

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews SUNDAY, NOV 15



Dear Scott

All Lost and Found items will be displayed on tables by the front office from November 16-20. Any remaining items will be donated. THANKS!

Just a few more days to participate in the [Team Cupcake Thanksgiving Food Drive!](#)

Team Cupcake students and staff will put together complete Thanksgiving dinners for less-fortunate families. Students can drop off item donations to their WIP teacher's classroom by **November 18**. To help ensure robust meals, we're asking for students to bring a donation based on their WIP class.

Below are the requested items. If your WIP class is in:

- 100s wing - bring canned cranberry sauce
- 200s wing - bring Stovetop stuffing mix
- 300s wing - bring green beans
- 400s wing - bring instant mashed potatoes
- 500s wing - bring instant pie crust or pie crust mix
- 600s wing - bring black olives
- 700s wing - bring canned yams
- 800s, 900s, and gym - bring corn bread mix
- 1000s - bring cake mix/frosting
- 2000s - bring canned pumpkin



[In our effort to donate food to families in need during the Thanksgiving Food Drive we will provide the top donating WIP class with a party! Remember the whole campus needs to bring their different assigned items to your WIP teacher's classroom and drop it off at any time by November 18!](#)

Team Cupcake

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Have a great week!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

7/8 Gr. Basketball Parent Night November 16
Lost & Found Items Pickup November 16-20
Choir Concert November 18, 7PM
AMC8 Math Competition November 18
PIE Donation Days November 19, 20
Thanksgiving Break November 25, 26, 27
7th Grade Parent Network November 30
Orchestra Concert December 2
JLS PTA Exec. Board Mtg December 3, 8:30AM
Student Store Open December 4, 11

Shop and earn \$ for JLS PTA!

Donate to the PTA while doing your holiday shopping at Amazon!

Here's how: If you shop online at Amazon.com, be sure to start every time by clicking on [this link](#) - if you do, then at least 4% will be donated to JLS PTA. Amazon advises that in order to ensure JLS PTA receives the proper advertising credits that all shopping sessions be initiated through this active link or make sure your bookmark has the exact url as this active link (<http://www.amazon.com/?%5Fencoding=UTF8&tag=jp009-20>)



Please note items placed in a customer's shopping cart must not exceed 24-hour window to earn the credit.

More ways to earn \$ for JLS!

Did you register on eScrip? When you register your credit cards, debit cards, and grocery cards at [escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), many purchases you make with these registered cards will result in donations to JLS! There is no extra cost to you, and every qualifying purchase counts!

Go to www.escrip.com today, for new registrations or to update existing cards.



Group Selection: Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School PTA (ID# 130315138)

Participating retailers include Nordstrom, Gap, Safeway, Piazza's, Mollie Stone, REI, Home Depot and more!

7th Grade Parent Network!

7th Grade Parent Network
November 30, 7-9:30pm, Calave Wine Bar

All 7th grade parents are invited to get an early start on the holidays at a gathering with other 7th grade Parents at Calave Wine Bar at 299 California Avenue. We'll be there on November 30th from 7pm and hope to see you, too.

Please RSVP to Stephanie
Compton: stephanie_werner@yahoo.com



JLS Student Directory - Printed copies!

We have a limited number of printed directories available in the school office.

This year, we are not printing one copy per family, so they will not be sent home with your child as in years past. But if you would like a copy, please stop by the school office and ask for one!

Thank you!



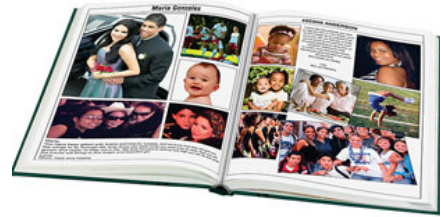
Baby Ads in JLS Yearbook!

Would you like to surprise your graduating 8th grader this year by placing an ad in the JLS yearbook?

The ad costs range from \$50 to \$250 for a full page ad. You can add photos and a personalized message. In order to place and pay for your ad please go the following

link: <http://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/yearbook-ads.html>. Here you will find ideas for ads, and you can place and pay for your ad.

The deadline is approaching, it is November 30th. So place your ad today. Thank you.



PIE Double Down Days!

Last Chance to Double Your Donation is Coming!

From Nov 16th to Nov 20th, donations to PiE will be matched, dollar for dollar up to \$200,000.

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 every day. Can't wait? You can still give today! [Click here to donate now!](#)



JLS Music Department Fundraiser!

Don't miss a special fund-raising evening for the JLS Music Department! Please join us at Town & Country Village in Palo Alto on **Monday, November 23 from 5 pm - 8 pm.**

Skip cooking during the upcoming busy Thanksgiving week and eat at **Kirk's Steakhouses** and shop at **Books, Inc.** any time between 5 and 8 pm: both businesses will donate 20% of sales during that time to the Music Department at JLS. (Bring your flyer to Kirk's). Groups from JLS Choirs, band and Orchestra will be performing at various times throughout the evening at Town & Country. Your participation will help our music students make their spring trip to Southern California!

DROP OFF SAFETY REMINDERS!

With the combination of time change, colder weather and the rainy season upon us, safe drop off and pick up at JLS are on our minds even more than usual. Most kids ride their bikes or walk to school daily, but when the weather shifts we see an increase in car traffic during drop off and pickup. I would like to remind everyone of some basic safety precautions so that we can minimize dangerous situations and blocking of access to the school and surrounding neighbors in the event of an emergency.

