

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sunday, May 8



Dear Scott

Hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day! Thank you for all you do!



Over 1,000 from the JLS Community attended the Many Faces International Pot Luck on Wednesday! Food from over 15 countries was served. Many thanks to the many volunteers who helped donate their time and food to make this a huge success. This event was organized by the JLS PTA.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Student Store Open Friday 5/20
JLS Picnic **CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER** May 10
Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast May 11
Dance May 13

8th Grade Exit Interviews May 17-19
Choir Concert May 25
Minimum Day May 27
NO SCHOOL May 28
8th Grade Great America Trip May 31
8th Grade Night in the City Promotion Party June 2

DEADLINE, 8th graders: PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS BY MAY 16!!

Come celebrate with your classmates your final day of middle school.

This is not just your ordinary dance/party.

Did you know that there will be:

Catered Food (including In-N-Out burgers), a Chocolate Fountain, Dancing and a fabulous DJ, Carnival Games, a Photobooth and Tattoo artist

The party starts right after the promotion ceremony on Thursday, June 2nd and goes until 10:30pm. Tickets are \$30 per student. Scholarships are available.

Invitations were sent home but you can also [find them here](#) . Print the invite and send the completed form with payment into JLS.

We need volunteers to help make this event awesome! [Sign up to volunteer here.](#)

Questions? Contact Michelle Carillo @ whirlcar@gmail.com or Pam

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST!

Please join us for a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

This is our way of thanking you for all of the time you have spent helping make JLS such a wonderful experience for all students.

WEDNESDAY MAY 11

7:45 - 9:30 am

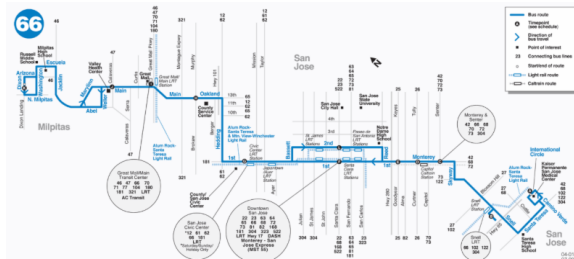
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PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION!

6th grade parents have not all turned in Proof of Immunization! Please do so ASAP!

[Click here](http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-222School.pdf) for details on the immunization requirements: <http://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-222School.pdf>

VTA BUS CHANGE PROPOSAL!



How You Can Support Bus Service to Gunn?

With the goal of making VTA transit more efficient, changes are coming for VTA bus service in Palo Alto. Cuts or changes are being considered for the VTA 88 bus (which serves many Gunn HS students) and the VTA 35 bus.

Share your thoughts with VTA staff on **Wednesday, May 18, 6pm** at Rinconada Library (1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto), Embarcadero Room. We strongly encourage bus users, including Gunn students and their parents, to attend this meeting to learn more and weigh in with VTA.

VTA is in the initial stages of considering various options for changing service. VTA staff will present various options and hear what community bus riders think. What do you think VTA should know about bus service in Palo Alto before the agency develops a draft network plan? Learn more here www.vta.org/nextnetwork.

(We thank Arthur Keller, a former Gunn parent who continues to serve Gunn PTSA as our Transit Coordinator, for flagging this issue and notifying our community.)

SCRATCH DAY AT GUNN!

Scratch Day @ Gunn 2016

Come visit Gunn High School's third annual Scratch Day! Learn how to program in a fun, safe environment.

Scratch <http://scratch.mit.edu> is a program developed by MIT to teach children computer science in an easy, interactive way by creating their own games and apps-introductory CS courses at Harvard, Berkeley, and even Gunn use Scratch as a first language.

Every year, over a hundred universities and schools around the world host Scratch Day to introduce students to computer science. Scratch@Gunn will take place on May 14th, 2016, 10:00-2:00 at Gunn High School, room N-215 (computer lab). It will be supervised by Gunn CS teacher Mr. Joshua Paley.

The event is free, and students of all ages are welcome: Scratch Day is the perfect introduction to programming for middle schoolers. We have enough computers for everyone, but you can bring a laptop if you prefer. Snacks will be provided.

