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Joslin Activities and Greetings

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The new school entrance and front office is still under construction and will face Cimarron Trail. There are no changes to the school start date and arrival/dismissal locations remain the same. We will continue to open the gate to the old front entrance for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. The Joslin team will continue to operate fully from the main hallway.

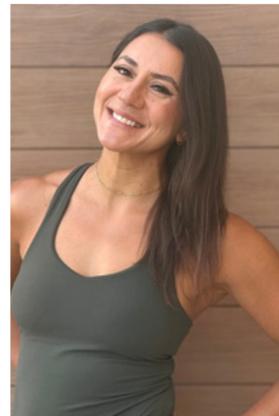
PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As we begin this exciting new school year, we are grateful for your partnership and commitment to our students' success. Please see the latest updates:

- School Consolidation.** Thank you to those who submitted feedback to create the tool to guide the AISD School Consolidation decision making process. Now you can access the School Consolidation Data Rubric from the Story Map and review the score for each school (based on the campus' size, condition, number of students, and how much it costs to run). The highest score a school can get is a 5, which means a big mismatch between the school's size, number of students, building condition, and/or cost. Joslin received a 3.56. However, this is NOT a school closure list that will take place in the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. Please review the information for the next steps or attend PTA/CAC meetings for updates.
- STAAR & School Rating.** Teachers and students are working hard to adapt to the new STAAR test format.
 - Preliminary rating based on Spring results:
 - Projected to improve from a C (2023-24) to a high B for 2024-25!
- New School Schedule (2025-26).**
 - 7:00 AM – Cafeteria doors open
 - 7:30 AM – Breakfast (free for students)
 - 7:40 AM – Instruction begins (arrival after this is marked tardy)
 - 9:45 AM – Attendance taken
 - 2:00 PM – Avoid picking up students unless it's a true emergency
 - 3:10 PM – Dismissal
 - To ensure safety, please avoid pickups between 2:30 – 3:00 PM
- Attendance Reminders.** Attendance is taken at 9:45 AM daily. This is key for funding—even absences with notes (excused or not) can affect school resources. The best window for appointments is between 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM. Excessive tardy and absence will affect your child's transfer status.
 - Mental health days are not excused under state funding rules, and still count against attendance.
 - Help the school by ensuring students are here on time and not picked up early.
- New AISD Rule.** No student cellphones or smart watches allowed during the school day. Scan the QR code to read more!
- Transportation & Parking.** Please do not block the bus lane in front of the school by the marquee. Park in designated areas, which includes the Woodlawn Church lot.
- Communication.** The most recent parent email was sent in July. If you'd like to add another guardian's email, email ChaoLin.Chang@austinisd.org



Welcome Message From PTA President



Hello and welcome new and returning Jaguar families! My name is Sabrina Joy and this is my second year as Joslin's PTA President. This year, I have a 3rd grade and Pre-K student on campus.

Our PTA accomplished so much last year thanks to the unique

talents of parent volunteers just like you!

Notably, we hosted our first ever Jog-a-thon and raised enough money to install a new sport court and fancy basketball hoops! Our garden committee revitalized our monarch garden by installing pavers, seating, and a wonderland of native plants. We spoiled our teachers, supported special cultural nights, hosted a Talent Show and so much more!

Make no mistake, feats like these are not easily accomplished on other small campuses. Principal Chang fully trusts our PTA leadership and our success would not be possible without his support! Additionally, we are a community of do-ers. When Joslin parents see a problem, we become our own heroes and tackle it! What a great example for our students!!

As we begin this school year, know that your children are in a truly special place surrounded by the most loving, small community. Become a part of it - volunteer, attend a PTA meeting (now at 3:30pm!), or say hi to a new face around campus.

We have so much planned for this year and I invite you to be a part of it!

PTA Updates



Calling All Room Parents!

We are currently in need of Room Parents for every classroom this school year! Room Parents play a vital role in supporting our teachers and creating a fun, organized classroom environment for our students.

While responsibilities may vary slightly depending on the teacher's needs, Room Parents can expect to assist with tasks such as:

- Assisting with door and hallway decorations
- Organizing class parties (winter holidays, end-of-year, etc.)
- Coordinating classroom activities and events
- Helping make copies

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jessica Sanders, Room Parent Coordinator and Teacher Appreciation Chair, at jess.o.sanders@gmail.com to sign up or learn more.

Your support makes a big difference—thank you for considering!

