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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, May 29



Dear Scott



This is the FINAL EDITION of JLS Online for the 2015 - 2016 School Year!

The JLS staff, teachers, and PTA wish to thank each and every family for being a part of our thriving JLS community, whether you were able to participate in events, or participate by reading our emails - THANK YOU for your time, attention, and wonderful students.

Have a great summer and we'll see you next year!

WELL SERVED 6TH GRADE FORMAL DAY LUNCHEON!



Thank you for our wonderful 6th grade teachers and parent volunteers ,our 6th grade students could enjoy their delicious formal luncheon! Special Thanks to the officers/representatives of the JLS 6th grade Student Council and Joe Yribarren, 6th grade teacher/ Student Council Adviser.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NO SCHOOL

May 30

8th Grade Great America Trip

May 31

8th Grade Night in the City Promotion Party

June 2

JLS Jump Start Day

Aug 9

JLS Jump Start Day ([here to download the flyer](#))

Please mark on your calendar for our Jump Start Day now! For all new and returning students!

Wednesday, August 9

2:00-5:00 p.m.

Drop off completed forms and payments.

Student School Photo for Year Book and Student Card.
Purchase PE uniforms.
Bring your bikes and bike helmets!

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JLS 2016 PROMOTION PARTY ! Thursday, June 2nd

JLS 2016 Promotion Party Needs Your Help!

The 8th grade needs your help to make the promotion party a success! We are looking for volunteers the evening of Thursday, June 2nd.

For 6th and 7th grade parents, come help get the party set up and started while the 8th grade parents are all at the promotion ceremony. This is a great way to get a feel for what to do for your own celebration when it is your child's turn (believe us - it comes fast!). We need the first shift of food and games from 7:15-9:00 pm.

For 8th grade parents, kids only are allowed in the party - no parents unless you are taking a shift helping out. So if you want to see the great decorations and activities, sign up to help out with the second shift of the night! We are looking for 8th grade parents to help set up and decorate the day of the party from 12:30 - 4:30 pm, food from 8:15-9:15 pm and games/other activities from 9-10:30 pm.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the different activities. Come help serve food, chaperone dancing or help with the activities. Or maybe you'd just like to bring some dessert (cupcake, lemon bar?). We can use any and all help.

For Volunteers: please see the list of positions and [Sign Up Here!](#)

For Tickets: 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.

Thank you!

From the 8th Grade Promotion Party Committee

JLS STUDENT STORE- JLS SPIRIT WEAR!



JLS Student Store

The JLS Student Store is a small store at the JLS campus and is a joint cooperative effort by the Jaime Buddle's Student Leadership class, parent volunteers and the JLS administration and is run under the Student Body.

The JLS Student Store sells JLS Spirit Wear and some other small articles that can be used at school.

The JLS Student Store and Online Store are closed for summer. The Store will reopen on Jump Start Day (Tuesday, August 9th) and will be open on specific Fridays during lunchtime, check the JLS eNews announcements. JLS clothing can also be purchased online at: www.JLSStudentStore.com

If you are interested in volunteering at the store, email Karrie Chen and Esmaralda Roell at JLSStudentStore@gmail.com. We can still use some volunteers!

FINAL CALL FOR LOST AND FOUND!

We will be putting out all of Lost and Found items the last week of school - Tuesday, May 31 to Thursday, June 2. Everything will be on tables outside the Main Office. Please encourage your student(s) to check it out. Parents should feel free to stop by as well.

All leftovers will be donated after school is out next week.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM PARKING AT JLS!

This summer, the PAUSD High School Summer School program will be held at JLS. We are expecting a total of around 1000 students to attend summer school over two 3-week sessions. Summer school will run from June 13-July 22nd during the hours of 8:30 to 2pm daily.

You might find an increase in parking on the streets near campus for students who are opting to drive to school. JLS has a small parking lot that is open to students based on availability but it is not large enough to accommodate all students who opt to drive. As a result, street parking may increase.

Thank you for your understanding.

THANKS FOR JLS YCS-PTA EMPLOYMENT LAUNCH KIT DRIVE!



