

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Sept 11



Dear Scott

Thanks for coming to the Administration Coffee!

We had a full room of parents to meet our new administration, our principal, assistant principals, dean of students and grade level counsellors. We heard about plans for the year and met individually with the staff. Thanks to Ramji Digumathi for bringing the coffee and Lili Nova-Roessig for bringing breakfast food to enjoy together!

Thanks to all the JLS parents who came to our first General PTA meeting on Thursday! We approved the budget, calendar, goals for the year, and heard from our principal. We welcome everyone to come join in our discussions and the business of the JLS PTA!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Vision Testing Sept 13 & 14 |
| Student Store Open Sept 16, 12:30 PM |

JLS Student Store Open!



JLS Student
Store

The JLS Student Store is a small store on the JLS campus and is a joint cooperative effort by the 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, like pens, pencils, erasers, pencil pouches....

The JLS Student Store on campus will be open on Friday September 16th during lunchtime. Have your teen bring some cash and check it out!

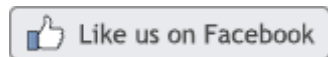
The store will open the rest of the year on specific Fridays during lunchtime. The opening dates that are planned for this year are: September 16th, September 23th, September 30th, October 14th, October 28th, November 4th, November 18th, December 2nd, January 13th, January 27th, February 10th, March 3rd, March 17th, April 14th, April 28th, May 5th and May 19th.

JLS clothing can also be purchased online at:

www.JLSStudentStore.com

The store is run by students, but we still can use some help from parents being present to support if necessary. If you are interested in volunteering at the store, please sign up [here](#).

The JLS Store Folks
JLSStudentStore@gmail.com



PAUSD News

Food Service Department Open Forums

Palo Alto USD invites parents, employees, students, and community members to a series of Food Services Department Community Open Forums held throughout the 2016-17 school year. Please visit: <https://www.pausd.org/food-service-department-open-forum>

Renaming Schools Advisory Committee (RSAC) Survey

The PAUSD School Board created a Renaming Schools Advisory Committee (RSAC) and charged this committee to explore and recommend processes for naming or renaming schools based on community input and feedback. The community consists of students, parents, alumni, former parents, community members, and PAUSD teachers and staff. With this short survey, we would like to get your initial input concerning the criteria you consider to be most important for the naming of any district school. Your input will help the RSAC understand the community's values, and alongside other data, help inform the Committee's discussions and recommendations to the Board. The survey is very short and we appreciate you taking two or three minutes to give your input by completing and submitting this seven question survey. Simply click the following link to begin https://pausd.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8JuFGmlO3CJ3Qgd

A public forum for THE PAUSD SCHOOL BOARD

Notice of Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Tues, Sept 13, 6:30 pm, Board Room, 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto

The Board of Education will receive input from the public relative to certification that students have sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials for the 2016-2017 school year. Additional information available through Educational Services at 650-329-3709.

Be educated! The Palo Alto PTA Council and League of Women Voters have organized an opportunity for you to meet the the candidates for the PAUSD Board of Education on Mon, Sep 22, 7-9 pm, 25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto. The Board of Education is the K-12 policy-making body for academic standards, curriculum, instructional materials, assessments and accountability. Thank you to the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto for sponsoring this forum that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League and PTAC neither supports nor opposes candidates. The Candidates Forum is organized to provide equal and non-preferential opportunities for each candidate for Palo Alto Unified School Board to make short prepared statements and to answer questions written by audience members on cards provided at the event. Volunteers help make the event run smoothly.

The entire Forum will be videotaped by Midpeninsula studios and broadcast later on community TV channels. All other recordings, visual and audio, are prohibited.

<http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/>

<http://www.lwvpaloalto.org/>

<https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/board-education>

Volunteer docents needed for Presentations of Master Artists

Love Art and Art History? Interested in O'Keeffe, Rivera, Thiebaud, or Jacob Lawrence? Volunteer docents needed to give presentations about the lives and work of Master Artists to PAUSD elementary students. Training provided by Arts Coordinator, Sharon Ferguson. Art History background preferred but not required. Flexible hours. Volunteer docent meetings/training at held at Art Education, 25F Churchill Ave. For more information contact Emily at Art Education (650) 329-3939, (emarshall@pausd.org) .

Want To Be More Involved at JLS This Year?

Consider helping the JLS PTA!

Come volunteer with this 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. Please visit the JLS PTA website, jlswp.paloaltopta.org 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.

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

Stay Connected all Parents of JLS- subscribe to Weekly JLS eNews!

Please subscribe to the JLS CLASS list. This will ensure that you will receive the weekly JLS eNews during all of the years your student is at JLS and also any separate communications that are sent only to EACH grade of JLS parents. To be included in the JLS Class list, sign up [here](#).