The New Black is BLUE!

THANK YOU PTA for our much needed new blacktop! Or perhaps we should call it a bluetop now? Thanks to the PTA's Jog-a-thon last school year, we raised over \$16,000 to spruce up the Joslin outdoor space. The PTA approved the remaining costs to make it happen.



2025-2026 PTA

Board Members

President - Sabrina Joy
 VP/Fundraising - Dot Aikman
 Parliamentarian - Mindy Farmer
 Secretary - Alex Dehoff
 Treasurer - Pam Chen

PTA Committee Leads

Campus Beautification - Allie Cassel
 Communication - Penelope Lim
 Healthy Living - Josephine Tidwell
 Room Parent Coordinator - Jessica Sanders
 Teacher Appreciation - Jessica Sanders
 Yearbook - Crystal Chen



OPEN PTA POSITIONS

Membership Chair – Leads PTA membership campaigns, primarily in the fall. Responsibilities include managing memberships and engaging with parents.

Programs Chair – helps coordinate school programs that promote educational enrichment and equity.

Hospitality Chair – supports fun events and efforts that make Joslin a fun place to go to school and work

Joslin PTA
 Birthday Fundraiser
 Celebrate your Jaguar's Birthday
 on the School Marquee
 During their BirthWeek!



\$5 Per Child

1. Follow QR Link and Fill out Form
2. PAY VENMO (Joslin-PTA)

OR Cash to Cris or Maddie in Office



JOIN JOSLIN PTA

Parent-Teacher Association
 AISD "PTA OF THE YEAR"
 2022-2023 School Year

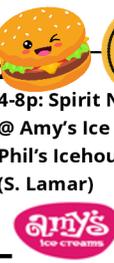
SCAN TO JOIN PTA NOW.
 YOU MUST RENEW YOUR
 MEMBERSHIP EVERY
 YEAR.





August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 *Hosted by Joslin PTA	11	12	13	14 	15 9-11a: PTA Playdate* 11a-12p: New student orientation 12-1p: Meet and Greet your teacher	16
17	18	19 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 7:45-8:30a: Boo-hoo Breakfast (library)*	20 4-8p: Spirit Night @ Amy's Ice Cream & Phil's Icehouse* (S. Lamar) 	21	22 3:15-4:15p: Silat	23
24	25	26	27 PTA Meeting 3p: Board 3:30p: General* 	28	29 3:15-4:15p: Silat	30 8-10a: Garden Work Day (all are welcome)* 

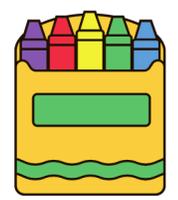
31 Survey DUE



Help the PTA! Take the PTA Survey Scan the QR code by 8/31



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST





COME TO THE NEXT

PTA MEETING

27 Aug

17 Sep

3:30 p.m.

@JOSLIN LIBRARY

but first... JOINPTA.ORG




JOIN US FOR

BACK TO SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT

BENEFITTING JOSLIN PTA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

4-8 PM

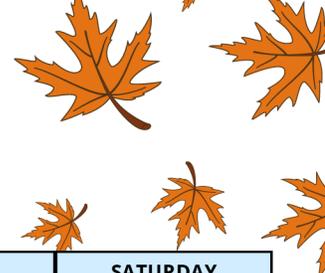
2901 SOUTH LAMAR

Mention Joslin Elementary! The more meals, gift cards or individual desserts purchased throughout the day, a larger percent of sales will be shared with Joslin!





September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
National Hispanic Heritage Month	1 LABOR DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY	2 8:30-9:15a: Chat with Chang 	3	4 6:45-7:20a: Run Club NEW*	5 3:15-4:15p: Silat	6
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21	22	23	24 5-6p: Back to School Night 6-6:30p: Title I Meeting (cafeteria)	25 6:45-7:20a: Run Club NEW*	26 8a: Student Council Election 3:15-4:15p: Silat	27 8-10a: Garden Work Day (all are welcome)*
	STUDENT HOLIDAY		Teacher Assistant Appreciation Week			
28	29	30 *Hosted by Joslin PTA				



Joslin PTA Presents...