The YCS (Youth Community Service) Club would like to thank the JLS community for participating in the Employment Launch Kit Drive and the JLS PTA for co-sponsoring this drive! We collected over 705 items!

The supplies will be donated to the Palo Alto Downtown Streets Team, which supports people transitioning out of homelessness through employment.

The supplies give them the jump start for being prepared in the first few weeks of their job, and support their success in retaining employment long-term and gaining self-sufficiency through the dignity of work. Thank you!

The results of the team competition are:

First Place: Team Einstein with 978 points (winning the donut party!)

Second Place: Sixth Grade Team Three with 540 points

Third Place: Team Galileo with 123 points

SIGN UP FOR PALY LINK!

Going to Paly in the Fall? Sign up for the Paly Link eNews!

Want to sign up to receive the Paly Link? Go to www.tinyurl.com/palylinksignup .

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).

2016-17 JLS Site Council seeks new parent representatives!

JLS is looking for additional parents to volunteer for the Site Council. The Site Council is a representative body made up of parents, staff, and students. It is responsible for developing and monitoring the Single Plan for Student Achievement, allocating resources to meet the goals identified in the plan, and providing broad-based input on school effectiveness.

Membership on the Council consists of four parents, four students, and eight staff members. Parent membership consists of three elected positions and one position appointed by the PTA. Elected parent members of the Site Council hold office for two years, provided that they continue to be a parent at JLS; otherwise the term of office is one year.

If you have questions about the Site Council and/or are interested in placing your name on the ballot, please contact Judy Lukensmeyer, Site Council Coordinator, at jlukensmeyer@pausd.org.

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.

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

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

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.

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)

Screening of "Beyond Measure"

Sat, Jun 4, 2 - 4 PM, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City Main Library

Beyond Measure sets out to challenge the assumptions of our current education story. Rather than ask why our students fail to measure up, this film asks us all to reconsider the greater purpose of education. What if our education system valued personal growth over test scores? Put inquiry over mimicry? Encouraged passion over rankings? What if we decided that the purpose of school was not the transmission of facts or formulas, but the transformation of every student? And what if this paradigm-shift was driven not by politicians but by students, parents, and teachers

To register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/screening-of-beyond-measure-redwood-city-ca-tickets-25585183974?ref=enivte001&invite=MTAyMDkyNTgva2ltYmVybHIAZ2lybHNpbm5vdmF0ZS5vcmcvMA%3D%3D&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=invitemodernv2&ref=enivte001&utm_term=attend

Sponsored by Girls Innovate, Outschool.org and Redwood City Library. Free and open the public.

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.

Paly Science and Engineering Summer Camp

This summer, take part in our third annual Paly Science and Engineering Summer Camp! With activities led by members of the Paly Science Olympiad team, your child can enjoy various applications of the many fields of science. Designed for any interested rising 7th through 9th graders, the camp will include demonstrations and hands-on activities, such as analyzing crime scenes, dissections, and engineering projects! The camp is currently planned to be held 6/27 to 7/30 for session one and 7/5 to 7/8 for session two, each day from 10 am to 3 pm at Terman Middle School. Visit palyscioly.org for more information, and sign up at <http://goo.gl/forms/qhElwABPrhfGmQYW2> to receive further updates regarding camp dates and registration!

Paly Math Camps

These camps offer individually paced training and one-on-one teaching, with rigorous curriculum taught by former USAMO/USAJMO and AIME qualifiers as well as a math teacher, all from Palo Alto high schools. These camps will be suitable for any student who enjoys math and will be fun for students of all ages and math levels.

Mathcounts Camp is intended for incoming PAUSD middle schoolers who want to learn problem-solving techniques geared more towards Mathcounts. AMC Camp is intended for PAUSD students who want to learn problem-solving techniques geared more towards the AMC 8 and AMC 10 series.

If you are interested in registering, please fill out the following form: <http://goo.gl/forms/qtmr8lQoWxfSNeHk1>

Place: Terman Middle School

Mathcounts Camp: 7/11-15, 1-4 pm

AMC Camp: 7/18-22, 1-4 pm (currently unavailable due to staffing issues but may open up

if there is sufficient interest)
Contact palymathclub@gmail.com for any questions.

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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