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## PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews SUNDAY, SEPT 20



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### Mark Your Calendar!

PTA Assoc. Mtg <b>THURSDAY SEPT 24</b>
6th & 7th Grade Parent Network Mtg <b>FRIDAY SEPT 25</b>
Student Store <b>FRIDAY SEPT 25</b> <b>FRIDAY OCT 2</b>
8th Grade Parent Network <b>MONDAY OCT 5</b>
Walk & Roll to School <b>OCTOBER 7</b>
Connections Coffee <b>THURSDAY OCT 8</b>
Staff Development Day & NO SCHOOL! <b>FRIDAY OCT 9</b>

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

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### HOMEWORK HABITAT

Homework Habitat and late

**Dear Scott,**

Congratulations to all the students who campaigned for student council. We look forward to superb leadership from you all.

**The JLS Directory is now available online! Are you in it? Login by Oct 2 to make sure your information is correct!**

Simply activate your account [here](#) and set up your password. Then log in, and verify that your contact information is correct.

If you are not in the directory, but would like to be, send e-mail to both [infinitecampus@pausd.org](mailto:infinitecampus@pausd.org) and [JLSDirectory@gmail.com](mailto:JLSDirectory@gmail.com) that you would like to "opt-in to PTA Contact and the school directory". Be sure to include the name of your student(s) and your relationship to the student(s).

Please make sure your household information is correct, so that the print edition is accurate. No edits made after Friday, 10/2 will be reflected in the print edition.

In an effort to use less paper, we are printing a limited number of hard copies of the directories this year. They will be available in the main office. All information contained in them can be found online.

Questions? Email [JLSDirectory@gmail.com](mailto:JLSDirectory@gmail.com)

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

bus service has launched!

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.

### Outstanding Student Citizens

Mr. Mel Froli, who manages the "Panther Pride" Student Recognition program at JLS, is looking for assistance with light office-type tasks as he prepares the packages given to student awardees. Exact time is somewhat flexible but starts around the 11th of every month; tasks include stuffing envelopes, printing labels, and distributing to teacher mailboxes.

More details and sign-ups for each of the nine school-year months can be found by [clicking here](#).

parent email address on record in Infinite Campus. You can still contact the attendance office at 650.856.5179

### First PTA Member's Meeting!

**SEPTEMBER 24, 8:30am**

**[CLICK HERE FOR THE AGENDA!](#)**

**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 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

Have a great week!  
The eNews team!



## Tune Into KJLS!

**Find out what's going on daily at JLS, club meetings & Special events!**

**Did you know that you can watch the daily KJLS live broadcast? Tune in every day (except Wednesday) at 9:13am for the 10 minutes of JLS Morning Announcements, produced by the students of Ms. Buddle's elective class "Broadcast Media:"**

\* Comcast channel 30 LIVE or streaming [www.midpenmedia.org/local-tv/watch-now/](http://www.midpenmedia.org/local-tv/watch-now/) (Tune to channel 30)

**Not only will you learn what's happening at JLS, you'll see the variety of skills students learn in this class: journalism; pre-production including planning, logos, jingles, public service and special reports; and a variety of production jobs in both the studio and control room.**

## PiE Fundraising Campaign Launches!

**\$500,000 Challenge Grant!**



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!](#)**

## Palo Alto Walks and Rolls

**October 4-8**

For Safer Streets, Healthier Bodies, And a Greener Planet

October 4-8 JLS will join students across Palo Alto who are choosing alternatives to solo driving to school by walking, biking, skating, riding the bus, and carpooling to celebrate Palo Alto Walks and Rolls.

On Sunday, October 4, come to Bike Palo Alto! at El Carmelo School for a free family-friendly event designed to encourage residents to ride their bikes more often for local shopping and other trips around the city. For more information, go to [www.bikepaloalto.org](http://www.bikepaloalto.org).



On Wednesday, October 7, all students are encouraged to walk, bike, skate, ride the bus/shuttle or carpool to reduce the congestion in the school zone, making the streets safer for everyone. Panther will be greeting students with stickers!

