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Joslin Activities and Greetings

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HONORING SAFETY: From Sergeant Jerry Joslin to Mr. Zolio Orduna



Did you know our school was named after Sergeant Jerry Joslin, an Austin Police Department officer who dedicated 11 years to the traffic division? Sergeant Joslin worked closely with schools to organize and direct student safety patrols, earning the admiration of students and teachers citywide for his kindness and leadership.

He tragically passed away in 1953, and his portrait proudly hangs in our main office as a reminder of his lasting legacy of safety and service. Joslin Elementary was built soon after, between 1954 and 1956, to honor his memory.

Carrying that same spirit of care and safety today is our beloved crossing guard, Mr. Zolio Orduna. Rain or shine, he's there every morning and afternoon helping families cross safely. Mr. Orduna has been part of the Joslin community for 11 years and has called Austin home for 23 years after moving from Brooklyn, where he spent two decades working in corporate life.

Originally from Puebla, Mexico, Mr. Orduna says he doesn't have many favorites—no favorite food or color—but he does enjoy coffee with cream and a sweet treat in the morning. We're so grateful for his steady presence, warm smile, and dedication to keeping our Jaguars safe every day. When you see him, be sure to share a smile, a high five, or even a friendly fist bump!



Principal's Corner

As we enter this season of thanks, I want to share how truly delightful it is to work with our amazing students and families each day.

School Consolidation Update: AISD's vote for the School Consolidation Plan is scheduled for Nov. 20. Thank you to everyone who continues to stay engaged.

Playground Access: Joslin's playground is not open to the public under the new AISD Public Use of Schoolyards policy. We are one of only three schools board-approved for restricted access to ensure student safety. If you hear differently from families at other schools, no need for concern—Joslin's status is confirmed.

NEW Joslin PTA Website! A big thank-you to Heather Cram for refreshing the PTA website—it looks fantastic and makes it easier than ever to stay connected! Check it out - www.joslinpta.com

Thanksgiving Family Lunch: Ticket pre-sale is Nov 10-19.

- Joslin students - free
- All others - \$5.25 per person (Cash or Check - payable to AISD Food Service)
- Last day for refunds - 11/19/25 (All tickets that are not redeemed on 11/20/25 are non-refundable.)

Thanksgiving Lunch 2025

Almuerzo de Acción de Gracias 2025

Entrée Options - Opciones de platos principal

<p>GF</p> <p>Oven Roasted Turkey</p> <p>Pavo asado al horno</p>	<p>Or</p>	<p>GF</p> <p>Lentil Chili Frito Pie</p> <p>Frito Pie de lentejas con chile</p>
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Sides & Condiments - Acompañantes y Condimentos

<p>GF</p> <p>Seasoned Green Beans</p> <p>Frijoles sazonados</p>	<p>GF</p> <p>Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>Puré de papas con ajo asado</p>	<p>GF</p> <p>Berry Cherry Crisp</p> <p>Postre crujiente de cereza y bayas</p>
<p>GF</p> <p>Whole Wheat Dinner Roll</p> <p>Panecillo de trigo integral</p>	<p>GF</p> <p>Cranberry Sauce</p> <p>Salsa de arándano</p>	<p>GF</p> <p>Gravy</p> <p>Salsa para el pavo</p>

All meals served with the option of milk, or tea for adults.
Todas las comidas se sirven con la opción de una leche o té para adultos.

PTA Updates

Help Bring Our Events to Life!

We're trying something new this year! Our Hospitality Chair position has been vacant, so we're asking for volunteers to help when you know you may have more time to help plan coordinate an event like Movie Night, the Dumpling Making Party, Valentine's Dance, Trail of Lights, and more. Email joslinpta@gmail.com!

Leading even one event can make a big difference — and help make it even better than last year!

Spirit Night Success!



Thank you to everyone who joined us at P. Terry's on Ben White on October 14. Together, we raised \$373 from their profits that evening.

