



# THE JAG

Joslin Activities and Greetings  
A collaboration of Joslin Elementary and Joslin PTA



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## JOSLIN'S 2ND ANNUAL TRAIL OF LIGHTS



Don't miss Joslin's 2nd Annual Trail of Lights!  
Last year, ornaments were decorated  
Photo ops were galore  
And those who were present had hot cocoa and more!  
This year, December 15th is the day to remember.  
Don't be late as we will close at 8!  
The PTA would appreciate lights and donations  
To make this year's event have even more decorations.  
Don't forget we need help to plan and illuminate  
We can't do it without our volunteers to participate.



## PTA FALL SEMESTER SUMMARY

- \$14,687 raised
- 5 Teacher / Staff Lunches and 5 Appreciation days hosted
- 15 Room Parents Assigned
- 4 PTA Newsletters
- New Joslin T-shirts, Student design contest
- \$3,000 Story Wranglers funded
- "Leaders in Me" funding approved
- 5 Jaggy classroom grants approved
- 8 PTA Events:** PTA Playdate, Loteria, Spooktacular, Spirit Night, Healthy Living Night, Trolls Movie, Family Game Night etc.,
- Campus Beautification:** PreK Water Wall, PEAS program, Monarch garden site prep complete, \$3,000 Grant awarded

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- **2023 has been a whirlwind!** It's hard to believe fall semester is coming to an end soon. We accomplished many things this school year.
  - We increased our enrollment numbers. Thank you parents for trusting us with your kids and working with us as a team.
  - Shout out to the many green campus improvement projects made possible by our Joslin PTA Campus Beautification Chair (Allie Cassel) and the building safety improvements made possible with the Austin ISD Bond
  - Thank you to the Joslin staff, students, and parents for welcoming our new teachers this year and making them feel like part of the Joslin Jaguar family.
- **2024.** I look forward to an even better new year with new resolutions. One resolution is to meet our registration goal of 80% students registered by March, 90 % by April, and 100% by May! Registration is open now. Visit the Austin ISD Parent Portal.
- **Leader in Me.** Beginning in January, during General Assembly, I will start integrating the 'Leader in Me' program. This month all staff has been trained on the curriculum which consists of the 7 habits listed below. Teachers will reinforce the 'Leader in Me' philosophy in class time.
  - Habit 1: Be Proactive
  - Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind
  - Habit 3: Put First Things First
  - Habit 4: Think Win-Win
  - Habit 5: Seek First to Understand Then to be Understood
  - Habit 6: Synergize
  - Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw



**SPOOKTACULAR WAS A SUCCESS!** Please extend a huge thank you to the Spooktacular Committee, local business sponsors, volunteers, and Joslin families for dressing up and showing up to the biggest event of the year! This year, Joslin PTA constructed a very scary haunted house and for the first time ever, a groovy silent disco that inspired big and little Jaguars to dance all night long! Unfortunately, the grand debut of the spooky graveyard will be delayed until next year as rain flooded the front courtyard on the day. Despite the downpour, Jaguar families, alumni, and community showed up for Joslin and helped bring in over \$5,000 in ticket sales! Thanks to the generosity of Joslin's community sponsors (listed below), PTA was able to cover all costs of running the event. The money raised from tickets will go directly into our school, classrooms, and teachers! To learn more about how PTA will spend these funds, come to our next PTA meeting on January 17 at 5:30pm!

**THANK  
you**  
TO OUR  
SPONSORS



**Samuels Family**

**Sauceda Family**

**Tsui Family**

**Grayson Family**

Special Education Teacher  
Appreciation Week  
December 4-8

Ms. Deleon  
Ms. Deveny  
Ms. Garcia Galeana  
Ms. Genovese  
Ms. Hucke  
Ms. Meyer  
Ms. Miller  
Coach Wand

You make us feel special every day!

**WE'RE HAVING A  
BOOK FAIR!**

**December 11 - 15**

During School Hours

Monday (Preview Day) - 8:00 AM-3:00PM  
Tuesday-Thursday - 8:00 AM-3:00PM  
Friday - 8:00 AM-10:00 AM

Afterschool

Monday - 3:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Tuesday - 3:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Wednesday - 3:00 PM - 6:15 PM (PreK- 2nd  
Music Performance Night)  
Thursday - 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM (3rd-5th Music  
Performance Night)  
Friday - Closed