LOTERIA NIGHT!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
5:30-7:30 PM
JOSLIN CAFETERIA

CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE, WIN PRIZES, AND PLAY THIS FUN BINGO-STYLE GAME WITH FRIENDS!
 ALL JOSLIN FAMILIES ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

WWW.JOSLINPTA.COM
JOSLINPTA@GMAIL.COM



JOSLIN Garden DAY

Sat. Aug 30 & Sept 27
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Once a month

Welcome New Jaguar Staff



Ms. Beavers
Music Teacher

She is an enthusiastic plant parent and dog mom from Georgetown, Texas. She graduated from the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University with a Masters of Music focusing on bassoon. After spending years privately teaching strings, woodwinds, and piano she is excited to share her love of music with Joslin Elementary.



Ms. Maddy - Office Staff

I am 27 years old and have two boys. Since I can remember growing up in Illinois and Arizona, I've seen the ends and outs of the education system, watching my own mother as a teacher. I have done years of volunteer work, through my mom's and in my own school years. I have always admired all the hard work I've seen the staff put into creating a wonderful environment for the students and rest of the community. And now I am so grateful to have my own role to be a part of it! Fun facts about myself is are that I'm a huge nerd, books, movies, anime, cartoons. You name it I've probably read it or watched it! But that doesn't stop me from enjoying the outdoors as well. I love to play softball and go for a nice hike. I also enjoy writing and painting. I don't like to cook but I love to eat! I am excited to be here!



Ms. Wei
2nd/3rd Mandarin

I was born and raised in Beijing and speak Mandarin with native fluency. After earning my degree in mechanical engineering from a top university, I joined a leading German firm and helped establish its operations in China. Inspired by my child's teacher in the U.S., I transitioned into bilingual elementary education—dedicating my energy to helping children thrive through language and cultural connection. Fun fact: I love connecting with people from diverse backgrounds and enjoy traveling with family and young learners to explore geological wonders and discover innovative ways of understanding the world.



Ms. Chen - Speech Pathologist

Hello! My name is Holly Chen and I'm one of the three speech pathologists at Joslin. This is my twelfth year with AISD. Prior to Joslin, I lived and served at campuses in North Austin. I speak conversational Mandarin and Cantonese and took Spanish in middle and high school. My daughter will be a first grader in the Mandarin program so I'm really hoping to hear and speak more Mandarin and Spanish at Joslin!



Ms. Cisneroz - School Psychologist

Ms. Cisneroz is a bilingual school psychologist with a strong foundation in education, having previously served as both a bilingual and special education teacher. She brings a collaborative approach to supporting students' academic, behavioral, and emotional needs, and is committed to working closely with families and staff to promote student success. A fun fact: she's originally from Barranquilla, Colombia—the same hometown as Shakira and Sofía Vergara!



Mr. Martinez - Teacher Assistant

Hello! My name is Justin Martinez and I graduated from Texas State University with a degree in English and a minor in Media Studies. I was born and raised in Austin and both of my parents taught as I grew up, so I look forward to gaining experience in the sort of spaces they worked hard in. I enjoy walking my dogs and tending to the few plants that are under my care. I prefer coffee to tea and enjoy going to live music and long conversations with my good friends.



Mrs. Medina - 2nd Spanish

My name is Rocio, you can call me Ms. Medina. I am an experienced teacher in Spain and now I am here with my family to teach at Joslin Elementary School. This is my first year in Austin and I'm so excited to be part of the Joslin Jaguars family. I am an outgoing and cheerful person; I love teaching and doing participatory projects with my colleagues and students. In my free time, I love traveling, exploring new places, exploring other cultures, and learning about everything. My other great passion is art. I'm a sculptor and make jewelry that tell beautiful stories.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Shout out to the Southwest Office Depot location for their continuous support! This location collects donations for schools and this school year we received a \$2400 gift card!



September 24, 2025

**5:00-6:00P
BACK TO SCHOOL**

**6:00-6:30P
TITLE I MEETING
(CAFETERIA)**

JOSLIN ELEMENTARY RUNNING CLUB

Starting September

EVERY THURSDAY 6:45-7:20AM

Joslin Park

We need parent volunteers! Please reach out to joslinpta@gmail.com if you are interested.

MAKE SURE TO
FOLLOW PTA
EVERYWHERE!

FACEBOOK
INSTAGRAM
JOSLINPTA.COM
GOOGLE CALENDAR
JOSLINPTA@GMAIL.COM

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

**DON'T FORGET TO
COMPLETE THE AISD
ABSENT FORM FOR
ANY MISSED SCHOOL**

ABSENCE NOTE?

SUBMIT WITH QR CODE!