Find more details and registration, visit <http://day.scratch.mit.edu/events/1369/> (there are a limited number of spots!). Feel free to contact Kartik Chandra hardmath123@gmail.com if you have any questions.

JLS YCO SUPPLY DRIVE!

The JLS YCS (Youth Community Service) Club is asking for the JLS Community's help in collecting items for the Palo Alto Downtown

Street Team.

The drive runs through May 13.



In an effort to help collect supplies, the YCS Club has organized a contest among the different JLS teams.

Here is the point system for the contest:

USB sticks: 15 points

Planners: 20 points

Thermos or Reusable Bottle: 10 points

Pencils: 1 point

Pens: 1 point

Notebooks: 5 points

Erasers: 2 points

Highlighters: 3 points

Granola Bars: 2 points

All supplies must be new. Used supplies will not count for points. The YCS goal is to collect 50 kits. The winning team will win Krispy Kreme donuts.

The Palo Alto Downtown Streets Team is an organization that helps homelessness by restoring the dignity and rebuilding the lives of unhoused men and women.

The YCS and JLS PTA are co-sponsors for this drive.

Advanced Authentic Research (AAR)!

Palo Alto Unified School District's Advanced Authentic Research (AAR) program would like to invite you to its inaugural Celebratory Showcase poster presentation! This poster presentation is an opportunity for AAR students from Palo Alto and Gunn High Schools to share their research and final projects, which they have been developing over the year.

We welcome the JLS community to come meet and connect with student presenters and their mentors. This is a wonderful opportunity for all JLS students and parents to experience an academic high school program at work.

Enjoy light refreshments and compelling student work on Monday, May 16th, 7:00 p.m. in the JLS Cafetorium. To RSVP, please email: aar@pausd.org

CALLING ALL FUTURE GUNN PARENTS!

Moving to Gunn Next Year? Stay Connected By Volunteering

Did you know that over 500 parents and community members volunteer at Gunn every year? There are three great reasons to become one of them:

- Studies show that students are more engaged with their school when their parents are active participants at the school;
- Parents experience greater satisfaction and connection with their school when they participate in on-campus events;
- It is fun!

There are opportunities to work in Gunn classes, service departments, and with the PTSA. We are eager to fill the following positions for next year:

- Inclusion rep
- Student Appreciation events
- Homecoming BBQ helpers
- Staff Appreciation events
- Turkey Feast helpers
- International Potluck helpers
- Forms sorting
- Data Entry

[Click here](#) to see a list of opportunities and check all that interest you. We will contact you to help you decide if you'd like to join us!

Questions? Contact the Gunn PTSA co-presidents: Barbara Best (barbarabest@gmail.com) or Keri Wagner (keriwagner@gmail.com).

CALLING ALL SPECIALISTS FOR R.O.P.E.!

Calling for specialists!

Do you know of an artist, a sports coach or professional athlete, an author, architect, or musician in the community who can donate some time to listen to 4-5 short project presentations and give directed field-related questions and comments?

The Connections 8th grade R.O.P.E. (Rite Of Passage Experience) program needs a few experts of their fields to give critical feedback and question our fabulous 8th grade presenters.

Presentations will be on May 20th. We need specialists from 1-2pm or 2-3pm. Non-JLS parents preferred. No grading or instructing necessary.

Please see your JLS Parent Network email for more details and contact Carrie Mousseau drcarriemd@gmail.com with expert name suggestions or questions.

Want To Be More Involved at JLS Next Year? Consider helping the JLS PTA!

Come volunteer with next year's JLS PTA! Taking part in our programs and events brings you closer to your student's JLS experience, while working with dedicated and interesting parents. There are many different types of jobs, ranging from short-term easy support events and tasks, to longer-term and even year-round positions. We welcome whatever level of time and talents you can contribute, and we promise you'll have fun.

Click [here](#) to see a full list of the JLS PTA events and open positions, and fill out the form to indicate any interests you may have. This is not a commitment! We will contact you with more information which will help you decide if you would like to join us.

