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Welcome back, Jaguars!

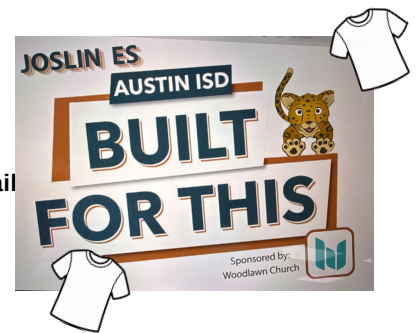
Welcome back new and returning Jaguars! We are excited to kick off another amazing school year filled with learning, growth, and fun. Whether you're joining the Joslin family for the first time or returning for another year, we're so glad you're here. Here's to a fantastic year of learning, friendship, and building our wonderful school community. Go Jaguars!



Principal's Corner

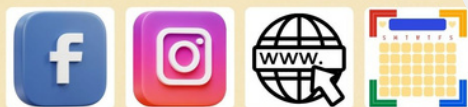
Welcome back, Jaguars! We are excited to begin another incredible school year and can't wait to see all that our students will accomplish.

- **Welcome our new teachers.** Ms. B (Music), PE Coach Valencia, and two new ONederland Staff, Ms. Wilson and Ms. Maddi, to the Joslin family while celebrating the return of nearly our entire teaching staff. Their dedication and commitment provide a strong foundation for student success.
 - **New role: Content Specialist.** Mrs. Fanning (library circulation and GT enrichment) and Ms. Beams (academic interventions)
- **AISD's theme this year is "Built for This"** and it perfectly reflects our campus. Together, our students, staff, and families are building a culture of excellence, collaboration, and belonging. A heartfelt thank you to Woodlawn for generously donating a Joslin T-shirt for every student and staff member!
- **Thank you to Sunrise Church** for continuing to support our campus and school community.
- **Community Partner Outreach.** We are always looking for community partners and sponsors who want to make a positive impact on our students and school.
- **Important Reminders**
 - **School Hours**
 - Campus opens: 7:00 a.m.
 - Arrival gates close: 7:40 a.m.
(Students arriving after this time are marked tardy.)
 - Attendance is taken at 9:45 a.m.
(Students must be present by this time to be counted for school funding.)
 - Dismissal: 3:10 p.m.
 - **Dismissal Procedures**
 - **Car rider pickup: Redd Street**
 - **Walk-up pickup: Cimarron Trail**
 - Pre-K and Life Skills dismissal procedures remain unchanged.
- **Attendance Matters!** Thank you for helping us improve attendance last year. Every day your child is at school supports their learning and directly impacts school funding—even when an absence is excused. If your child is absent, please submit documentation to the front office. Whenever possible, schedule appointments after 9:45 a.m. so your child is counted present for the day. We are only allowed to have up to 8 parent notes each year for excused absences. Regardless the type of absences, they will be counted toward truancy.
 - To help ensure a safe and efficient dismissal, please avoid checking students out after 2:30 p.m. During this time, staff are preparing for dismissal, which can result in longer wait times. Picking your child up early from school can negatively affect their attendance record and may contribute to truancy concerns, which could result in a truancy filing if attendance requirements are not met.



Thank you for partnering with us. Together, we're Built for This, and we're looking forward to an amazing year at Joslin!

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PTA membership must be renewed each year. Follow along so you don't miss anything.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Whether you have an hour or can take on a larger role, we'd love your help! We have volunteer opportunities for every interest and schedule. Several urgent positions still need to be filled, and many roles can be shared. Visit the Get Involved page at www.joslinpta.com or email joslinpta@gmail.com with your phone number, and we'll help you find the perfect fit. Our PTA and school thrive because of volunteers—thank you for supporting our Joslin community!

WELCOME 2026-2027 PTA Board!

President - Alex DeHoff	Teacher Representative - Madeline Miller
VP/Fundraising - Andrea Jacks	Communications Chair - Penelope Lim
Treasurer - Pam Chen	Volunteer Chair - OPEN
Secretary - Marie Catrett	Programs Chair - OPEN
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2026-2027 PTA Coordinators

Webmaster - Heather Cram	Room Parent Coordinator - Mindy Farmer
Graphic Artist - Tiffany Tripson	Yearbook Chair - Tiffany Tripson
Campus Beautification-Tom Grzinich	Social Media Content Creators - OPEN
Spanish Translator - Paco Medina	Staff Appreciation Coordinator - OPEN
Mandarin Translator - Carol Liang	Healthy Living Coordinator - OPEN

WE NEED YOU - Event Chair

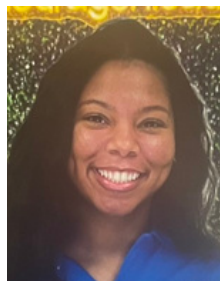
We're trying something new this year and asking our community to **chair an event**. Without additional volunteers, some events may not happen. Don't worry—you won't be doing it alone! We'll provide guidance and support, and events range from minimal to more involved. Interested in helping?
Email joslinpta@gmail.com!