**Please bring extra money for tax.**



# DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Word of the Month</b> <b>CURIOSITY curiosidad 好奇 [Hàoqí]</b>					1 Student Council Food Drive for Central Texas Food Bank begins (ends 12/15)	2
3	4	5 3:15p-5pm-Trail of Lights -Work Day*	6	7 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts	8	9 *9a - 12p: Monarch Garden Volunteer Day
Special Education Appreciation Week / Student Council Food Drive						
10 1-3p:Trail of Lights-Work Day*	11 K-4 Human Sexuality & Responsibility (HSR) lessons begin	12 8:15-9 a: Coffee with the Principal 9:15-11a: Covington Middle School field trip (5th grade)	13 Winter Concert (PK-2) 5:30p: PK/K 6:30p: 1st/2nd *5pm-7pm- Trail Lights Work day	14 12p: Covington Fine Arts visit 3:30p: CAC Winter Concert 5:30p: 3rd/4th	15 Academy 4 *6-8p: Joslin's Trail of Lights	16 Snowman illustration
BOOK FAIR (Library) / Student Council Food Drive				6p: Joslin Choir 6:30p: 5th		
17	18 Leaders 5	19	20 Grading cycle ends K-4 HSR ends Pajama day (if meet food drive goal)	21	22	23
				WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL		
24 Christmas Eve	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30 *Hosted by Joslin PTA
						WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL
31 New Year's Eve	Welcome 2024					

2nd Annual  
**JOSLIN TRAIL OF LIGHTS**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15  
6:00PM - 8:00PM  
BLACKTOP ENTRANCE

**VOLUNTEER**

- LIGHT DISPLAYS
- HOT COCOA
- GAMES
- CRAFTS

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**January events** are located on the next page!

**Jaguar of the Week**

12/4-12/8: Integrity in a Difficult Situation  
 12/11-12/15: Modeling Integrity with Honesty  
 12/18-12/20: Modeling Curiosity by Asking Good Questions

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**Thinking about end of the year donations and tax credits?** Please consider making a monetary donation to the Joslin PTA!  
 We will provide you a tax receipt for your donation! Scan the QR code to donate now! We aren't able to have these events without your generosity! Happy Holidays!

**Joslin Elementary Student Council Food Drive**  
Supporting the Central Texas Food Bank

**Hurry! Bring in your Non-Perishable Foods!**

OR  
Give with our Joslin donation link!

Drive ends **Friday, December 15, 2023**  
 If we collect at least 400 items (or cash equivalent of \$400), we will earn a PAJAMA DAY on Wednesday, December 20 (last day before the break!)



# JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Hosted by Joslin PTA	1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3	4	5	6
	WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL					
7	8 Staff Development Day	9 BACK to SCHOOL	10	11 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts 3:30p: CAC	12 Academy 4	13
	Student Holiday	Students Return				
14	15 *HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY*	16 8:15-9 a: Coffee with the Principal (front office) 	17 PTA Meeting* 5p: Board 5:30p: General 	18 1-3p: Covington visits 5th graders 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts	19 5-7p: Dumpling Making Party* 5-7p: Science Fair	20
	HOLIDAY					
21	22 Leaders 5	23 PK Vision/Hearing Screening 	24	25 3:15-4:15p: Silat Martial Arts	26	27
28	29	30	31 HAPPY 100 Days OF SCHOOL	<b>Word of the Month</b> <b>COURAGE coraje 勇气 [Yǒngqì]</b>		
School Volunteer Appreciation Week						

**Joslin PTA**

## DUMPLING MAKING PARTY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19  
5:00-7:00 PM

**JOSLIN CAFETERIA**

JOIN US DURING OR AFTER THE SCIENCE FAIR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

VOLUNTEER HERE

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## LOST & FOUND

**WANTED: Lost coats and water bottles looking for their owners! Find us on the lost and found rack located in the lunchroom hallway!**

**Jan. 31 - 100 Days of School:**  
Happy 100 days! Come to school expressing "100" in your own style!

**February highlights...**

- Feb. 9: Parent Conferences
- Feb. 12 - Mar. 1: Read-a-thon
- Feb. 13: Coffee with the Principal
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day Craft
- Feb. 16: Lunar New Year Celebration
- Feb. 19: Student/Staff Holiday

**FOLLOW US!**

Joslin Elementary PTA, Parents and Staff

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**Jaguar of the Week**

- 1/9-1/12: Modeling Curiosity by Being a Good Observer
- 1/16-1/19: Modeling Curiosity by excelling in Science
- 1/22-1/26: Being Curious about a New Topic
- 1/29-2/2: Showing Courage by Completing a Hard Task