The following openings are very important to us, so if you are willing and able to help us with any of these, please click on the above link to submit your name!

- Back to School events: Jump Start Day, form sorting
- eNews Editor
- 6th grade parent network
- 6th grade Panther Camp helpers (August 18-19)
- Special Ed Inclusion Rep, Health and Wellness Rep
- Traffic safety co-chair (2x per year)
- Help at big food events (Pizza party in August, International Potluck in May)
- Staff Appreciation events
- 8th grade Promotion Party helpers

**Questions? Contact Julia Jacobsen, JLS PTA President 2016-2017:
juliacjacobsen@gmail.com.**

Lost and Found!



Lost and Found is overflowing again!

The pile will be out on the tables by the Front Office from Monday, May 8, to Friday, May 13.

After that ALL remaining items will be donated.

HOMWORK 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.

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

Summer Math Camp Open House

May 10th, Tuesday, at 7:00 pm in Jordan Middle School (750 North California Ave, Palo Alto).

This is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, learn more about Classic Math School overall teaching principles and ideas as well as School-Year-Round programs.

Your questions will be answered, while your students will be offered a free Interactive Placement Test. Light refreshment will be served.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child on May 10th!

Palo Alto High School Journalism Summer Camp

August 1-5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for rising 8th and 9th graders

After a hugely successful debut last summer, Paly's distinguished journalism program will be returning again with its second year of Camp MAC (Media Arts Center). Led by students of Paly's nationally recognized journalism program, Camp MAC introduces campers to journalistic skills through interactive and collaborative workshops while building friendships across schools. All proceeds support Paly's Media Arts Boosters Program. For registration, prices, and more information, visit <http://paly.io/campmac> or contactpalyjournalismcamp@gmail.com

Bike Boulevard Proposals for City-Wide School Routes

Mon, May 9, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers, 1st Floor, City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto

On May 9th, the City Council will consider approval of plans for Bike and Pedestrian Improvements at various stages of design and specification for Amarillo Avenue, Bryant Street Bike Boulevard extension, East Meadow Drive, Montrose Avenue, Moreno Avenue, Louis Road, Palo Alto Avenue, and Ross Road, Maybell Avenue, Park Boulevard-Wilkie Way Bicycle Boulevard projects. See agenda here <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicaX/filebank/documents/52192>). An Executive Summary of the proposals is here <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicaX/filebank/documents/52165> preceding a longer report that includes maps and traffic and parking study data. Comment at the City Council meeting or

write to city.council@cityofpaloalto.org .

To Incoming 6th Grade Jordan Parents and/or Guardians:

Jordan's Jaguar Journey is a great orientation program for 6th grade students held on August 16th and 17th. The teachers and staff of Jordan use these first two days of school to orient the new 6th graders to life at Jordan. It's fun and festive and allows the students to get to know each other, their teachers and their new space at school. The teachers have developed a terrific program but they need parent volunteers help to make it happen. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here <https://www.uptous.com/communities/JJ> . Questions? Please email JaguarJourney2016@gmail.com

PAUSD Annual Strategic Plan Survey

PAUSD's annual strategic plan survey will remain open through Sunday, May 8. This process is an important channel of communication between families and district leadership; it also informs Board of Education focus goals. You may participate at <http://bitly.com/PAUSD2016LCAP>

Post-its for Positivity

Month of May, 10am-6pm. Mitchell Park Library, Childrens Library, or Rinconada Library

Support Palo Alto students as they prepare for finals at our library! Parents, school librarians, and teachers of PAUSD, consider writing a quick note to inspire students as they study hard for big tests during Finals Week. Messages can be heartfelt, humorous, or anything in between. Fill out a post-it at Mitchell Park, Rinconada or Childrens Library. You can also submit to: paloaltoTLAB@gmail.com

PAUSD Annual Youth Art Show - April 30 - May 22

Palo Alto Art Center, 1313, Newell Rd. Palo Alto CA 94303

K-12 student artwork exhibit at the Palo Alto Art Center. Friends, family and members of the public welcome. Additional Youth Art is on display from May 2 to May 20, at the Palo Alto Unified School District Office (Mon - Fri, 8am-4:30pm).

