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Joslin Activities and Greetings

A collaboration of Joslin Elementary and Joslin PTA



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JOSLIN Trail of Lights
Fri, Dec. 12
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Festive Lights!

Crafts & Games

Silly String the Principal!

Snow Machine

Don't miss this magical winter event!

- Parent volunteer signup open →
- PTA Membership Drive ends (help us reach 150!) A raffle will determine who will get to silly string Principal Chang!

On **Friday, December 12**, come watch the magic ignite At our **4th Annual Joslin Trail of Lights**, glowing merry and bright.

But we need helpers galore—elves for booths and cocoa too Extra lights or décor to loan? We'd love a little help from you! Donations and sponsors welcome to keep our cocoa warm and sweet.

Volunteers are needed now for home prep—and in-person starting December 10—to make the trail complete.

And here's a bonus bit of cheer to give our spirits a lift:

If we reach 150 PTA members by Trail of Lights,

A few lucky kids—chosen by raffle—will get the chance to fling

A blizzard of colorful silly string at Principal Chang!

So join the fun, support our school, and help the season shine

Together we'll make Joslin glow, one sparkling light at a time.

welcome to the Library

Mrs. Gibbs' website

Principal's Corner

On November 20, the AISD Board voted on the district's school consolidation plan. While no changes are planned for Joslin for the 2026-27 school year, this does not mean our work is done. Adjustments for future years are still expected, and continued advocacy will be essential as next year's planning begins.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who showed up at meetings, spoke up, wrote emails, and made sure the Board heard loud and clear that Joslin is here to stay. Our community's voice truly made a difference—and we'll need that same energy moving forward.

• **Continued advocacy.**

- Planning for the Future: We're beginning the planning process to strengthen our program which will affect the trilingual pathway.
- Expanding Early Learning: We continue to explore the opportunity to add Pre-K Mandarin.
- Join Us: Our next CAC Meeting is December 11. Come learn more about the potential changes. Your voice and partnership matter as we shape our path forward.
- Community Ambassadors: We're shifting focus to connecting with families interested in Joslin and ensuring they feel welcomed. Every positive story helps!

• **Strong Attendance.** Our attendance continues to shine at ~96%, above the AISD average. Huge kudos to our students, families, and to Ms. Cris for her support.

• **Budget Update.** Although districtwide enrollment declines and affects funding, the impact to Joslin is minimal—we're short only \$1,600 this year.

• **HAPPY RETIREMENT Ms. Nafey! THANK YOU for your dedication to Joslin for the past 9 years. You will be missed!**

Together, we will continue to build a strong future for Joslin. Have a happy and safe holiday break and New Year!

PTA Updates



**REMEMBER
JOSLIN**
IN YOUR

END OF YEAR GIVING!
Tax deductible, EIN: 74-6085697

QR code | Venmo @Joslin-PTA | Sponsor @joslinpta.com /sponsor | PayPal joslinpta@gmail.com | QR code

Special Education Appreciation Week Dec. 1-5

Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. DeLeon, Ms. D,
Ms. G, Ms. Garcia-Galeana, Ms.
Joey, Ms. Lara, Ms. Lozano, Ms.
Meyer, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Nafey, Ms.
Ochoa, Ms. S, Ms. Slama, Ms.
Sukenic

RECESS Recess Giveback Program

Need help with your child after school til 6 pm, school holidays, or summer breaks? Recess is a resource that offers programs for all ages. For a limited time, receive 20% off (no limit) all programs by entering school code **JoslinFam** and in the school code box enter **Joslin20**. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to Joslin PTA! Fine the full flyer in the front office.



**THANK YOU
TO OUR SPONSORS & PARTNERS**

RECESS  **St David's
FOUNDATION**
Dental Program

 **WORKFORCE
SOLUTIONS** Capital Area
Connecting People to Jobs

 **DOT
ROCKS!**
AUSTIN PROPERTIES

 **KEEPING GREATER
AUSTIN**
KIDS ACTIVE & ENGAGED

Garden Work Day Success - November 15

We had a fantastic turnout at our November Garden Work Day! Our main project was setting up two new "U-Pick" veggie and herb beds—free for anyone in the Joslin community to harvest from. These beds, labeled Victory Gardens in the Monarch Garden, are stocked with kale, lettuces, rainbow chard, Asian greens, mint, thyme, oregano, and more. A huge thank-you to Tom Grzinich, who will be maintaining and reseeded them to keep the produce fresh and plentiful.

