

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sunday, Jan 24



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Can We Get To 1,113 Cans? Yes We CAN! The 8th grade student council is holding its **annual food drive from January 25 to January 29**. Our goal is to collect at least 1,113 cans – one can for every JLS student! Containers will be in the breezeway marked by "teams" and items can be deposited before school, and during brunch and lunch. To make it fun, it is a competition between the academic grade level teams. **The winning team will earn an ice cream party!!** Note: We particularly need canned goods and nonperishable food items. Please, no glass, open containers or outdated items (check those expiration dates). Go JLS! Questions? Call Joan Scherer at 856-5182

Student Store Open Friday 1/ 29, Friday 2/26 Friday 3/25, Friday 4/29 Friday 5/20

Food Drive January 25-29

French Culture Night January 26

Two JLS families are needed to host two girls from Palo Alto's Sister City Tsuchiura. Ten girls and five middle school students will be arriving from Japan in mid March for a week.

15 middle school students, from mostly JLS, will be in Japan in mid-June for the exchange program. If you are interested, please contact: sistercity.tsuchiura@gmail.com

Congrats to to the JLS YCS Club for hosting donated items for the Super Bowl Drive. Over 500 books were donated as well as sports equipment and school supplies for local community in partnership with SuperBowl 50 and the San Francisco 49ers.

Have a great week!

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Bonjour! French Culture Night!

All JLS families are invited to attend a special evening in "France!"

Tuesday, January 26
 Anytime between 6:30 and 8pm
 The Cafetorium

As you walk in you'll be transported to the streets of Paris and its surrounding cities where French 1A "tour guides" will be on hand to impress you with their knowledge of their famous monuments. Stay long enough to be transported around the world by French 1B "exchange students" from all around the francophone world who will tell you, in French, all about their countries. Come for 15 minutes or stay for an hour. This evening is not just for French students!



6th Grade Girls Hoops!

There is still room for TWO more girls on the 6th grade girls basketball players for the JLS after school program. The 6th grade boys basketball roster is full.

To apply: https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Activity_Search/

Click on: JLS 6th grade girl's basketball

Start a rainy day carpool!

If your child can't walk or bike, consider carpooling to help reduce overcrowding in the school parking lot and surrounding street systems. Make an arrangement in advance and have the phone numbers of rainy day carpool partners ready so it is easy to find someone to share a ride when the clouds burst.

Support the JLS Student Store!

The JLS Student Store will reopen this semester on Friday, January 29 at lunchtime.

There are over 40 items for sale:

- Warm hoodies and sweatpants
- A newly designed water bottle
- 8GB thumb drive

If your birthday in January, come on into the store to receive a special birthday pencil. The JLS Student Store is a project by Jaime Buddle's Leadership Class and a few parent volunteers.

JLS PTA Executive Board Nominations!

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR!

The JLS PTA Executive Board is a group of parents who work together and with the school, on events and programs that benefit the school and build a supportive community of JLS staff, teachers, and families. It is fun, rewarding, and a great way to be "in the know" of all current goings-on at JLS.

The JLS Nominating Committee will be recruiting candidates for open positions on the JLS PTA Exec Board until Monday February 16, 2016. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Bryna Chang, bryna.chang@gmail.com.

JLS Student Directory - Printed copies ... just a few left!

We still have a few printed directories available. You can pick one up in the school office. You can also access the directory online at <http://jls.tangledir.com/>

Thank you!

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

Totally Gone with the Wind: The Gunn Choir/Staff Musical, benefiting the Gunn Choir Tour Scholarship Fund

Feb 9 & 10, 8 P, Spangenberg Theatre, 780 Arastradero Road

Join a cast of nearly 200 for the 20th annual Gunn High School Choir/Staff musical! Don't miss this unforgettable evening of rockin' music and sublime satire in this original musical of unbalanced proportions. Designed to out-produce The Producers, Totally Gone with the Wind - presented two nights only - is the story of two lovable scoundrels who set out to create a Broadway flop by turning an American literary classic into a 1970's musical disaster. All proceeds benefit the Gunn Choir Tour Scholarship Fund, providing financial assistance so that all choir students can participate in the concert tour to New York City in April. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for adults, and are available online at www.gunnchoir.org or at the door. Questions? Contact Choir Board Co-Presidents Liz Matchett (lizmatchett@yahoo.com) or E.J. Hong (ej@ejhong.com).