If you'd like help with JLS activities, contact Maria Abilock. [gotdna@gmail.com](mailto:gotdna@gmail.com)

For more information about Safe Routes to School Partnership, visit the PTA and City of Palo Alto Safe Routes to School websites.

[www.saferoutes.paloaltopta.org](http://www.saferoutes.paloaltopta.org)

[www.cityofpaloalto.org/saferoutes](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/saferoutes)

## Get Your Shop on at the JLS Store

The JLS Student Store will be open starting at lunchtime. If you would like a preview of what's for sale: [www.JLSStudentStore.com](http://www.JLSStudentStore.com) You can also make purchases online. There are over 40 different items for sale.

The Student Store will be open during lunchtime on the following days:

Sept. 25

Oct. 2, Oct. 23

Nov. 6, Nov. 20

Dec. 4

The JLS Student Store is a joint cooperative effort by the Student Leadership class, PTA volunteers and the JLS administration. More information: [JLSStudentStore@gmail.com](mailto:JLSStudentStore@gmail.com)

**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!  
JL Stanford Middle School PTA tax id 94-6174779

## 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting

**Oct 5, 8:30-9:30am, JLS Room 730**

All 8th grade parents are invited to have coffee with fellow 8th grade parents. We will be joined by Linda Howard, our class counselor, to speak about what to expect during 8th grade and the subsequent transition to high school.

### Community News!

#### Mindful Moms Group for PAUSD Moms of Teens and Preteens

Dates: Wednesdays 7-9pm

September 23 - November 18, 2015 (no class Nov. 11)

Location: Gunn HS Library  
780 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306

#### Description:

All moms share a vital need for connection. Yet moms of adolescents are often so focused on their teens that they neglect their own health and wellbeing. To support our teens we must invest in our own self growth and self care. This 8-week group will empower you with evidence-based mindfulness tools to reduce stress and improve your mood so you can bring balance and stability to your home life. Andrea Castillo, PhD, has been teaching Mindfulness since 2007 and is a proud mom of a Gunn High School graduate.

Cost: \$299. Scholarships are available. To register please visit [www.MindBodySpiritMoms.com](http://www.MindBodySpiritMoms.com). Preregistration is required. For questions please contact Jaclyn at [jaclyn.k.long@gmail.com](mailto:jaclyn.k.long@gmail.com).

### MORE COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **Palo Alto Chinese School is Accepting New Students**

Palo Alto Chinese School has been serving the community in Chinese language instructions for 53 years, and is still accepting new enrollment. Class meets every Friday 7-9 PM at JLS Middle School. There are two tracks. The Mandarin track is offered from Preschool - Grade 12, for students from heritage families. The Chinese as a Second Language (CSL) track is offered from K - Grade 7, for students with little exposure to Chinese language. For more info, check <http://www.paloaltochineseschool.org/> or email [admission@paloaltochineseschool.org](mailto:admission@paloaltochineseschool.org).

#### **Challenge Success Parent Ed Event: Sparking Creativity: Imagining Tomorrow's Schools**

Fri, Sept 25, 7 - 9 PM, Memorial Auditorium

Challenge Success invites you to our biggest parent education event of the year. This year's keynote speaker will be Tony Wagner, author and Expert in Residence at Harvard University's new Innovation Lab. He will be joined by Challenge Success Co-Founders, Dr. Denise Pope and Dr. Madeline Levine, for an interactive discussion on fostering creativity in schools and at home.

Students attend for free. Adult tickets are \$10 per person. Purchase ticket at <http://www.challengesuccess.org/sparking-creativity-imagining-tomorrows-schools/>

#### **Stanford YMCA Community Health Fair**

Sat, Sept 26, 10 AM- 3 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

This is a health and wellness event featuring: Panels & Workshops with Doctors and Medical Professionals, Group Exercise Demonstrations, Ask-a-Doctor Booth, Wellness Consultations, Children's Activities and a Nonprofit Open House. For more information contact: Joshua Selo at 650 842 7152 or [joshua.selo@ymcasv.org](mailto:joshua.selo@ymcasv.org)

