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Parent & Guardian Newsletter



May 2020

Calendar

To protect the safety of our students and families during this time, all Josephinum events and activities this school year are subject to change or cancelation. We will continue to follow the guidance from the IDPH, CPH, IHSA, and the Office of Catholic Schools as it relates to group events and activities.

5/22: Last day of digital learning for the Class of 2020

5/25 - 5/29: Virtual Award Week

5/29: Virtual Baccalaureate Service

5/29: Purple Attire Day

5/30: Commencement Parade - **CANCELED**

6/9: Last day of digital learning for all other students

Attention Spring Athletes! Unfortunately, the IHSA spring state series is canceled. On behalf of our coaches and the entire Josephinum community, we extend our appreciation to all our spring athletes and encourage them to continue studying and practicing the sports they love.

Our coaches and Athletic Director will honor each spring senior athlete over the coming weeks to celebrate her significant contributions to the athletic program. Make sure to follow Josephinum's athletic Instagram page at www.instagram.com/thejoathletics.

RESOURCES FOR YOU

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

Events

Virtual Award Week - May 25-29

The award ceremony will be broken apart into segments. Award recognitions will be recorded by departments and teams to highlight specific students. Each day of the week starting May 25th a different portion of the Award Ceremony will be published and displayed on social media and our website for the entire community to help

recognize our students awarded!

Virtual Award Week

May 25-29



Follow Josephinum on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to view award recipients.



Virtual Baccalaureate Service - May 29th

Josephinum will begin its Senior celebrations with a pre-recorded, adapted version of our annual Baccalaureate Mass. Dr. Patti Tuomey, President, Ms. Colleen Schrantz, Principal, Ms. Laura Forbes, and other guest speakers will participate in the event. Drawing from elements traditionally included in our Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Ceremony, this celebration will focus on encouraging, blessing, and sending forth our 2020 graduates. **We are asking that you wear purple on May 29th in support of the Class of 2020!**



Josephinum looked forward to hosting a Commencement Parade for the Class of 2020 on May 30th. Unfortunately, [IBSE recently announced](#) that graduation ceremonies of any kind are forbidden at this time. Therefore, we are saddened to say that the **Class of 2020 Commencement Parade is canceled.**

However, it is still very important that we celebrate our graduates in a special way this year. Our team is deliberating once again on how best to honor our graduates. More details will be shared with you in the upcoming weeks.

Announcements & Reminders

Following guidance from the IDPH, CPH, and the Office of Catholic Schools, we have decided to extend our digital learning period for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Our school building will be closed during the duration of digital learning.

It is critical for students and families to understand that classes

are not canceled. PLEASE ACCESS [SCHOOLGY](#) FOR ASSIGNMENTS, RESOURCES, AND GRADE REPORTS.

The following digital learning schedule began in mid-April and will continue throughout the school year:

- Mondays: Teacher/Student Conferences (when necessary)
- Tuesdays: 'A' Day
- Wednesdays: 'B' Day
- Thursdays: 'C' Day
- Fridays: 'D' Day

Your feedback is so important to us as we strive to continuously improve our digital learning policies and processes. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to complete our very brief [digital learning feedback survey](#).

More information regarding digital learning at Josephinum can be viewed at josephinum.org/digitallearning.



*Juniors, Sophomores,
and Freshmen...*

**IT'S TIME TO
RE-ENROLL!**

It is time to register your student for the 2020-2021 school year! Log into your FACTS account to begin your registration today!

Families who are current in their student tuition and fee payments will be issued an electronic agreement to sign digitally to reserve your place for the upcoming school year.

Families who plan to re-enroll but have an outstanding tuition and/or fee balance for the current school year, please contact our Business Manager, Lillian Torres at (773) 628-7278 or lillian.torres@josephinum.org as soon as possible.



Fourth quarter is officially here!

Please reference schoolgy.com to check in on student grades.

Click here to view the [Flexible Grading](#) policy for the final quarter of the 2019-20 school year

If you need help logging into Schoology or if you would like a copy of the report by mail, please contact our Director of Curriculum and Programming, Renee Vai, at renee.vai@josephinum.org.

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) announced that all IB Diploma Programme exams scheduled between April 30 and May 22, 2020, will no longer be held. Seniors are still required to submit their internal assessment work, if they have not already. We are continuing to gather further details of their announcements and will communicate them to you as they are received. But if you have any questions at this



time please contact our IB Coordinator, Anne Ross at anne.ross@josephinum.org.



Josephinum will produce a free online version of the 2020-2021 'yearbook' which will be shared closer to the end of the school year.

Unfortunately, Josephinum will not have a printed yearbook this year. We express our sincere apologies to all those who were looking forward to purchasing a hardcopy yearbook.



Josephinum is proud to participate in the Big Shoulders Fund initiative to feed families in need during this difficult time. Through this initiative we have partnered with local businesses to provide free, fresh meals to Josephinum students and their families every Friday in May. For more information or to reserve meals for your family, contact Principal Schrantz at colleen.schrantz@josephinum.org.

Tuition Payment Reminders

During these uncertain times, please be assured that 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 in a timely manner each month. 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, even during these challenging times.**

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.

We understand that these are unusual times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you would like to request an adjustment on your current tuition payment amount or plan due to recent financial hardship (ex: loss of employment, reduced income, etc.), please submit a **COVID-19 Emergency Tuition Assistance Request Form** as soon as possible. All submissions will be reviewed by our Finance Team for verification and next steps.

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) 628-7278.

Cougar Pride!



Josephinum's National Honors Society (NHS) recorded a very important message to remind us all that although we are physically apart, **WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!**

School counselors are available to support students who may need additional academic, social, and emotional support during this time. To schedule a time to meet, contact our Director of Student Service, Yaritza DeJesus at yaritza.dejesus@josephinum.org.



On April 30th, Josephinum celebrated the Feast of Blessed Pauline and recognized the Class of 2021 in a virtual prayer service.

Normally, we would host a Mass service to pray for and celebrate this tremendous moment for the class of 2021 in-person. We encourage you and your family to take a moment today to pray for all of our students, families, faculty, staff, and volunteers.

Thank you to all of the students who contributed to creating the **Feast of Blessed Pauline & Junior Recognition Virtual Prayer Service 2020.**



On April 21st, Josephinum Academy hosted our first ever **Virtual Spring Storybook** in lieu of our annual Spring Luncheon. Our community leaned in and rallied to raise over 100% of our \$150,000 goal. A very special thank you to Michelle Medina, class of 2020, for sharing her Girls Without Limits experience with our community in the Spring Storybook.



Our faculty and staff at Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart are dedicated to supporting you and your Jo student(s).

We believe in Girls Without Limits!

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