Palo Alto Library -- Friday Fun

First Fri of the month, 3:30 - 5 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd. AND Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Drop in for board games, simple crafts, and Bingo!

Palo Alto Library -- Lunar New Year Celebration

Sat, Feb 6, 2-4 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Rd.
Enjoy crafts, snacks, and a music performance by the fantastic Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra.

Palo Alto Library -- Exploring Happiness through Meditation & Movement
Wed, Feb 10 & 24, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.
Learn mindfulness through meditation and yoga-middle and high school students are welcome to join us! We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Palo Alto Library -- Knack-4-Knitting
Wed, Feb, 3, 10, 17 & 24, 4 - 6 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.
Share & learn knitting skills at this weekly program!

Palo Alto Library -- Parenting Program: Boys & Discipline
Thu, Feb 4, 7 - 8:30 PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Ave.
This month's topic teaches parents how to guide a boy's energy in a positive and productive manner. Our Parenting Programs are held the first Thursday of every month at Rinconada Libraries through May.

Palo Alto Library -- Saturday Board Games
Sat, Feb 6, 10 - 6 PM, Downtown Library, 270 Forest Ave.
Enjoy a day of modern board-gaming in the Library! Teens and adults welcome-and bring your own snacks to keep fueled throughout the day! This monthly program is held the 1st Saturday of every month.

Palo Alto Library -- Tai Chi
Feb 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10 - 12 P.M, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Ave.
You will begin with simple stretching and breathing exercises to create awareness of your body movements and to calm your mind. This class is open to beginners as well as those who have previous Tai Chi experience. People of all ages are welcome. Group meets every Sunday.

Palo Alto Library -- VITA: Volunteer Tax Assistance
Saturdays,, Feb 6 through Apr 9, 10 AM - 3 PM. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.
Free Income Tax Preparation by VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) IRS-certified volunteers will provide free basic 2015 income tax return preparation to qualified individuals who earned \$54,000 or less. First come, first served. Last files accepted no later than 2PM.

Palo Alto Library -- Family Date Night Presents "Family Prom!"
Fri, Feb 19, 7 - 8:15 PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.
Put on your dancing shoes because we've got DJ Kevin lined up for an evening of fun. Formal attire is encouraged but not required. Register here. [http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventsignup.asp? ID=10756&rts=&disptype=&ret=eventcalendar.asp&pointer=&returnToSearch=&num=0&ad=&dt=mo&mo=2/1/2016&df=calendar& EventType=ALL&Lib=ALL& AgeGroup=ALL&LangType=0& WindowMode=&noheader=&lad=&pub=1&nopub=&page=&pgdisp=](http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=10756&rts=&disptype=&ret=eventcalendar.asp&pointer=&returnToSearch=&num=0&ad=&dt=mo&mo=2/1/2016&df=calendar&EventType=ALL&Lib=ALL&AgeGroup=ALL&LangType=0&WindowMode=&noheader=&lad=&pub=1&nopub=&page=&pgdisp=)

Submit Your Art to Public Alchemy Exhibit

The Cubberley Artist Studio Program invites artists to submit work for their inaugural 2016 no-fee entry, open exhibition, Public Alchemy. This open-ended theme is intended to encourage and draw upon a broad range of community perspectives, aesthetic responses, and media. Cubberley Community Center exists to support and cultivate a diverse range of community interests and groups. Public Alchemy seeks to build upon this foundation and make space for artistic exchange and dialogue within and between our neighboring

communities. This exhibition is non-juried, and all forms and media are encouraged and will be exhibited, as space allows. Exhibition dates are Feb. 27-March 12. For more information and eligibility requirements, visit <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/50493>

The Palo Alto Children's Theatre presents Mo Willems' ELEPHANT & PIGGIE'S WE ARE IN A PLAY

Join the Palo Alto Children's Theatre for "Elephant & Piggie's 'We are in a Play,'" based on the classic stories by Mo Willems and featuring a cast of local theatre professionals. Elephant and Piggie, with the help of the nutty backup singers The Squirrels, take the audience on a madcap musical romp about friendship. Running time: approximately 60 minutes. View full performance schedule and purchase tickets at www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre or call (650) 463-4970.