### **Chinese Star Contest for K- 12 Students**

Parents/guardians are encouraged to register their children for the 2nd Annual San Jose -Silicon Valley Chinese Star Contest for K-12 Students by September 28. Students from any language background can participate in the Painting/Drawing and Team Video categories. This contest provides an opportunity for students to develop global awareness and apply 21st century skills. First prize winner from grades 9-12 group will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for a free 7-day trip to Beijing, China. The trip will begin between April 9-13, 2016. Register at <http://www.sfsu.edu/~ci/>

### **Fiery Arts Glass Workshops**

Oct. 10-11, Nov. 14-15, or Dec. 12-13, 9 - 3 PM  
Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio, 50 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto

Yes, we have a glass studio at Paly. These workshops are open to the public, students and parents. Here's your chance to learn to blow glass at Paly. Each weekend workshop will focus on beginning glass blowing techniques. It's an incredible, fun, hands-on experience. Repeating students progress from their last session. Advanced Sign up required. Class limit is 4. Teens and adults. \$375 per person. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto High School sculpture classes. [http://palylink.paloaltopta.org/flyers/2015Glass\\_Workshop\\_flier.pdf](http://palylink.paloaltopta.org/flyers/2015Glass_Workshop_flier.pdf)  
To sign up, contact: [dcamner@pausd.org](mailto:dcamner@pausd.org)

### **3rd Annual Fiery Arts Fall Glass Sale at Palo Alto High School**

Fri, Sept. 25, 3-6pm & Sat, Sept. 26, 11am-4pm, in front of the Tower Bldg.

Come see exquisite new glass designs hand-blown by instructors, alumni and students. Over 1000 unique glass pieces - pumpkins, pears, seashells, elephants, acorns, vases and more on sale to benefit Paly's Fiery Arts program. Come learn about the craft with live glass blowing demonstrations. For more information contact [PalyFieryArts@gmail.com](mailto:PalyFieryArts@gmail.com), [facebook.com/PalyFieryArts](https://www.facebook.com/PalyFieryArts) or <http://tinyurl.com/PaloAltoHighGlass>

### **"Walk the Wall"**

Sun, Nov 8; 1-3pm. Meet at 1101 San Antonio Ave., Mountain View

Walk the Wall is a global movement organized by International China Concern to overcome abandonment in China. The annual walk-a-thon gives participants from K-12 around the world the ability to sign up, obtain sponsors, and walk to raise money for the many children in China who are abandoned due to disability. For more information <https://youtu.be/sNZUpa1mEVc>. Event website:<http://walkthewall.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1141725>.

### **Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University New Exhibition Celebrates Artists at Work Artists at Work on view September 9, 2015-January 18, 2016**

The Cantor Arts Center presents a major new exhibition, Artists at Work, which examines how artists become inspired, how artists make objects and how place impacts artists' work. Includes works by Édouard Manet, J. M. W. Turner, Thomas Hart Benton, Sol LeWitt, Richard Serra, Ansel Adams, Edward Weston and other renowned American and European artists. Also included are loaned works by contemporary artists Trevor Paglen, Garth Weiser, Hope Gangloff and Rachel Owens, among others. The Cantor Arts Center is open six days a week, Wed-Mon, 11 AM -5 PM, Thurs until 8 PM. Admission is free. The Cantor is located on the Stanford campus. Information: 650-723-4177, [museum@stanford.edu](mailto:museum@stanford.edu).

### **Are you having your child (6m-13yo) vaccinated against the flu this fall? Stanford would like your help!**

Stanford University would appreciate your help in furthering seasonal flu research by volunteering your child for a study. Your participation will help scientists better understand the immune system by studying the responses to the flu vaccine. Your child will receive

the same current FDA-licensed seasonal flu vaccine otherwise given by their pediatricians at no cost + \$30 for every visit completed. A small blood sample or nasal swab may be collected. For further information, contact: (650) 498-7284 or [Vaccines\\_Program@stanford.edu](mailto:Vaccines_Program@stanford.edu)

### 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 Kimer, Valerie Sabbag

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

8th grade coordinators: Aviva Saitz, Patricia Stayte

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