtual and in-person elements across 20 community areas in Illinois.

## OPEN GYM STARTS IN OCTOBER!

Josephinum Academy welcomes basketball activities back on campus! Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For those who are interested in trying out for basketball this upcoming season feel free to participate in these open gym offerings. It is a great opportunity to shake off some rust and meet the coaches! As of now, the first sessions will begin 10/1 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

- Complete the waiver of liability and indemnification form before participating. Must submit to Mr. Ziolkowski via email, or bring hard copy with to the first open gym session. IF NOT COMPLETED PROPERLY THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY.
- Submit registration for each session of the open gym. There are only 25 spots available for each session. Participants MUST reserve their spot beforehand. If you do not reserve your spot/register beforehand the player will be unable to participate. First come first serve basis! Each session will appear available on the website 24 hours in advance.
- The website to complete registration/reserve your spot is <https://bookwhen.com/jocougars>
- Players MUST bring their own water bottles.
- Players MUST wear a mask at all times.



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