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Joslin Activities and Greetings

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WELCOME BACK JAGUARS!

Joslin PTA is excited for the 2023-24 school year! We knocked it out of the park last year by winning the AISD Elementary PTA of the Year and we have plans to make this year even better!

- **JOIN and RENEW your PTA membership.** Anybody part of the Joslin community can be a Joslin PTA member. Remember, all members must renew membership every year. It takes only a few minutes and \$11.50 to join. A portion of the membership fees goes directly to Joslin PTA.
- **STAY INFORMED.** Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and our website (www.joslinpta.com). Also find more information in Mr. Chang's emails.
- **BACK TO SCHOOL PTA EVENTS**
 - PTA Playdate (Th, 8/10, 5-7pm @ Joslin playground)
 - Boo Hoo Breakfast (M, 8/14, 7:45-8:45a @ Joslin library) Come network and boo hoo with new and old parents!
- **JOSLIN T-SHIRTS.** Look out for new Joslin spirit shirts for sale. Purchase one while supplies last!



Scan to join/renew PTA membership (www.joinpta.org)



- **MEET YOUR 2023-24 PTA BOARD MEMBERS.**

- *President: Tina Walker (parent)*
- *Vice President: Sabrina Joy (parent)*
- *Secretary: Amanda Mansouri (parent)*
- *Communications: Penelope Lim (parent)*
- *Volunteer Coordinator: Josephine Tidwell (parent)*
- *Teacher/Staff Appreciation Committee Lead: Jessica Sanders (parent)*
- *Parliamentarian: Joey Sisson (Joslin Registrar, parent)*
- *Mini-grant/Teacher Rep.: Madeline Miller (Resource Teacher)*
- *Healthy Living Committee Lead: Brianna McKay (Music Teacher)*
- *Campus Beautification Committee Lead: Allie Cassel (parent)*
- *Yearbook: Ting-Yi Chen (parent)*

Vacant PTA Positions

Room Parent • Treasurer • Membership Chair • Programs Chair • Decorating Committee • Gardening / Campus Beautification Committee • PTA events • Chess Club Website Coordinator • Social Media Coordinator • Newsletter Coordinator

If interested, email us at joslinpta@gmail.com.



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



• **WELCOME BACK!** I am excited to start the 2023-24 school year with a fresh start. We have been busy this summer with a few changes: noncommissioned telephone poles and additional potential hazards were removed from the playground. With the assistance of the Austin ISD Bond, we look forward to another layer of security with the installation of a secured gate in the back parking lot, pedestrian gate, privacy plastic strips around the playground and a fence on Menchaca.

- **REMINDERS.** Drop off is located at the cafeteria entrance from 7-7:40 am. General Assembly begins at 7:30 am and the bell rings at 7:40 am. After 7:40 am all students must enter through the front office. Students are marked tardy after 8 am and are absent for the day after 10:30 am. Free breakfast and lunch is available to all students.
- **ATTENDANCE.** There is a new attendance reporting form that must be submitted with any absent notes. Please turn in both to Ms. Joey in the front office.
- **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT (aka Student Success Guide).** This form was completed during your student's online registration. Joslin maintains high expectations from our students and families. Please read through and be familiar with the contents so that we may work in tandem on creating a safe and inclusive environment.
- **WELCOME NEW JAGUARS!** Lastly, I would like to welcome our new teachers and staff to the Joslin Jaguar Family!



SARAH TANNER
ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL (AP)

I am so excited to join the Joslin team as the AP! I am a native Austinite who who attended AISD schools and spent my summers swimming at Barton Springs. I graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Biology while also completing the UTeach program and continued my education at Texas State with a Masters in Secondary Education and Administration. After teaching middle school for 11 years, I served as the AP at Lively Middle School for 4 years. My favorite moments as an educator are when children have the "light bulb" moments of new understanding. It is very important to me as an administrator to treat each child and family with the same care as I would want my own children to be treated.

