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## PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews



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### Mark Your Calendar!

8th Gr. Parent Network  
Kick Off:  
**MONDAY AUGUST 31**

Connections Coffee:  
**WEDNESDAY SEPT 2**

Back to School Pizza  
Dinner:  
**WEDNESDAY SEPT 2**

Principal's Coffee:  
**THURSDAY SEPT 3**

JLS Minimum Day:  
**FRIDAY SEPT 4**

Labor Day: No School  
**MONDAY SEPT 7**

6th Grade Math Info Mtg:  
**TUESDAY SEPT 8**

Book Fair  
**THURSDAY SEPT 17**

PTA Assoc. Mtg  
**THURSDAY SEPT 17**

[CLICK HERE](#) for event  
times & more details!

**Dear Scott,**

Happy new school year! I am so happy and proud to be a member of the JLS community. I am learning new information and meeting people each day. Everyone is so welcoming and supportive here on campus.

JLS had a successful Back-to-School night on Wednesday, August 26th. Teachers had great presentations filled with useful information for parents.

Continue to visit our Twitter and Facebook pages for current happenings on campus.

**I look forward to a wonderful year!**  
**Iris Wong**  
**Dean of Students**



**PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE**  
**Thursday, September 3**  
**8:15am - 10:00am**

Join the JLS PTA Parent Networks as we host a special all-grade Parent Network meeting starring a special guest: Principal Sharon Ofek, who will join us from 8:30am - 9:30am.

Come early for coffee and plan a fun hour and a chance to talk with Ms. Ofek, meet some of the new staff and ask them questions.

If you can join us, please [click here to RSVP](#) so we

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## HOMEWORK HABITAT

Homework Habitat and late bus service will both begin Monday, August 31.

Both will occur during regular (e.g. non-early-release) Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Homework Habitat occurs in the library and runs 3:15-4:25. The late bus will depart from the main parking lot at approximately 4:30. Please note that students who leave campus after school are not permitted to return to JLS to ride the late bus home; they must find alternative transportation.

## PIZZA PIZZA!

Wednesday, September 2, 6pm  
Back to School Pizza Dinner  
(sponsored by JLS PTA)

**We need a few more volunteers to help at Pizza Night! There are opportunities to help serve, purchase supplies, and help with drinks ... Click here to volunteer. Don't worry, you'll get to eat too! THANKS.**



**It's so great to have such a supportive parent community and we truly appreciate your help at these events!**

See old friends and make new ones at this casual, fun kick-off to the school year at the JLS Cafetorium. Pizza (YES we have gluten-free!), salad, dessert, and drinks provided by the JLS PTA.

This event is FREE for all JLS families and friends, but to make sure we order enough for you and others! PLEASE: [click here to RSVP](#) - we need your response to order correctly!

**PiE Fundraising Campaign Launches!**  
**\$500,000 Challenge Grant!**

know how much coffee to order. Hope to see you there!

**Connections Coffee**  
**Wednesday, September 2**  
**8:15am - 9:15am, Rm 510**

We'll be welcoming the incoming sixth grade class. Also, we need donations of coffee and snacks.

For more information and/or to volunteer for coffee or snacks, please contact Connections Co-Chairs, [Mudita Jain](#) or [Kim Bomar](#).

We are pleased to announce that [jlsattendance@pausd.org](mailto:jlsattendance@pausd.org) is now setup to receive your attendance-related information and requests.

Please note that messages must originate from the parent email address on record in Infinite Campus. You can still contact the attendance office at 650.856.5179.



PiE is launching its 2015-2016 fundraising campaign for PAUSD schools, and we need the support of our whole community. PiE funds over 250 caring adults at all PAUSD schools - including elementary, middle and high schools. From classroom aides, to elective class teachers, to caring counselors and mentors, PiE funded staff make a difference for our kids everyday. Right now, we have a Back-To-School Challenge Grant of \$500,000. Every dollar donated to PiE between now and September 5th will be matched (up to \$500K). Please donate today!

