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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Sept 18



Dear Scott

**JLS Student Store OPEN, Friday Sept 23th - JLS Spirit Wear!**

The JLS Student Store on campus will be open on Friday September 23th during lunch time. Have your teen bring some cash and check it out!



#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Connections ROPEs Parent Info Night Sept 21, 7:00 PM
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8th grade Parent Network Sept 23, 8:30 AM
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Student Store Open Sept 23, 12:30 PM
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Choir Picnic Sept 23, 5:00 PM
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**JLS Student Store**

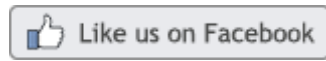
The JLS Student Store is a small store on the JLS campus and is a joint cooperative effort by the Student Leadership class, parent volunteers and the JLS administration and is run under the Student Body. The JLS Student Store sells JLS Spirit Wear and some other small articles that can be used at school, like pens, pencils, erasers, pencil pouches....

The store will open the rest of the year on specific Fridays during lunchtime. The opening dates that are planned for this year are: 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](http://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 using the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/JLSstudentstorevolunteer>

The JLS Store Folks  
[JLSStudentStore@gmail.com](mailto:JLSStudentStore@gmail.com)



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## PAUSD News

### A public forum for THE PAUSD SCHOOL BOARD

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>

### Renaming Schools Advisory Committee Community Townhall Meeting

Mon Sept 26, 6-8PM. Location TBD

At the townhall meeting a brief overview of Palo Alto's history will be presented, followed by a panel discussion that will provide an overview of eugenics and its history. The panelists will discuss ways in which a community can deal with racist events in its history, addressed from the present day perspective, and in the context of our public schools. The

panel will be composed of 3-4 renown history professors and experts in eugenics, some of whom have actively provided their expertise in renaming efforts at other schools. The townhall meeting is intended to stimulate community discussion on this important topic, and will close with a Q&A session. Everyone in the community is welcome, please invite your friends and neighbors.

SAVE THE DATE: Monday 9/26 6-8pm, RSAC townhall, location and speaker details to be announced in next week's eNews.

### **PAUSD School Board Candidate Forum**

Sat, Oct 1, 10 AM - 12 (doors open at 9:30am), Jordan Middle School (Gymnasium), 750 N. California Ave.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the candidates who are running for PAUSD School Board. This forum will focus on issues that impact outcomes for historically underrepresented families and students with special needs. Learn about candidates' priorities and ask any questions that you have.

Childcare, light refreshments and Spanish translation provided. This forum is sponsored by Parent Advocates for Student Success, the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs. Contact [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com) with any questions.

Sábado 1 de octubre de 10 am a las 12 del mediodía (las puertas se abren a las 9:30 am), Jordan Middle School, 750 N. California Ave., Gimnasio

Esta es una maravillosa oportunidad para conocer a los candidatos que se postularan a la Junta Escolar PAUSD. Este foro se centrará en preguntas acerca de los resultados y el impacto para las familias históricamente subrepresentadas de estudiantes con necesidades especiales. Podrá obtener información acerca de las prioridades de los candidatos y hacer cualquier pregunta que tenga. Cuidado de niños, refrescos y la traducción al español estara disponible. Este foro está patrocinado por defensores de los padres para el éxito del estudiante, el Comité Asesor de Palo Alto Comunitario para la Educación Especial, y el Consejo de Palo Alto de los ACP.

### **PAUSD School Board Candidate Forum K-5th Grade Focus**

Tuesday Oct 4th 6:30-8:30pm, Barron Park School MP Room 800 Barron Ave, Palo Alto

ALL interested Palo Alto Voters and PAUSD parents are invited to come and hear from the school board candidates! Barron Park, Ohlone and Fairmeadow PTAs are co-hosting this K-5th grade-focused forum with all candidates. If you'd like to submit a question to have the candidates respond to, email your question to [k5october4forum@gmail.com](mailto:k5october4forum@gmail.com) by Oct 3. Please keep your questions related to K-5th issues. There will be separate forums for Special Ed issues on Sat Oct 1st 10a-12p (location TBD) and possibly a forum for 6-12th [grade issues \(Day, Time, Location TBD\)](#).

### **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) .

### **Bike Safety Reminder - Making Left Turns!**

Please talk to your student about making left turns on the route to and from school. Remind him/her of the three ways to safely make a left turn. Turning left directly from the bike lane is neither safe nor legal. Please click to refer to [the diagram](#) on the three ways to make a left turn by bike. The intersection of Meadow and Ross has been identified as a problem spot with students proceeding through unsafely.

Bike safety resources can be found at this website: [http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/transit/safe\\_routes\\_education\\_resources/default.asp](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/transit/safe_routes_education_resources/default.asp)  
If you have further questions, please contact: [saferoutes@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:saferoutes@cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-329-2156 .

### **Palo Alto Walks and Rolls!**

For Safer Streets, Healthier Bodies, and a Greener Planet

**October 3-6** JLS will join students across Palo Alto who are choosing alternatives to solo driving to school by walking, biking, skating, riding the bus, and carpooling to celebrate International Walk to School Day.

**Kick-off** Walk & Roll week at Bike Palo Alto! **On Sunday, October 2**, 1 to 4PM at El Carmelo School (Bryant & Loma Verde). Bike Palo Alto! is a family friendly community event with activities that encourage exploring Palo Alto's bicycle route network. This year, one of the Bike Palo Alto! featured stops will be a Bike Expo at City Hall with exhibits of cargo bikes, electric bikes, custom bikes and a demonstration of protected bike lanes.

**On Wednesday, October 5**, all students are encouraged to walk, bike skate, ride the bus/shuttle or carpool to reduce the congestion in the school zone, making the streets safer for everyone. Panther will be greeting students with stickers!

