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Parent & Guardian Newsletter



January 2020 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

Events and activities happening this month!

January

- 7th - First day of school after break
- 7th - Basketball game at HT 4:30 p.m.
- 9th - Basketball game vs NorthTown 5 p.m.
- 15th – 17th - Semester 1 exams
- 20th - MLK Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 21st - Second Semester Starts
- 30th - Basketball Game vs St. Frances De Sales 5 p.m.
- 30th - IB Senior Theater Production
- 31st - IB Senior Theater Production
- 31st - Black History Month Mass



SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendar for events next month!

February

- 1st - IB Senior Theater Production
- 3rd - JV/V Conference Basketball Tournament
- 7th - IB Senior Theater Production
- 8th - IB Senior Theater Production
- 12th - Shadow Day
- 14th - In-Service Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 17th - President's Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 18th – 20th - Softball and Soccer Tryouts
- 19th - Shadow Day
- 26th - Shadow Day
- 26th - Ash Wednesday Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sports events, field trips, school closures, upcoming deadlines - [find them here](#)

RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

Join Us for Our Upcoming Events and Activities



Join us for our next IB theater senior production of "Castaways."

Follow the story of generations of women as they attempt to escape oppression and create a new life for themselves and their families.

In this unique production, the senior theater class will perform the play in both English and Spanish.

Show dates: January 30, 31, February 1, 7 and 8

Tickets: \$8 - students / \$15 - adults

Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Please enter through the Bell Street lobby.



Cheer on our Cougars at their January Basketball Games!

1/7 AWAY 4:30 p.m. vs HT

1/9 AWAY 5:30 p.m. vs NorthTown

1/13 HOME 5 p.m. vs Intrinsic

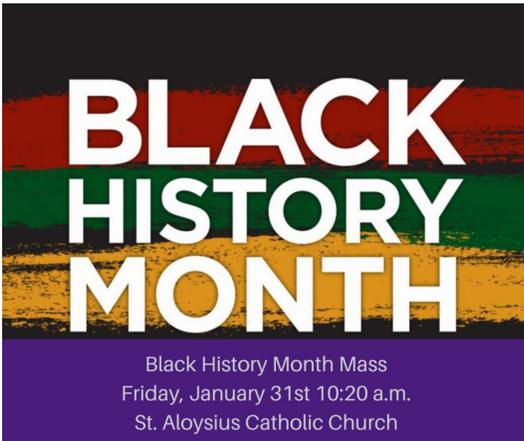
1/14 HOME 5:30 p.m. vs Hope Academy

1/23 HOME 5 p.m. vs Golder College Prep

1/28 AWAY 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Tepeyac

1/30 HOME 5 p.m. vs St. Francis de Sales

2/3 JV/V Conference Basketball Tournament



You're Invited!

Black History Month Mass

Friday, January 31st, 2020

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

2300 W Le Moyne St, Chicago, IL 60622

10:20 a.m.

The year 2020 marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement. The year 2020 also marks the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) and the right for black men to vote after the Civil War.

Announcements & Reminders

Congratulations Jo Class of 2020 Illinois State Scholars

We are very pleased to announce our Class of 2020 Illinois State Scholars:

Abigail Adan

Michelle Aguilar-Medina

The Illinois State Scholar Program recognizes graduating seniors for their outstanding academic achievement. Only about 10% of seniors in Illinois high schools are announced as State Scholars each year. This designation provides honorary recognition for their hard work.

The Class of 2020 are racing towards the IB finish line! In January they will finish Theory of Knowledge, and complete their Individual Oral Presentations in their World Language courses. In December they finished their Biology Internal Assessments and their Individual Oral Commentaries for IB Literature. And in November they submitted their final drafts of Extended Essay and completed their History Internal Assessments. Keep up the great work, ladies!



January 30 will be Senior night for Basketball players at Josephinum. The varsity game will tipoff at 5 p.m. Following the game we will have snacks, cookies, and beverages to celebrate the senior players.

Varsity basketball is 3-3 at this point in the season. And our JV basketball team had a huge win over Golder College Prep to kickoff the basketball season!

February 18-20 - We will hold softball and soccer tryouts for the spring seasons. All players must have their physicals completed in order to participate in tryouts.



Josephinum will host our Catholic High School Entrance Exam Make Up Day on Saturday, January 11th at 9:00 a.m. All eighth- grade girls who have not previously tested at a Catholic high school are welcome. Register for free at josephinum.org/exam.