[Click here to donate online!](#)

Would you like  
your employer to  
**DONATE to JLS?**



Notify your employer of your donation to the JLS PTA, to activate their Corporate Matching Program. And THANK YOU for taking this extra step to contribute JLS Middle School!  
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## 6th Grade Parent Math Information Nights

**Sept 8, 15, or 16**

Please join us to learn more about the math program and pathways at JLS. Elizabeth Fee, Math Instructional Supervisor, will present.

Sept 8: McKenna and Piedrahita classes

Sept 15th: Yribarren, Argumedo, Berghout classes

Sept 16th: Salzmann, Constant and MacMillan classes.

**All sessions will be held from 6-7 in room 730 at JLS.** Parents are welcome to attend any session if they are unable to attend the session assigned for their math teacher!

## First PTA Member's Meeting

**Thursday, September 17, 8:30 am**

**JLS Conference Room B**

There are three meetings of the PTA membership during the school year. We invite all members to attend, learn about the programs and budget planned for the year, and make your voice and vote heard. It's not too late for everyone in your family - and extended family - to join! To become a member, [click here](#).

**Thursday, September 18, 2015**

**8:30 am - 9:30 am**

**JLS Main Office Conference Room B**

**Thursday January 21, 2016**

**8:30 am - 9:30 am**

**JLS Main Office Conference Room B**

**Thursday March 17, 2016**

**8:30 am - 9:30 am**

**JLS Main Office Conference Room B**

## Thanks a Latte!

Thank you to all of you who took the time out of your busy schedule to donate to the monthly "Thanks A Latte" JLS Staff Appreciation Breakfast.

The next Latte Cart is Thursday, October 1.

PTA Latte Cart team,  
Ivan Hom (ihom627@yahoo.com)  
Patty Sakuma (pattyau@aol.com)  
Paul Sakuma (psakuma@aol.com)



## Community News!

Palo Alto Art Center Fall Registration for Children and Adults  
Going on now! [Click here!](#)

Neighbors Abroad Family Fun Day International Fair  
Sun, Oct 4th, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Lucie Stern Community Center Courtyard

Palo Alto CAC Discussion List  
[Click here to join the group](#)

## Buddies4Math

**Help 2nd - 5th Graders with Math & Gain Leadership Experience!**

**Most Fridays from 4:05-5:55pm**

1st semester tutoring Sep 11-Dec 4 at Castro Elementary, 505 Escuela Ave., Mountain View

Buddies4Math is a great opportunity to help elementary school students who struggle with math while working with friends and gaining work experience. The program has had incredible quantifiable (STAR test) results, due in part to the work of JLS student volunteers. Buddies4Math seeks JLS students interesting in tutoring and also those willing to take on long-term leadership positions in the program under the mentorship of current student leaders. Contact buddies4math@gmail.com or visit buddies4math.org for additional information.

## The Parent Project

**Proven Methods for Raising and Protecting Teens**

Thursdays, September 3 through November 19  
6 - 9 pm

For Parents to improve their teen's social and academic engagement, discipline, and any aspect of the relationship. Parents will learn to stop arguing, control the use of electronics, improve school attendance and performance, prevent the use of drugs and alcohol, bad peer influence and run-aways; as well as to strengthen family unity and self-esteem. Childcare included for ages 3-15.

Cost: \$120 per adult, \$155 per couple

Please contact: Det. DuJuan Green 650-329-2274, Dajuan.green@cityofpaloalto.org or Det. Ben Lee 650-329-2174, Ben.lee@cityofpaloalto.org

## Join your grade's Parent Network!

Organized by the JLS PTA, Parent Networks provide grade-specific information and regular meetings to foster a supportive and collaborative parent community. TO JOIN, contact the below coordinators:

6th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner, Valerie Sabbag

7th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin, Nirmala Patni, Stephanie Compton, Rebecca Thompson

8th grade coordinators: Aviva Saitz, Patricia Stayte

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