National River Clean Up Day

Sat, May 21, 9 AM - 12 PM, Baylands (Matadero or Adobe Creek)

The City of Palo Alto is hosting one Clean Up site (Matadero: site 16) and Acterra is hosting site 17 (Adobe) to clean up litter in the Baylands. Please go to www.cleanacreek.org to sign up and be sure to bring your waivers. Three hours of community service will be available.

League of Women Voters Meetings about Pros and Cons on June 7 Spring Election Ballot

Volunteers from the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto will present pros and cons for all the ballot measures on the spring election ballot in four free public meetings during May. In addition to giving the arguments for and against the ballot measures, speakers will provide information on how the primary process works in California. The program is part of the league's non-partisan Voter Education Service to the community Times and location in Palo Alto are: May 16, 2 PM, Avenidas, 450 Bryant Street, Garden Room; May 17, 7 PM, Channing House, 850 Webster Street; May 21, 2 PM, Downtown Library, 270 Forest Avenue; and May 24, 7 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Midtown Room.

WHOOOO: A Celebration of Owls

Sun, May 22nd, Palo Alto Junior Museum, 1451 Middlefield Rd., CA 94301

Go to the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo for an event in celebration of owls! Free and

open to Club JMZ members only 10:30am - 12:30pm, and to the public 1 - 2pm. Meet the JMZ's resident Western screech owls, Olive and Scooter and see owls from the San Francisco Zoo, Wildlife Associates, and more. Club JMZ members: Join us 10:30am-12:30pm for extra-special fun, including owl pellet dissection and coffee and breakfast in the zoo.

Palo Alto Philharmonic Family Concert -This Means War

Sun, May 22, 3 PM, Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Featuring the works of Gustav Holst, Joseph Haydn, Richard Strauss, Ludwig van Beethoven and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. For more information or to purchase tickets: <http://www.paphil.org/pages/concerts/family.php>

Summer Of Service (SOS) - YCS

Want to make a difference in the community? Join Summer of Service (SOS) and develop leadership skills, meet new friends and have fun while helping out in the community - with Youth Community Service. Each day students will go out in teams to local schools, senior centers, food pantries and parks for service. At SOS you will have fun while learning how to tackle community issues. We also enjoy one fun BBQ day each session and an end of program celebration. SOS has four 2 week sessions that run from June 13th through August 5th for students who will be entering 6th - 8th grade in the Fall of 2016. For more information, visit the Enjoy Online or contact YCS at (650) 858-8019.

Finals Cram Slam

Wed & Thu, May 25 & 26, 6-10 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto 94306

Library has extended hours for Finals Week! Students, need a break from studying? Come to the Teen Center for snacks and games. We will also have a quiet room for those who need extra concentration at the MPCC's Adobe Rm. Therapy dogs will also be at the library to de-stress.

Tween & Teen Summer Programs at the Palo Alto Art Center

Unleash the creativity in your student by signing up for one of the PAAC's Teen & Tween Summer Camps. There are several camps with openings for students ages 11-18. Online Registration is open for weekly camps focusing on Printmaking, Photography, Mixed Media and Ceramics. Questions? Please contact Rebecca Passarello (rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-617-3509).

Freshman Leadership Corps (FLC) - YCS

Ready for High School? Spend two weeks building leadership skills, meeting new friends and helping create change in the community! For summer 2016, Youth Community Service (YCS) will offer the Freshman Leadership Corps (FLC) Program for incoming ninth graders. Students will learn about important issues that impact the physical and social environments in their communities. They will examine these issues from environmental, social and cultural perspectives and will gain understanding on how they can make a difference. In addition, participants will enjoy a fun BBQ day each session and prepare a multimedia presentation! FLC has four 2 week sessions that run from June 13th through August 5th for students who will be entering 9th grade in the Fall of 2016. For more information, visit the Enjoy Online or contact YCS at (650) 858-8019.

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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