If a current Josephinum student/family refers applicants to Josephinum Academy and she is accepted, enrolls, and attends our school, the referring student receives a **5% discount from her yearly tuition!**

An advertisement for the Entrance Exam Make Up Day. It features a photograph of a smiling young woman in a purple polo shirt sitting at a desk in a classroom. The background is a mix of purple and pink. Text on the right side of the image reads: 'Entrance Exam Make Up Day January 11th 9 a.m.' The Josephinum Academy logo is at the top.

**Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship
Apply for school year 2020-2021 today!**

Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Applications

Applications for the Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship for the 2020-21 school year will open on **January 15th, 2020**. Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

You can find the application at <https://empowerillinois.org/students>

This year, the reservation form will be available on January 15th at 6:30 p.m. giving families time to enter their information before submission at 7 p.m. The reservation will have two pages. On page one you will enter basic information, such as parent name, student name, and contact information. On page two you will review this information and click submit. Only after clicking 'Submit' on page two will you receive your first-come, first-served timestamp.

On January 17th, you will be notified by email when part two of the application opens. To ensure accuracy you can complete this step whenever you are able. But we encourage you to submit your application before January 27th for the best chance at receiving a scholarship.

Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Application

Are you interested in applying for the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year through Big Shoulders Fund? If so, applications will open on **January 14th, 2020**. Applications are processed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

You can find the application at <https://bigshouldersfund.secure.force.com/bsfapplication>

If you have any questions regarding the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship applications, please contact Chris Haslam, Scholarship and Student Life Coordinator at chris.haslam@josephinum.org or (773) 276-1261 ext. 236.

Tuition and Student Fees

Students with outstanding balances of over ten (10) days will be excluded from class on the 1st business day of the following month, which for the new year will be on **January 7, 2020**.

Exclusion will remain in effect until the account is made current. Students with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to participate in any school sponsored events (including prom and graduation), nor will they receive official school documentation (including transcripts). Refer to **Parent Student Handbook, page 9**.

Those with outstanding balances on their account have received prior notice. Tuition payments can be made online through **FACTS**, a tuition management system, or paid in person at the school. 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 or (773) 276-1261 ext. 226.

Cougar Pride!

Unaccompanied Minors!

Our Unaccompanied Minors visited the Sisters of Christian Charity in Wilmette to bring Christmas tidings of joy through their gifts of song!

Toy Drive

Thank you to all of those who participated in and helped at the *WGN Morning News 17th annual Drive-Thru Toy Drive!* All Jo students and faculty who donated a gift were granted a pass to be out of uniform on December 18th.

We are always reminded that in September of 1886, Mother Philomena Schmittiel, superior of the North American Province of the Sisters of Christian Charity, buried a small statue of St. Joseph in an empty field across the street from St. Aloysius Church. This was the symbol of her intention to buy the property on Oakley Boulevard and build a school for girls.

In December, The Unaccompanied Minors also sang carols at WGN's Drive-Thru Toy Drive, Linden House, and our McDonald's Night Christmas Celebration.



Baking Club Cookies

Our community enjoyed an unexpected holiday treat thanks to Ms. Bitton and the members of the Baking Club.

The Baking Club made and frosted nearly 250 cookies for our Jo students, faculty, and staff. This treat was a sweet surprise and a delicious way to ring in the holiday season.



Our Unaccompanied Minors also sang Christmas carols live at WGN-TV Studios.

Take a listen

WGN-TV reports that, "Over 14,000 toys were donated, an increase of +133% (than 2018's total of 6,000 toys). The Toy Drive ran from 5 a.m. – 10 a.m., featuring carolers, Santa and other holiday fun-filled activities. Viewers were able to drive up and drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the WGN-TV Studios, located at 2501 W. Bradley Place in Chicago. This year, Chicagoland area high schools came from all over to drop off their donations at WGN-TV."



McDonald's Night Christmas Celebration

Thank you to all who joined us for our McDonald's Night Christmas Celebration. The evening was filled with laughter and cheer as friends and family gathered for tasty food, fun activities, and fantastic caroling performed by the Unaccompanied Minors.

During the event Jo volunteers, faculty, and staff raised funds and awareness at the drive-thru and front cash registers. With your help nearly \$400 of proceeds was raised in three hours.



Instagram

We're excited to announce we have new social media accounts specific to our Athletics and Fine Arts Departments!

Follow us on the following Instagram profiles:

[instagram.com/the_jo_1890](https://www.instagram.com/the_jo_1890)

[instagram.com/thejoathletics](https://www.instagram.com/thejoathletics)

[instagram.com/thejofinearts](https://www.instagram.com/thejofinearts)

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