If you like to help with JLS activities, email Lili Nova-Roessig: [roessig4@yahoo.com](mailto:roessig4@yahoo.com). For more information about Safe Routes to School Partnership, visit the PTA and City of Palo Safe Routes to School websites.

[www.saferoutes.paloaltopta.org](http://www.saferoutes.paloaltopta.org)  
[www.cityofpaloalto.org/saferoutes](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/saferoutes)

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**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](mailto:matemagos.tutor@gmail.com) .

### 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](mailto:lauren.baines@cityofpaloalto.org) .

### Paly PAC Groundbreaking Gala Celebration

Sat Oct. 1, 2:30pm & 7:30pm, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto

Come celebrate Paly's new Performing Arts Center! The Groundbreaking Gala will showcase students from Paly's drama, vocal music and instrumental programs as they all perform together in this beautiful space- for the first time. Every student who is involved in Paly's performing arts program will have at least one opportunity on stage at this very special opening. In addition, there will be several guest speakers and performers, plus intermission refreshments in the soaring main lobby. The gorgeous new facility, built thanks to a bond measure endorsed by the citizens of Palo Alto, is a state-of-the-art 25,100 square foot theatre. Designed to accommodate the three performing arts groups at Paly, it will support all 450 students per year that participate in the school's performing arts

programs. Tickets \$25-\$100 at <http://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/> Any remaining tickets sold at the door one hour before curtain.

### **Free Community Day at Gamble Garden**

Sun, Oct 2, 10AM - 2PM, 1431 Waverley St, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Gamble Garden celebrates our community with a FREE fun filled all ages day. The day's festivities include fun children's activities, a gorgeous plant sale, horticultural resources, educational displays, garden demonstrations, food, entertainment, and of course... digging for worms! This is an opportunity for the community to spend some time at Gamble Garden, meet neighbors and enjoy some activities and hospitality. Please register at <https://www.gamblegarden.org/event/community-day-oct/>

### **Growing populations, shrinking resources: dynamics of a world in crisis**

Fri Oct 7, 7:30pm at Mitchell Park Community Center - Palo Alto

Documentary photographer RANDY OLSON has worked with National Geographic Magazine for 25 years, producing over 30 stories on issues of overpopulation, environmental degradation, resource extraction and disappearing cultures. He will present his work followed by an interview with moderator Kim Komenich and Q&A session with the audience. Light refreshments included.

Info & tickets please visit: [www.paloaltophotoforum.org](http://www.paloaltophotoforum.org) Contact: [info@paloaltophotoforum.org](mailto:info@paloaltophotoforum.org)

### **The Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University Family Sundays Program**

Second Sundays, beginning Oct 9, 11 AM - 4 PM, Stanford campus, off Palm Drive at Museum Way

The Cantor invites families to a day of wonder and learning at the museum. This is a free, family-focused day of art talks, hands-on art making, and gallery adventures for visitors of all ages. Explore the galleries and participate in programs designed to help families look and think about art in new ways. Curiosity is encouraged. The day is designed to be flexible with no registration required, no standing in line and no waitlists. Families can plan a unique museum experience and join the activities in which they are most interested.

### **5th Annual Kiwanis Angel Award honors Agent DuJuan Green, PA Police Department**

Thu Oct 13 5.30 - 730PM, Palo Alto Sheraton 625 El Camino Real Palo Alto

Kiwanis Angel Award recognizes an individual who has provided significant contributions to children and youth. Agent DuJuan Green is being honored for his exemplary work as a School Resource Office, Facilitator of the Parent Project which teaches enhanced parenting skills and member of Project Safety Net. Program relevant for parents of students 6 grade to 12 grade. Cost \$50 per person and sign up by October 6. Proceeds benefit children and youth programs.

Registration [www.KiwanisAngelAward.org](http://www.KiwanisAngelAward.org) Contact Gail Price ( [gail.price3@gmail.com](mailto:gail.price3@gmail.com) )



### **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/>

### **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](http://www.selpa1cac.org)

### **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](http://www.ECYS.org). Call ECYS at 650-213-7111 for more information.

### **Fiery Arts Glass Weekend Workshops**

Sat & Sun. Nov. 12-13, Dec. 3-4, 2016, Jan. 7-8, Feb. 4-5, March 4-5, April 1-2, May 6-7, June 3-4 2017

9-3 pm at Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio, 50 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto

Palo Alto High school has a glass studio and there are 2-day weekend workshops open to the public, teen students and parents. Here's your chance to learn to blow glass at Paly.

Workshops do fill up, so, do not hesitate, sign up for a date. The workshop will focus on beginning glass blowing techniques. It's an incredible, fun, hands-on experience. Repeating students progress from their last session. Advanced Sign up required. Class limit is 4, cost \$425 per person. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto High School sculpture classes. To sign up, contact: David Camner, founder of Paly Glass, [dcamner@pausd.org](mailto:dcamner@pausd.org)

### **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](http://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-manage1.com/subscribe?u=ad6a7bca6265d8553ffcf6de9&id=1cba511e15>

### **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 Arts Council Open Mike

Fri Sat 23, 7 - 10PM, Mitchell Park Teen Center, 600 E. Meadow Dr. Palo Alto

Hey friends! It's time for the first Open Mic of the year on September 23rd at 7pm at the Mitchell Park Teen Center.! If this is your first Open Mic, you can either perform or watch, both are super fun! This Open Mic will be held outdoors at Mitchell Park, so make sure to bring blankets and sweaters to stay cozy. This event is open to all teens so feel free to bring friends! For participation rules and other details visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/563819433804945/> or email [teenartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:teenartscouncil@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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 Kimer

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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