Please keep in mind the following safety precautions when dropping off or picking up your child:

- DO NOT use your cell phone and avoid other distractions while driving
- Slow down and use extra caution when driving in school zones and along commute routes
- Obey crossing guards and "No Right Turn on Red" signs posted at designated school intersections
- Children should get in or out of the car on the passenger side only
- Follow the directional arrows painted on the ground in the main parking lot
- DO NOT double park or park in staff parking spaces
- Pull as far forward as possible before loading or unloading your children and do NOT pass other vehicles to pull in front of them to pick up your child
- Once your child is in your car, carefully pull out and around waiting cars to exit the parking lot



Remember, these requests are made with the safety of our children in mind. We all appreciate your patience and compliance to make this time of day go as smoothly as possible.

JLS Store Update!

The JLS Student Store will be open starting on Friday at lunchtime. If you would like a preview of what's for sale: www.JLSStudentStore.com You can also make purchases online. There are over 40 different items for sale. Attached is the order form.

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

December 4

December 11

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

JLS PTA has Vacancies!

We need your help!

Looking for ways to participate? Here are a few jobs for which the JLS PTA is recruiting:

Student BBQ (May 2016): recruit and direct volunteers on tasks of grilling and serving food to students. Food and most prep to be provided by PAUSD Food Services staff.

Advocacy Chair: work with Palo Alto PTA Council to advance advocacy efforts; inform JLS membership of major advocacy issues and events. More info here: <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/current-efforts/>

Ways and Means Chair: manage all aspects of donation partnership programs such as corporate matching, eScrip, Amazon Smile and Amazon Affiliates, etc. Promote and communicate details to membership to maximize donations.

HOMEWORK HABITAT

Homework Habitat and late bus service 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.

JLS Writing Center

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:15 to 4:15

Do you have writing homework or an essay that needs some attention? Check out the brand new (awesome) JLS Writing Center! This twice a week program is held in Room 113 after school and includes a snack (bonus!) and writing support. Laptop access is included! See you there!

PTA Membership Cards

Calling All JLS PTA Members!

Pick up your membership card at the JLS main office and enjoy "perks" such as discounts at Staples, California Academy of Sciences, Legoland, and more: <http://downloads.capta.org/mem/PerksFlier.pdf>

Next to the membership card, pick up a few Baskin Robbins coupons as a "thank you" for your PTA membership!

Attendance Email

Email jlsattendance@pausd.org for 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Be Safe. Be Seen. Bike lights are required by law for riding after dusk.

With shorter days, students are commuting at dusk or in the dark. Bicycle lights and reflectors are required by law at this time of day. Visibility begins to decline at dusk before the sun is completely down, so bicyclists are required to turn on their lights when light begins to fade. A handlebar headlight makes a bicycle visible to others and illuminates the road so the rider can see. Tail lights and reflectors should be mounted on something stable where they won't be obscured by bags, panniers or other gear on the bike. Lights are vastly superior to reflectors, so a red light on the rear is recommended for maximum visibility.

Outfitting student bikes for a safe (and legal) ride is a smart investment. For safe school commute information, visit saferoutes.paloaltopta.org/index.shtml

Gunn Fall Band Concert

Monday, Nov. 23

7:30pm Spangenberg Theater

Featuring: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Freshman Concert Band

Highlights: Freshman Concert Band "Of Honor and Valor Eternal-A tribute to the the Tuskegee Airmen" by African American Composer Ayatey Shabazz, Symphonic Band "English Folk Song Suite", Wind Ensemble "Symphonic Dances from Fiddler on the Roof". The concert is free and open to the public!

Kiwanis Club Run/Walk to Support the Pediatric Trauma Program

Sat, Nov 21, 2 - 4 PM. Mitchell Park

The Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto is hosting a Fun Run (walk) to benefit the Pediatric Trauma Program and to provide an opportunity for sponsored high school Key Clubs to learn event planning skills. The Palo Alto High School Key Club will be the lead planning group while the Gunn High School Key Club will provide additional support. The Kiwanis Club will be providing the adult volunteers while the Key Clubs will be providing the student volunteers. The event is open to all ages. Participants will register and pay at the event. Participants will also be able to purchase raffle tickets for \$5 each at any time prior to the raffle. Participants can also earn raffle tickets by completing a given number of laps.

Let's Talk. Monthly CAC Parent Support Group.

Thurs, Dec 3, 7- 8:30pm, Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield, Classroom A2

Meet and share ideas, resources and support with other PAUSD parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality. Sponsored by the Palo Alto Sub-Committee of SELPA 1 CAC, a Palo Alto parent volunteer group for special education and inclusion. Free and no prior registration required. For more information, see: [http:// cacpaloalto.org/](http://cacpaloalto.org/)

Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

Sat, Nov 14, 8 PM; First Baptist Church, 305 North California Av. Palo Alto

Come join the Palo Alto Philharmonic for a night filled with beautiful chamber music. We are excited to present selections of Dvorak: (Piano Quintet in A Major, Op. 81), Reinecke: (Trio für Klavier, Oboe und Horn, a-Moll, op. 188), Strauss: (Serenade in E-flat Major, Op. 7) and Actor: (Fanfare for 8 Horns). Tickets: General Admission \$22, Seniors \$18, and Student tickets \$10. Tickets are available in advance from www.paphil.org or at the door one half-hour before the performance. This concert venue is wheelchair accessible.

Family Holiday Volunteering

If you're looking for a way to get your family into the holiday spirit by helping others, check out [http:// familyholidayhelpers.org](http://familyholidayhelpers.org) , a non-profit web site created by a mom of two PAUSD students to help parents find volunteering opportunities during the holiday season with their children in the San Francisco Bay Area. There are a variety of local opportunities for families, such as

prepping/serving food for Thanksgiving, working a shift at a food bank or holiday warehouse, or assembling a shoebox of small gifts for women in shelters. Happy volunteering!

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

Would you like your employer to DONATE to JLS?

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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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