Welcome New Joslin Jaguars

kindergarten



LAIŚ BYERLY
KINDERGARTEN
ENGLISH
TEACHER

Hello families! I am excited to begin my career as a Kindergarten teacher. I grew up in Brazil, where I attended the University of Barra Mansa and received my bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering. After graduating, I moved to Austin, TX and have lived here for 5 years with my husband Zachary, and our dog Leah. I enjoy hiking, house projects, concerts and traveling to new places around the world. I am very passionate about working with children and am honored to be part of the Joslin Elementary School team, but even more thrilled to meet each and every one of you. I am looking forward to an amazing year!



MAIYA ARANHA
1ST GRADE
ENGLISH
TEACHER

I am SO excited to join the Joslin community as a first-grade teacher! I am originally from Dallas, Texas and moved to Austin to attend UT Austin where I graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Educational Psychology. In my free time, I enjoy reading, watching movies, and exploring new places with my friends. Looking forward to spending the school year with you all!



**SANDRA CYNTHIA
FRESNEDO (MS. SANDRA)**
1ST GRADE SPANISH
TEACHER

I am very happy to be a new teacher at Joslin Elementary and excited to start with the new school year. I was born in Dublin, Ireland but I was raised in Spain. I have always wanted to teach because my parents are English teachers too. I graduated at the University of Navarra. Fortunately, I have been able to work in various schools in Navarra, an autonomous community located in the north of Spain. I have worked through project-based learning and interactive methodologies with my students in Elementary. I am currently studying for a Masters in New Teaching Methods and Gamification at the University of Nebrija.



LAURA SCHLICHTING
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER
ASSISTANT

I have worked in AISD for 17 years as a substitute, classroom teacher, and Special Education teacher assistant. I grew up in San Antonio, graduated from UT Austin, and live with my husband, my two daughters, and two cats.

BRIANNA LOZANO
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER
ASSISTANT

Before Joslin, I worked for Allison Elementary for 2 years in Life Skills. Some fun facts about me are that I like to go thrifting, do DIY projects, and watch movies with my family.



STEPHANIE CROCKER
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER
ASSISTANT

Hello! I have been in education for over 15 years and with Austin ISD for the past 11. I have my Master's in Education and have taught kindergarten, second grade, and third grade ESL, GT, and inclusion. I absolutely love working with children. I am so excited to start my new journey as a Special Education Teacher's Assistant here at Joslin Elementary! A few fun facts about me:

- I have two sons, one who will be joining the Pre-K program here at Joslin (Finnley).
- Traveling and learning about new cultures is my favorite pastime.
- My husband and I rescued our sweet pitbull from the Austin Animal Shelter.



AVERY AUSTIN
3RD GRADE
READING
ENGLISH
TEACHER



I am thrilled to join the 3rd grade team. I graduated from UT Austin in May 2021 with my certification in Early Childhood through 6th grade. I moved to Dallas to teach kindergarten for two years. I love seeing my students grow academically and socially throughout the school year! A few fun facts about me are that I enjoy spending time with my family. During my free time, I enjoy reading and have made it my 2023 goal to finally finish the Harry Potter series. I love to run and plan to run a half marathon in December with my dad.



SHENGNAN WANG
4TH GRADE MATH/SCIENCE
MANDARIN
TEACHER

I majored in Math and became a high school Math teacher in China after I graduated from college. I

I moved to Austin 7 years ago with my husband and my son, who was then a first-grade student. After that, I worked as a part time Math teacher and Mandarin teacher. I joined AISD through Reilly ES Mandarin program two years ago. I am excited to teach my favorite subjects at Joslin and look forward to exploring the beauty of Math and Science with my students. Fun Facts:

1. I'm very into gardening and can easily spend hours in my backyard.
2. I am a heavy podcast listener.
3. I learned to cook many Chinese dishes after moving to the states since we have few authentic Chinese restaurants here.



Hi friends! This will be my twelfth year in education and ninth year specializing in special education. I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi with a Bachelors of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies-Special Education. My husband, three dogs and I currently live in Buda, Texas, but originally grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas. I enjoy spending time with my family, attending concerts, going to the beach and watching movies. I absolutely can't wait to be part of the Joslin community!