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1. **Joslin Elementary School**

923 followers • 177 following

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2. Click on "More" header

3. Click on "Groups" & join yours!

Videos

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Groups

School Psychologist Appreciation Week Nov. 3 - 7

Carmen Cisneros

Healthy Living Night

On October 6, our PTA team—Josephine Tidwell (Healthy Living Chair) and Andrea Jacks (Programs Chair)—organized an incredible lineup of booths promoting healthy living with nutritious snacks, healthcare career spotlights, yoga, movement, and mental wellness. Add that to our annual Autumn Moon Festival, and it was one big celebration of health, culture, and community!



Garden Days Growing Strong!

On September 27 and October 18, our Campus Beautification Committee led by Chair Allie Cassel hosted their second and third Garden Work Days. You may have noticed refreshed picnic tables, new classroom signs, and veggies beginning to sprout! Classrooms are now fully integrating their gardens into daily learning, bringing lessons to life.

Our next Garden Work Day is Saturday, November 17! Everyone is welcome to join and help keep our campus beautiful. Big shoutout to parent Taylor Popp for repairing and prepping all our wobbly picnic tables and outdoor chairs—thank you for your hard work!



Spooktacular SUCCESS!

October 24 was a monster mash to remember! 🎃 Our Joslin community raised around \$5,000—a spooktacular success thanks to the leadership of Mindy Farmer and Sabrina Joy, and Haunted House Coordinator Tina Walker.

A special shoutout to Pam Chen, Tina's main partner in setting up the Haunted House, and to our wonderful helpers Jessica Sanders, Rebecca Breest, Sandra Liu, and so many more who gave their time and creativity to make this event unforgettable. Extra thanks to Dot for the silent disco, Marilyn for the spooky graveyard, and our amazing custodians, Ms. Maritza and Ms. Oliva, who worked 14-hour days to make it all happen. We couldn't have done it without our incredible volunteers, sponsors, and families! 💜💛💚



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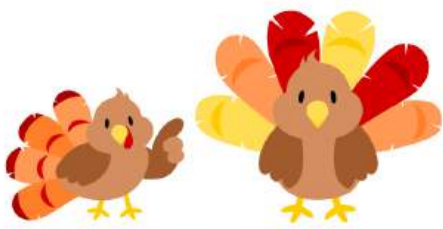


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November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Hosted by Joslin PTA						1 <i>Native American Heritage Month</i>
2 	3 8:30-9:15a: Chat with Chang 	4 VOTE! STUDENT HOLIDAY	5	6 7-7:20a: Run Club* 	7 Make up Fall Picture Day 	8 10:30a-1:30p: AISD Preliminary Plan Q&A Session (Districtwide) Delco Activity Center
School Psychologists Appreciation Week						
9	10 Thanksgiving Family Lunch Ticket Sales begin	11 	12	13 7-7:20a: Run Club* 3:30p: CAC 	14 Academy 4 5:30-7:30p: PTA Movie Night* (Kpop Demon Hunters)	15 8-10a: Garden Work Day (all are welcome)* 
16	17	18	19 Thanksgiving Family Lunch Ticket Sales ends 3:30p: PTA Meeting* 	20 Thanksgiving Family Lunch School Consolidation Final Vote 7-7:20a: Run Club* 	21 Leaders 5	22
23	24	25	26	27 HAPPY THANKS GIVING	28	29
FALL BREAK						
30						



COME TO THE NEXT

PTA MEETING

19 Nov 3:30 p.m.

@JOSLIN LIBRARY
KIDS WELCOME

but first... JOINPTA.COM

GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY AT EVERY MEETING

JOSLIN Garden DAY

Saturday, November 15
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Once a month



KPOP DEMON HUNTERS



MOVIE NIGHT

FRI, NOV 14 @ 5:30 PM

IN THE CAFETERIA! BRING WATER BOTTLES & BLANKETS