The Palo Alto Swing Dance- a Gunn HS Music Fundraiser

Sat, Mar 5, 6:30 - 10 PM, Lucie Stern Ballroom, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto
You are all invited to join the fun at the Inaugural Palo Alto Swing Dance, a fundraiser for the Gunn High School Music Department. Swing dance group lessons will be provided along with live music performed by the Gunn Jazz Bands throughout the evening. Each ticket includes swing dance lessons, light food, and non alcoholic drinks throughout the event. Multiple ticket options are available. Tickets & information can be found at www.paloaltoswingdance.eventbrite.com or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/797783626998473>

Palo Alto Philharmonic Association Orchestra Concert III

Sat Feb 20, 8 PM, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View

Come join the Palo Alto Philharmonic for a night of classics, both old and new. Pianist Daniel Glover will perform Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, written by their own composer-in-residence, Lee Actor. Glover, who debuted the work in 2013. The concert will also feature Johannes Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 1 and Symphony No. 7 by Antonin Dvorak

General admission tickets are: General Admission \$24, Seniors \$20, and Student tickets \$12. 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. For more information, please contact Geri Actor (geri.actor@comcast.net)

Palo Alto Library -- Society of Bookworms - Dumpling Days by Grace Lin

Wed, Feb 17, 3:30 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Discuss a great book with your friends at the library! Grades 4-6.

Register online <http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=10735&rts=&disptype=&ret=eventcalendar.asp&pointer=&returnToSearch=&num=0&ad=&dt=mo&mo=2/1/2016&df=calendar&EventType=ALL&Lib=ALL&AgeGroup=ALL&LangType=0&WindowMode=&noheader=&lad=&pub=1&nopub=&page=&pgdisp=>

Paly Cheerleaders and Dancers Cheer, Stunt & Dance Clinic

Feb 1 - 4, 3:45 - 5:00 PM, Palo Alto High School

The Paly Cheerleaders and Dancers are hosting a cheer, stunt and dance clinic for local middle and elementary school students. On February 6th the clinic participants are invited to perform at the Varsity Basketball game, which will take place at Gunn High School. Please visit palycheer.net for more information or the registration form. If you have any questions contact Hilary McDaniel at hmcdaniel@pausd.org.

Palo Alto Library -- Teen Anti/Valentine's Party

Wed, Feb 10, 4 - 5:30 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Make crafts with us to keep for yourself or give away to your valentine. Join us for LED lit up cards, button making, pencil duct tape flowers, contests, and chocolate. Whether you loathe the holiday or not, there is something for everyone.

Register here. <http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=10268&rts=&disptype=&ret=eventcalendar.asp&pointer=&returnToSearch=&num=0&ad=&dt=mo&mo=2/1/2016&df=calendar&EventType=ALL&Lib=ALL&AgeGroup=ALL&LangType=0&WindowMode=&noheader=&lad=&pub=1&nopub=&page=&pgdisp=>

Palo Alto Library -- Bay Area Quiz Club

Sun, Feb 14, 2 - 6 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Join the Bay Area Quiz Club the second Sunday of every month! Please arrive promptly at 2pm, so that we can draw lots and form teams. Students 8th grade and up are welcome to join!

Inclusion for All Students in Middle and High School in Electives and Extracurricular Activities: What does inclusion look like in Middle and High School and what can be done to improve it?

Monday, January 25, 6:30-8:30pm (hospitality starts at 6pm)

PAUSD Board Room at 25 Churchill, Palo Alto.

Join the discussion on how to improve the inclusion of all students (including those with special needs and disabilities) in Middle and High School electives and extracurricular activities and share success stories and best practices that benefit all. Lets come together to make our PAUSD Middle and High Schools a better place for everyone. There will be a panel discussion with PAUSD teachers from Gunn, Paly, JLS, Jordan and Terman followed by a break-out in small groups where questions can be asked. Spanish translation will be available. Anyone is free to join in.

Panel members:

- Palo Alto Middle School Athletics: Lacey Korsten (City of Palo Alto Community Services)
- Jordan: Middle School Monica Covitt (Choir)
- JLS: Chris Mahle (Drama), Susie O'Neill (Home Economics)
- Terman: Angeline Sheridan (PE)
- Paly: Annmarie Papp (Robotics), Matt Hall (Student Activities Director)
- Gunn: Lisa Hall (Student Activities Director)

Moderators: Chiara Perry (PAUSD Special Education) and Holly Wade (PAUSD Student Services)

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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