Volunteers also spent the morning weeding and mulching the veggie beds, refreshing the Monarch Garden, and planting new perennials that will bring beautiful spring blooms. The Monarch Garden whiteboard is being repaired. Come see the new and improved blackboard after the break!

Don't forget to join us for the next Garden Work Days on December 13 and January 31. All are welcome—no experience needed!

Another GOLDEN Movie Night

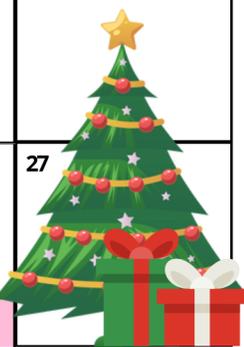


On November 14, the PTA Movie Night was a festive hit! Families enjoyed *K-Pop Demon Hunters*, warm ramen with all the toppings, soda pop, and glow-in-the-dark paint that lit up the night.

Thank you PTA, for another GOLDEN evening—we're up, up, up and ready for the holiday season!



December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Hosted by Joslin PTA	1 Student Council Food Drive Begins 	2 8:30-9:15a: Chat with Chang 	3	4. 7-7:20a: Run Club 	5 All Library books DUE Joslin Jingle Bell Run 3:15-4:15p: Silat <i>+Jingle+ Bells+</i>	6
	Special Education Staff Appreciation Week					
7 5-8p: Woodlawn Christmas Experience (Woodlawn Baptist Church)	8	9	10 5-6p: Holiday Concert (K-2)	11 7-7:20a: Run Club* 3:30p: CAC 5-6p: Holiday Concert (3rd-5th) 	12 Academy 4 Student Council Food Drive ends 5:30-7:30p: PTA Trail of Lights*	13 9-11a: Garden Work Day (all are welcome)* 
	BOOK FAIR / AISD Inclusive School Week					
14 Happy Hanukkah 	15	16	17	18 7-7:20a: Run Club* 	19 End of 2nd Grading Period Leaders 5 Schoolwide pajama day (if food drive goal met) 3:15-4:15p: Silat	20 
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
WINTER BREAK						
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			
WINTER BREAK						

Joslin P.E. Newsletter
SAVE the DATE

Joslin Jingle Bell Run
Friday December 5th @ Joslin Park Track

Our PE Department is excited to announce our *Second Joslin Jingle Bell Run*. Wear something comfortable maybe even a santa suit, elf costume, or anything with jingle bells (for the run only)!!! Parents are encouraged to bring any jingle bell noisemakers!! Coaches and volunteers, please arrive Joslin Park Track by 8:30 AM. We really would like this to be a school-wide event to bring students and families together along with our wonderful staff!

- 9:10am - 9:40am - Prek, K, 1st , & 3rd
- 9:45am - 10:15am - 2nd Grade
- 10:30am - 11:00am - 4th Grade
- 11:00am - 11:30am - 5th Grade

Please if available donations of healthy snacks are greatly appreciated mandarin oranges, granola bars, banana's.. Etc. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the PE department
adrian.r.marqueze@austinisd.org

JOSLIN STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE
CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK

DONATE TO THE CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK
BRING UNEXPIRED & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Or donate on our special link!



Monday December 1 to Friday, December 12

GOAL: 500 Items or dollar\$

To earn a PAJAMA DAY on Friday, Dec. 19!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Ask Ms Turner or Ms Hansen
stephanie.turner@austinisd.org karen.hansen@austinisd.org

Joslin BOOK FAIR

Dec. 8 - 12

Mon: 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Tue: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Wed: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Thu: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Fri: 8:00 am - 10:00 am



E-wallet, cash, card, Apple Pay
Also, donations welcome!

<https://tinyurl.com/joslinbookfair25>

Need Volunteer!

Scan  Career Day




January



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 School Board Recognition Month 	2	3
				WINTER BREAK		
4	5	6 Spring Semester Begins 8:30-9:15a: Chat with Chang 	7	8 7-7:20a: Run Club* 3:30p: CAC 	9 3:15-4:15p: Silat	10
	STUDENT HOLIDAY					
11	12	13	14	15 7-7:20a: Run Club* 	16 Leaders 5 3:15-4:15p: Silat 5:30-7p: Joslin Science Fair (cafeteria)	17
18	19 MLK Jr. Day Holiday SCHOOL HOLIDAY	20	21 3:30p: PTA Meeting* 	22 7-7:20a: Run Club* 	23 Academy 4 3:15-4:15p: Silat	24
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& January 31
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Once a month




JOSLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Science Fair
JANUARY 16TH 2026
JOSLIN CAFETERIA 5:30-7:00 PM