- **Spooktacular**
- **Loteria Night**
- **Movie Night**
- **Trail of Lights**
- **Valentine's Dance**
- **Spirit Night**
- **STEAM Night**
- **Foam Party**

WELCOME NEW JAGUAR TEACHERS



Hi! My name is Coach Valencia and I'm so excited to be a Joslin Jaguar! I am a Texas State graduate and this will be my 12th year teaching PE. Some of my hobbies include reading, hiking, running, and spending time with my family. I am looking forward to meeting my students and having lots of fun in PE this year!



Hello! My name is Ms. Wilson, and I am excited to be part of the ONederland team this school year at Joslin. I look forward to getting to know your child, supporting their growth to help make this a successful and positive year.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, staying active, and exploring new places whenever I can.



Hi Jaggies! I'm Maddi Cummings, going by Ms. Maddi with ONederland this year! At my last district I was the Aquatics Coordinator and Swim Coach for 8 years. I moved to Austin this past fall from central Texas! I am super excited to be a part of Special Education and the Joslin Community!

Fun things about me is that I'm a very crafty person and this past summer I have picked up crocheting!

CONNECT

with other parents in your child's grade on Facebook in three quick steps.



Ms. Sofia Barberena (Ms. B) is excited to join the Joslin Elementary community as the music teacher! She previously taught elementary music in Austin ISD, where she directed choir, taught ukulele, prepared student performances, and created engaging musical experiences for students in grades EC-5.

Ms. B graduated from Texas State University with a degree in Music Studies and is certified to teach Music EC-12 in Texas. She is passionate about creating a joyful and welcoming music classroom where every student can build confidence through singing, playing instruments, creating, and performing.

Outside of school, Ms. B is busy planning her wedding and loves spending time with her fiancé, family, and her dog, Louie. She is so excited for a wonderful year of making music and memories with the students at Joslin!



August



**SCHOOL
SUPPLY LIST**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9	10	11	12	13	14 10a-12p: PTA play date 11a-12p: PK/K/New Joslin Student Orientation 12-1p: Meet the Teacher	15
16	17	18 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 7:45-8:30a: Boohoo Breakfast (library)	19 4-8p: Spirit Night (Amy's Ice Cream & Phil's on S. Lamar)	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 5:30-6:30p: PTA Meeting (library)	27	28	29
30	31					

COME TO THE NEXT

PTA MEETING

26 Aug

5:30 p.m.

@JOSLIN LIBRARY
KIDS WELCOME

but first... JOINPTA.ORG

SPIRIT NIGHT

Wed, Aug 19 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Amy's Ice Cream & Phil's Ice House (South Lamar)

Enjoy dinner & support the Joslin PTA!

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Birthday Fundraiser!
Celebrate your Jaguar's Birthday on the School marquee during their birth week!

\$5 PER CHILD

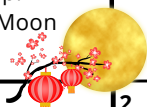
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OR CASH TO THE FRONT OFFICE

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September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:30-9:15a: Chat with Chang 	2	3	4	5
6	7 SCHOOL HOLIDAY	8	9	10 3:30-4:30p: CAC	11 5:30-7:30p: Loteria Night 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 STUDENT HOLIDAY	22	23 5:30-6:30p: PTA Meeting (library) 	24  5-6:30p: Back to School Night 6:30-7:30p: Autumn Moon Festival 	25	26
27	28	29	30	1 OCTOBER	2 Fall Individual Picture Day 	3

Renew your PTA Membership!

PTA membership must be renewed each year. Scan the QR code to join or renew today! A portion of your membership dues directly supports Joslin PTA. Thank you for supporting our Jaguars!

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LOTERIA NIGHT

FRI, SEPT 11

5:30 - 7:30 PM

@Joslin Cafeteria





Back to School & the Moon Festival

Thursday
Sept 24

5:30- Back to School
6:30- Moon Festival

