

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sunday, Feb 21



Dear Scott

It's hard to believe that summer planning is in full swing. Take advantage of all the amazing camps and workshops offered locally. Many are featured in this eNews!

Note that Thursday evening will be the High School Transition panel, where 8th grade parents can hear high school transition stories from current 9th graders. This event was moved from its original scheduled date of Feb 17.

The author of recent Amazon #1 new release in child psychology, Media Moms & Digital Dads, Dr. Yalda T. Uhls will offer expert advice on how parents can guide their kids to make responsible respectful and safe media choices.

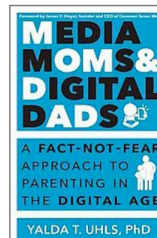
A much awaited parent ed opportunity on media usage, social science research, opportunities and challenges presented by digital media and how parents can navigate the rapidly evolving landscape with their kids.

Wednesday, February 24th 7:30-9:00pm

Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, JCC Palo Alto

Tickets can be [purchased HERE](#). Special JLS code for reduced rate of \$12:

JLSPTA (all capital letters) Questions: Junco Minami (junco.minami@gmail.com)



Check out our [Facebook page](#) for details about why some Medieval warriors are battling on our campus!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Student Store Open Friday 2/26, Friday 3/25, Friday 4/29, Friday 5/20
Connections Spaghetti Feed February 24
The High School Transition Panel

February 25
Principal's Coffee February 26
Student Store Open February 26
Tri-school Musical: Beauty and the Beast Thursday, MAR. 3 - 7:00 PM Friday, MAR. 4 - 7:00 PM Saturday, MAR. 5 - 2:00 PM Saturday, MAR. 5 - 7:00 PM

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.

MANY FACES OF JLS POTLUCK!

We hope you can contribute a dish from your home country to the **"Many Faces of JLS"** potluck on May 4. [Sign up here](#), find your country and add your name. The "table lead" will contact you as the date draws near to decide with you what dish to provide.



Or, you can sign up for serving, set-up, clean-up, or Hydration team member - or be a Table Lead!

The "Many Faces" potluck is one of two large JLS PTA events that bring the community together, and it is the same night as the JLS Open House. So help out if you can, and grab some dinner at the potluck before you head to your student's classrooms to review your student's learning and accomplishments.

Questions, or for more detailed information, contact [Barbara Stroud](#).

High School Transition Panel

Thursday February 25, 7pm - 8:30 pm, JLS Room 730

All parents of 8th grade students are invited to hear a panel of current 9th graders discuss their transition last year from JLS, and what they wish they had known before making the transition. The panel will consist of 6-8 students from both Palo Alto and Gunn high schools talking about their experience in such areas as:

- Tips for making the most of your first day and first week of school
- Lunch time
- School activities (homecoming, dances, games, etc.)
- Homework load and time/class management
- Extracurricular activities
- Social scene

There will also be time for parents to ask the students questions. Hope to see you there!

Summer Essay Workshop

A one-week writing workshop for rising 9th and 10th graders featuring hands-on, accessible instruction on how to author logical, clear, compelling essays. Five half-day classes at Palo Alto High School. Dates: June 13-17 or July 11-15, 2016.

For more information and to register: paloaltowritingacademy.com

Order Your Yearbook today!

Attention Panthers! If you have not purchased a yearbook, you will want to do so this month.

We will place our final order at the end of February, so in order to make sure you receive a copy of our book in May, you need to place your order now. The cost is \$35 until March 1st. After the first of March the cost goes up to \$40.



You can still put in a request after March 1st, but there is not a guarantee that you will receive a book. We did sell out last year. So please get your order in as soon as possible. Thank you!

Blacklight Dance



The Blacklight Dance was epic! Many thanks to all who helped organize! Check out photos on our [Facebook page!](#)

And then ask your student about BrainDay, Music Benefit Concert, Common Writing Assessment Scoring, Sushi Day, Egypt and Volcano Presentations, All Middle School Play Practice, and much more.

Used Recorder Instruments Needed!



A group of sophomores at Palo Alto High School are looking for used recorder instrument donations for children in the Ravenswood City School District (RCSD). The goal is to collect 82 recorders, so that RCSD can offer recorder lessons to all 4th and 5th graders. A donation bin will be located in the front office.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact atcynthialiu.825@gmail.com, or Chloe Hong at chloe@zhaoyu.org and Emily Yu at emillyu1030@gmail.com.

Latte Cart!

Our next Latte Cart Staff Appreciation Breakfast is Thursday, March 3. [Please sign up anytime](#) at www.tinyurl.com/JLSLatte

Thank you for helping with Latte Cart. It shows our wonderful JLS staff how much we appreciate their effort for our kids. If you are interested in organizing Latte Cart next school year, please email the PTA Latte Cart team:

Ivan Hom (ihom627@yahoo.com), Patty Sakuma (pattyau@aol.com), Paul Sakuma

(psakuma@aol.com)



JLS Track Coaches Needed!

JLS Track and Field team is looking for a few assistant coaches -- high schoolers or parents - paid or volunteer. If you're interested, contact Kelly Calica.

Kelly Calica

Athletic Director, MSA @JLS

Middle School Athletics, City of Palo Alto, Community Services Department

email: kelly.calica@cityofpaloalto.org

phone (mon-fri, 2-6pm): 650-444-3367

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/ (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.

JLS Student Store!

The JLS Student Store will be open on Friday, February 26 at lunchtime.

There are over 40 items for sale. Items include:

- JLS designed warm hoodies and sweatpants
- JLS designed tee shirt
- JLS designed baseball cap, lunch box, water bottle, lanyard, pen, eraser, pencil, pennant, note cards.
- 8GB thumb drive
- Locker mirrors, message board, crayons, pencil pouch, erasable pen, clip highlighter, glue stick, stampers, stickers.

If your birthday in February, come on into the store to receive a special birthday pencil.

The JLS Student Store is a project by Jaime Buddle's Leadership Class, JLS administration and a few adult volunteers.

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

Paly Journalism Summer Camp - Camp MAC registration is now open!

Don't miss out on an opportunity to experience Palo Alto High School's state-of-the-art Media Arts Center facilities this summer by participating in Camp MAC! Led by students of Paly's nationally recognized journalism program, Camp MAC introduces journalism to rising eighth and ninth grade students. Campers will learn 21st century literacy skills while building friendships across schools. Camp MAC is running a one-week session the week of Aug. 1-5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds support Paly's Media Arts Boosters Program. For registration, prices, and more information, visit <http://paly.io/campmac> or contact palyjournalismcamp@gmail.com

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>

Classroom Volunteers Needed - An Hour a Week Could Change a Student's Life

Have you enjoyed volunteering in your child's classroom? Then consider visiting a classroom in east Menlo Park or East Palo Alto. Our All Students Matter volunteers work once a week for about an hour on reading and math skills with kids in grades K-4. Sign up now to start in September. Training will be provided. To learn more or sign up, visit www.allstudentsmatter.org or contact Keri Tully at keritully@gmail.com.

Little Vikes Summer Camp

The Paly Cheerleaders and Dancers are hosting a cheer, stunt and dance clinic for local Middle, Elementary and Pre-School boys and girls Aug 1-5, 2016. Half day and longer day age-appropriate programs available. This camp takes place at Palo Alto High School. Please visit palycheer.net for more information. This camp is a fundraiser for the Paly Spirit Squads. If you have any questions contact Hilary McDaniel, Spirit Squad Program Director at hmcdaniel@pausd.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 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?



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

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