JLS eNews Publication Guideline

JLS eNews is a publication of the JLS PTA. It is sent out each Sunday morning, with special editions sent out as required.

If you want to publish an announcement relevant to JLS, send an email to **jls.eneews@gmail.com**. Include the following information: title, date, time, and location of the event, a brief as possible description, and contact information. Items submitted by Thursday 2 pm will appear in the Sunday Edition. The submission should be completely and already proofed.

Announcements relevant to other schools in the PAUSD district can be sent to **eneews@paloaltopta.org**.

Our PTA has a **noncommercial policy**, which states that we do not associate with any commercial activities of other organizations including, but not limited to, the promotion of their goods and services. Only submissions from nonprofit organizations will be considered for placement in the eNews.

Submit material no earlier than 1 month before the event. Announcements will generally run for a maximum of three weeks. Previous editions of eNews can be found at the **eNews archive** page.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact **jls.eneews@gmail.com**.

Home Work 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.

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

Financial Aid for Students:

Have or know a college-bound student? The Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA will now open Oct 1, 2016 for the 2017-2018 school year for anyone seeking financial assistance. FAFSA offers grants, work-study funds and low-interest federal student loans. The program includes information on state funds that may be available to pay for a child's higher education. More info at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

Matemagos Math Tutoring in Spanish: Help Kinder & 1st Graders with Math, Gain Valuable Experience Volunteering
Tutor Orientation October 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Escondido Elementary, Room 1
1st Tutoring Session October 20 - December 1, Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm, at Escondido Elementary, Palo Alto

Matemagos provides a great opportunity to work with Kinder and First Grade Spanish Immersion students in math through fun and engaging games. Tutors gain valuable experience through service while using their Spanish language skills, building a relationship with the students, and giving back to the community. For detail contact , matemagos.tutor@gmail.com .

Palo Alto Library -- Teen Writing Club

1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 4-5:30PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.

Share your passion for writing with other teens. Writing prompts, activities, and light snacks provided. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month. Grades 6-12. Please register for this event online.

Palo Alto Library -- Family Date Night- Fort Making Pajama Party

Fri, Sep 16, 7 - 8:15PM. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St. Palo Alto

Wear pjs. Build forts. Eat snacks. Have fun. Please register for each family member who will be attending.

Palo Alto Library -- Friday Fun

Every first Friday of the month, 3:30-5 PM. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St. Palo Alto

Drop in for board games, simple crafts, and a couple of rounds of Bingo!

Sanskrit Classes:

Classes begin Sun sept 11, 4PM, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Av. Palo Alto

Sanskrita Bharati Palo Alto is organizing Sanskrit Classes for children (K-7th grade) and adults for the school year 2016-17. For more information, visit: <http://SBbalakendram.org>

TAKEOVER: Teen Creativity Party

Fri Oct 7, 6 -9PM, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

Teens, celebrate peace, love, and artmaking with a Teen Creativity Party, complete with live performances, hands-on art activities, raffle prizes and more! During the event, attendees will be able to check out our upcoming exhibition, The Butterfly Effect: Art in 1970s California, and see a new side of the Palo Alto Art Center. A valid high school ID is required to enter. For more information, contact Lauren Baines, Family, Teen and Outreach Programming Coordinator at lauren.baines@cityofpaloalto.org.

Community Service Opportunity: Coastal Clean Up Day

Sat Sept 17, 9AM - noon, Baylands (Matadero or Adobe Creek)

The City of Palo Alto is hosting two clean-up sites (Matadero and Adobe creeks) to clean up litter in the Baylands. To sign up: Please go to www.cleanacreek.org (scroll down to Palo Alto) to sign up and be sure to bring your waivers. Three hours of community service will be available.

Media Rules: Healthy Connections in the Digital Age

Fri Sep 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Memorial Aud., 551 Serra Mall, Stanford.

Do you feel that media is all-consuming and rules your family life? Navigating technology can feel like uncharted and unprecedented territory for parents. How can we effectively manage media use when the rules of engagement seem to be constantly changing? Join us to explore how adults and kids can establish healthy connections and positive relationships in the digital age. Adults \$10; students free. Details & tickets: <http://www.challengesuccess.org/media-rules/>

Let's Talk, A SELPA 1 Support Group

Mon, Sept 12, 7-9pm, Orchard Community Room, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

A chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality.

For more information, see www.selpa1cac.org

Puberty for Students with Challenges, SELPA1CAC Coffee Talk

Wed, Sept 21, 7-9PM, Santa Rita Elementary, 700 Los Altos Avenue, Los Altos (new location!)

