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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, May 22



Dear Scott

EXCITING JLS SPRING BAND CONCERT NIGHT AT JLS AMPHITHEATER!



Thank you for our wonderful three Music directors Margaret Billin, Angelina Fitzhugh and Greg Miller. The students have done tremendous work and were excited about showing off their progress at this final concert. Thank you for all parents' support over this school year. Special Thanks to Iris Wong, JLS Dean of Students, Nancy Coffey, Music Coordinator, Phyllis Smith, Music Secretary, John Monroe, JLS Low Brass Coach, Reilly Tamer, Allan Pascual and JLS Custodial Staff, JLS Instructional Aide, JLS PTA and Parents Volunteers.

The PAUSD music program is made possible in part by your gift to Partners in Education, our educational foundation. Thank you to PIE donors as well.

DVDs of this Spring Band Concerts are available for \$25 each.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Choir Concert May 25
6th Grade Formal Day Luncheon May 26
Minimum Day May 27
NO SCHOOL May 30
8th Grade Great America Trip May 31
8th Grade Night in the City Promotion Party June 2

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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>

SURVEY (ALL GRADES) FROM PAUSD STUDENT SERVICES!

You are asked to participate in a survey through which you can provide important feedback on PAUSD's support services for students. The Harvard Systems Review Survey of our Supports for students with disabilities will only remain open until Tuesday, May 24. Teachers and administrators also are being asked to participate.

Access the survey here in English, Spanish and Chinese: <http://bit.ly/pausd2016sped>

The original request, sent through our PAUSD research department, came from Dr. Tom Hehir, a senior faculty member at Harvard University who is leading this research. Your responses will influence their recommendations to the School Board in mid-late June. There will also be several open town hall meetings to review the results. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Monica Ng, the study director, at monica.alice.ng@gmail.com

UPCOMING Gunn Music Concerts!



Don't miss this last opportunity of the year to hear the CMEA Unanimous Superior Gunn music groups! All concerts are free and open to the public with donations accepted at the door.

Gunn Percussion Ensemble

Tuesday, May 24, 7:30 PM, Spangenberg
Trash cans, marimbas, and woodblocks, oh my! Come hear the Gunn Percussion Ensemble perform works by Bach, Mozart, Crockerell, and more. It's time to show you how musical our car parts and kitchen supplies can be!

Gunn Choir Spring Concert & Awards

Thursday, May 26, 2016, 7:30 pm, Spangenberg Theatre
 Fresh off of unanimous superior ratings at the California Music Educators Association Choral Festival, please join the Gunn Choir in a fond musical farewell to the Class of 2016. Gunn-bound JLS families are especially invited - come see what the Gunn Choir program has to offer! Tickets are \$7 (\$5 for students in high school or younger) and can be purchased at the door. Don't miss it!

Senior Jazz Concert

Friday, May 27, 7:30 PM, Spangenberg
 Come hear the final concert of the year for the award winning jazz bands! We will be honoring and featuring our nine amazing jazz seniors! The concert will feature music selected, rehearsed, and performed by the following outstanding seniors

Please join us in our final concert that honors our senior members.
 Questions, contact the Gunn Band/Orchestra Boosters Publicity Chair:
 Kristen Lee(klee@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).

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
- 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.

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.

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

Help Kids in Grades K-4 with Reading or Math - You Could Change a Life

Please join other parents volunteering with All Students Matter in grades K-4 in east Menlo Park and East Palo Alto schools. You'll work in the same classroom once a week, building a relationship with the teacher and students, and be able to see the progress achieved. The students are always eager to work with you and you'll have real impact in a community where over 80% of students are performing below grade level in reading and math. Sign up now to start in September - we provide training and coordinate everything. To learn more or to sign up, please visit our web site at www.allstudentsmatter.org or contact Keri Tully at keritully@gmail.com.

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

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.

Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics (PASA) Swimming Lessons

Stanford Cardinal Swimming offers a range of swimming opportunities for the beginning swimmer to the elite athlete. Find the best fit for you! Start dates: May - August. Contact swim@pasacardinal.com to find out about options at Avery Pool (Stanford) and in Palo Alto. Programs include high school, age group, competitive, developmental and swim lessons. PASA - Cardinal is a year-round United States Swimming Team: www.pasacardinal.com. All Levels: <https://goo.gl/pahsbq>. High School: <https://goo.gl/Fw1T2S>

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.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Sat, May 28, 2 - 3 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

The Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage everyone to read- babies, children, teens, and adults. This year's theme is "On your mark, Get set, Read!" Sign up at <http://ca.evanced.info/paloalto/sr/homepage.asp> and set a reading goal, log or review your books online, and at the end of the summer, after you have met your goal, come back to the library for your prize!

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)

Teen DIY Bath Bombs and Lip Balms

Tue, June 7, 2 - 4 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

Learn how to make bath soaps, sugar scrubs and more using natural ingredients. Keep your own creations! Registration required. More information is available at <http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventcalendar.asp?Lib=ALL>

Middle School Bicycle Skills Classes

Sat, Jun 11 - Aug 6, 8:30 AM - 1 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center

Build your student's independent bicycling skills. The Palo Alto Safe Routes to School program has partnered with Wheel Kids Bicycle Club to offer on-bike safety classes for middle school students and their parents throughout the summer. For more details or to register visit: <http://wheelkids.com/palo-alto/middle-school/>

Coding for Kids

Sun, Jun 12, 10 AM - 12 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

An introduction to coding using visual programming languages. Sundays through July 3. Open to kids in grades 2-6.

SAT Practice Test

Sat, Jun 11, 12 - 4:30 PM. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto

Students in grades 7 and up are invited to take a practice SAT test at the library. SAT review session is on June 26.

Python Programming

Sat, Jun 18, 2 - 4 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

This programming course covers all the basics. Grades 5 to 8 only.

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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your employer to
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