



## Stay Connected!

There are many ways for us to communicate with families, and each family has its own preferred modes of communication. We strive to utilize as many modes of communication possible so you will always know what's happening. We send home fliers, calendars, and other paper items, as we understand that not all of our families have access to electronic communication. We do utilize electronic communication whenever possible, such as phone messages and emails. To receive these you must opt in during the enrollment process. If you are not sure if you did, contact our registrar, Alex Molina, at 512-414-5234.

Text messages are popular, and this year we are using the Remind app for our campus-wide text messaging system. To join the Joslin group, text @joslinp to 81010 or go to [rmd.at/joslinp](http://rmd.at/joslinp). Your phone number will remain anonymous in this system.

Our website is another great way to stay connected. You can access our live parent calendar through the events link on our home page at [www.joslinelementary.org](http://www.joslinelementary.org). Find tons of photos and messages about our classrooms and our campus on [Twitter@Joslin\\_ES](https://twitter.com/Joslin_ES). Follow us! You can also see posts about campus activities and events on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/joslinelementaryschool](https://facebook.com/joslinelementaryschool).



## Fall 2016 Newsletter

## Welcome Jaguars!

We are so excited that you are here with us for the 2016 - 2017 school year! At Joslin, we believe that teaching and learning should be engaging, fun, and challenging. We value continuous improvement, and we focus on the whole child, including academics, safety, health & fitness, and social & emotional skills. We have great programming and teaching strategies in our classrooms, such as the Creative Learning Initiative (CLI), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), and Social & Emotional Learning (SEL). Check out our initiatives bulletin board near the cafeteria or visit our classrooms to see the marvelous things happening in our school!

We are a community school that welcomes parent involvement. We want you to feel welcome in the building and comfortable talking to any of us at any time. We value parents as our students' first teachers, and we want to work together with you to maximize your child's success. Joslin is your school!







# BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SEPTEMBER 8th 5:30 - 7:00

The good news is we are a very small campus. The bad news is we are a very small campus. We love the fact that we have fewer than 300 students because we feel like a family, and we get to know each other well. The downside is that campuses receive funding on a per pupil basis, so we have very few operating funds for the school year.

We are asking that each family pay a \$15 per child enrichment fee that will help us buy classroom and campus operating supplies and student incentives. This fee is in lieu of campus-wide fund raising events.

In addition, most grade levels request a field trip or celebration fee. Fees can be paid online at <https://www.schoolcashionline.com> or by check or credit card in the front office.

Your support is appreciated!

## Attendance Count\$

Public schools are funded for each day a student comes to school. Bringing your child to school on time everyday helps to fund our school and keep it running!

Of course missing days because of illness is understandable.

Please report absences within 48 hours of returning to school by sending a note to our registrar. You can also report online at: <http://www.joslinelementary.org/absencestardies.html>

Please join us for Back to School Night. We will mingle in the cafeteria from 5:30 - 6:15 pm. There, you will have an opportunity to visit with teachers and campus staff, after school care providers, and some community agencies and organizations. You can also join the PTA and pay for student fees.

Classroom visits will run from 6:15 - 7:00 pm to allow parents to get information from teachers about routines, policies, and procedures. This is a great time to ask questions and maybe even sign up for your parent-teacher conference in October. Feel free to drop in and out of classrooms as you are able.



**Breakfast will no longer be free after October 15th. Standard price is \$1.50 (there was a misprint in our Parent-Student handbook). Reduced price breakfast for those who qualify is \$0.30.**

Two after school care providers offer services on or near campus.

Extend-A-Care is on campus and is open until 6:30 pm. Register by calling 512-472-9929.

Sunrise Community Church also offers after school programming. Staff come to Joslin to pick up students. Register by calling 512-444-3266.

Both programs offer sliding scale pricing.