Dr. Jacob Towery will be discussing adolescents with challenges entering puberty, issues parents should be aware of, and common psychiatric medications and their effects on teenagers. There will be ample time for questions and answers. For more information, see www.selpa1cac.org

Trail Closure/Tree Removal Along San Francisquito Creek

As part of the San Francisquito Creek flood control project, the Bay/San Francisquito Creek trail that runs from Geng and Embarcadero Road to the Friendship Bridge (through the Baylands Athletic Center, along the Golf Course) will soon be closed. The flood control project is scheduled to begin September 1, but the trail may be closed as early as mid-August. On the Palo Alto side of the creek, the trail is expected to be closed for the entire two-year duration of the project. Signs are being posted along the trail in advance to warn users about the upcoming closure and tree removals that are required for the construction project.

El Camino Youth Symphony Orchestra Fall Auditions

Palo Alto-based El Camino Youth Symphony invites musicians ages 6-18 to audition for the 2016-17 season. Led by an internationally renowned faculty, ECYS offers six orchestras/ensembles for students at all levels of musical ability. Auditions are held in August and September. Apply online at www.ECYS.org. Call ECYS at 650-213-7111 for more information.

PreSchool Family 70th Anniversary Celebration

Sun, Sept 25, 3-5pm, Greendell School, 4120 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

PreSchool Family is turning 70. Celebrate with classroom visits, alumni class photos, and refreshments. Alumni and Current Families welcome. Hosted by Friends of PreSchool Family. For more information, visit psf.pausd.org.

Effective and Joyful Discipline With Your Strong-Willed Child (7 - 11 years old)

Tues, Sept 20, 7- 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave, Palo Alto

Strong-willed children want to cooperate, yet they need to be approached differently than easygoing children. Rather than ending up in power struggles, break this cycle and learn how to win cooperation effectively. You can bring out the best in yourself and your children. With Cynthia Klein, BA. \$45; \$30 additional parenting partner. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/effective-and-joyful-discipline-with-your-strong-willed-child-7-11-years-registration-26426572590>

What is Sensory Motor Development? An Introduction to Occupational Therapy

Tues, Sept 27; 7-9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave, Palo Alto

Occupational therapy (OT) can help kids with various needs improve their cognitive, physical, sensory, and motor skills and increase their confidence and sense of accomplishment. Come meet our occupational therapist and learn how OT can help your child's development. We will discuss: What is occupational therapy? What is sensory processing disorder? What does a motor skill delay look like? How can occupational therapy help my child? With Lisa Matudio, MS, OTR/L. \$45; \$30 additional parenting partner. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-is-sensory-motor-development-an-introduction-to-occupational-therapy-services-all-ages-registration>

Project Safety Net Meeting

Wed, Sept 28, 4-6PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room, 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

Are you interested in reducing youth mental health stigma and supporting youth voice? Please join us at our next Project Safety Net (PSN) meeting where you will have the opportunity meet and hear from members in our community who have the same interest. At this month's meeting, PSN is honoring September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. We will be featuring a Crisis Text Line (<http://www.crisistextline.org/>) that provides free crisis intervention via SMS message. You will also hear about upcoming events and trainings. RSVP at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/project-safety-net-community-collaborative-meeting-september-28-2016-tickets-26987778171>

Project Safety Net (<http://www.psnpalalto.com/>) is a collaborative community network held together by a common interest of fostering youth well-being in Palo Alto. Sign-up for its newsletter <http://psnpalalto.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ad6a7bca6265d8553ffc6de9&id=1cba511e15>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Silicon Valley Walk

Sat, Sept 17, Walk begins at 11am, Arena Green, San Jose, CA

Put on your walking shoes-on-site or virtually-- to join the Palo Alto Community and Project Safety Net for this important mental health awareness event. Your support will help change the perceptions about mental wellness, reduce mental health stigma, and promote suicide prevention. For more information, visit <http://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=9367>

Clipper Card

You don't have to pay cash or get a monthly pass to get a youth discount on the VTA 88 bus, or other buses or Caltrain, etc. Sign up for a Youth Clipper Card. Bus fares for the 88 bus for youth are 75 cents each way and \$1.25 for adults.

See <http://www.vta.org/getting-around/Fares/Clipper-Youth-Senior-Disabled> or <https://www.clippercard.com/ClipperWeb/discounts/youth> do for how.

Teen & Tween Art Classes at the Palo Alto Art Center!

Unleash the creativity in your student by signing up for one of our Teen & Tween Art Classes. We have several classes with openings for students ages 11-18. Registration is open for classes focusing on Ceramics, Drawing, Photography and Watercolor. Register at: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/paloalto/Home>

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Passarello (rebecca.passarello@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-617-3509).

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: Anjani Sarma
7th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner
8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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