AUGUST



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Teacher Planning Day	5
New Teacher Orientation						
6	7	8	9	10 5-7p: PTA Play Date*	11 11-12: New Student Orientation 12-1p: Teacher Meet and Greet	12
Staff Development				Teacher Planning		
13	14 7:45-8:45a: Boo Hoo Breakfast* (library) 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 PTA Meeting* 5p: Board 5:30p: General 	24	25	26 8a - 12p: Family Volunteer Day at Joslin* 
27	28	29 11a-9p: Spirit Night at Amy's Ice Cream / Phil's Ice House*  	30	31	*Hosted by Joslin PTA	

JOSLIN ELEMENTARY PTA
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
BOO HOO BREAKFAST
Mon, Aug 14th
7:45-8:45am
Joslin Library
Get visitor pass in the office
Whether you're planning to shed a happy or sad tear, come join us to kick off the new school year!
www.joslinpta.com




PHIL'S IS THE BURGER SPOT

JOIN US FOR
BACK TO SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT
BENEFITTING JOSLIN PTA
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023
11AM-11PM
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!




Th, Aug. 10 (5-7p): PTA Play Date (blacktop) - All families welcome to meet and make new Joslin friends. Follow us on Facebook for details closer to the date.

F, Aug. 11 (12-1p): Teacher Meet and Greet - Come meet your new teacher!

M, Aug 14: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - Don't forget to check your email from Principal Chang about new school drop off/pick up routines. If you have not received an email from Mr. Chang, contact him at chaolin.chang@austinisd.org.

- Boo Hoo Breakfast (library):** All parents are welcome to attend and dry each other's tears. Coffee and breakfast snacks will be served. See you there!

 **Joslin Elementary School**
Joslin Elementary PTA,
Parents and Staff

Find additional Facebook groups
by grade and language

 **joslin_es**
joslinpta@gmail.com


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SEPTEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	*Hosted by Joslin PTA	Word of the Month RESPECT Respeto 敬爱 [jìng ài]			1	2
3	 NO SCHOOL	5	6	7	8 5-7p: Lotería Night * (cafeteria)	9
10	11	12 8:15-9:00a: Coffee with the Principal (cafeteria or front office) 	13 5:30-7p: Healthy Living Night* (cafeteria)	14	15	16 INDEPENDENCIA DE MEXICO
17	18	19	20 PTA Meeting* 5p: Board 5:30p: General 	21	22 Academy 4: Introduction	23 9a-12p: AISD Showcase (Palmer Event Center)
24	25 Parent Teacher Conference Student Holiday	26	27	28	29 5-6p: Back to School Night (student classroom) 6-6:30p: Title 1 Meeting (cafeteria) 6:30-7:30p Moon Festival* (blacktop) 	30

Joslin PTA Presents...

LOTERIA NIGHT!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
5:00-7:00 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

September 13th
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Joslin Cafeteria

"eat Healthy live well"

3 Pillars → **Bodies**
Healthy → **Minds**
 → **Earth**

Healthy Snack Tasting Night



Academy 4: - A program partnering with our neighbors at Woodlawn Church. 4th graders are paired with mentors to discuss leadership skills once a month.

AISD Showcase: - All AISD schools will be available to speak with potential students. A great opportunity for 5th graders to look at middle schools.

Back to School Night: Teachers will review this year's plans with parents and students.

Coffee with the Principal: An informal opportunity to discuss hot topics with Mr. Chang. All are welcome to attend.

Healthy Living Night: Brought to you by the PTA Healthy Living Committee led by Ms. McKay! Join us to learn more about how you can eat healthy for a better mind, body and soul!

Moon Festival: The Moon Festival (aka Mooncake or Mid-Autumn Festival) is a traditional festival celebrated in Chinese culture to symbolize the end of the Autumn Harvest.

PTA Meeting: Joslin PTA Meetings will be held every 3rd Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to discuss how we can support Joslin!

Title 1 Meeting: Mr. Chang will present a summary of last and this year's Title 1 benefits.

October highlights...
 Oct. 13: PTA Fall Sing-along Movie Night
 Oct. 18: PTA Meeting
 Oct. 27: Spooktacular Halloween Carnival