

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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Here you are.

PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Nov 6



Dear Rika

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fall Choir Concert Nov 9th, 7:00 PM
Connections Parent Coffee Nov 10th, 8:15 AM
Veteran's Day - No School Nov 11th

Easy Fundraising for JLS !
Making a Difference when you Shop!



We would like to remind you that you can do your holiday shopping and help fundraiser for JLS at the same time. Please take a moment to update your information at eScrip.com

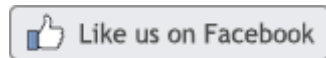
and verify that your contributions are going to JLS (**Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School, Group ID # 130315138**).

If you shop online at smile.amazon.com, then at least 4% will be donated to JLS PTA. Be sure to start by clicking on this [link](#).

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You can click [here](#) to go to the school website to **get more detailed information on how to support JLS by shopping online at the fundraising page** or click [here](#) to go to the PTA page.

Thanks a lot for your support to JLS!



AMC8 Math Competition!

Wed, Nov 16th, 1:00 pm. The test is voluntary and students will sign up in their math classes prior to the test date. The test takes 45 minutes. As a result, students may leave WIP that day a few minutes late as we will need at least 5-10 minutes for getting settled and reading directions. Information about the AMC 8 can be found [here](#). Students participating in the test will not need to bring anything and should not bring anything to the test.

For more information: **AMC 8 | Mathematical Association of America**
www.maa.org

Reclaiming Childhood in a Digital Age !

We had a Parent Ed event at Jordan last week with Dr. Richard Freed about Raising your Child in a Digital Age. Click [Here](#) for the notes from the event!

Turkey Trot!

On Tuesday, November 22nd, JLS will be holding a Turkey Trot during the extended lunch. All students and staff are invited to join in this fun run/jog/walk. All students who participate will receive a small turkey charm they can put on their backpack or key chain, and a drawing ticket for a chance to win fun turkey hats. We need between 15-25 parents who can help us during lunch for course monitoring and the raffle. We'll need your help between the times

of 11:30 AM-12:40 PM. You can sign up [here](#). Question? Email Tammy Truher (tammy.truher@gmail.com).

Save-the-Date: Sixth Grade Parent Meeting With Counselor and Administration!

Join us for an informal social exclusively for sixth grade families on **Friday, Dec 2, 8:15 am-9:15 am in Room 730**. The sixth grade counselor Ko Vue and admin Liz Tucker will also be present at the meeting. Please mark your calendars. We will bring the coffee. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

PAUSD News

Renaming Schools Advisory Committee Community Townhall Meeting

Mon, Nov 7, 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Media & Arts Center at Palo Alto High School.

To rename or not to rename any of Palo Alto's schools, that is the question the Renaming Schools Advisory Committee will begin to answer during its first town hall meeting in October. Renowned historians and educators with expertise in the Eugenics era, some of whom have actively provided their expertise in renaming efforts at other schools, will discuss if there is a rationale to consider renaming PAUSD schools whose namesakes were actively involved in Eugenics. The panelists will discuss how to evaluate a person's controversial legacy in historical context, the learning opportunities this debate provides, and how renaming or not renaming might affect the school community. The town hall 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.

Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) and Special Olympics Northern California

Basketball Tournament, 9.30AM - 12PM, Mar 15 (Elementary) & Mar 22 (Secondary), Terman Middle School 655 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto

Track & Field Event: TBD, Gunn High School 750 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto

PAUSD and Special Olympics Northern California have joined forces together in a new Special Olympics Schools Partnership program. Through sports, the program aims to provide opportunities for PAUSD special education students and their peers to work together as teammates and to create inclusive opportunities in the school community.

More info: <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/pausd-partners-special-olympics-schools-program>

Make your voice heard for your child and school

November 8 is Election Day in California and across the nation

Laws enacted by local, state and national bodies are primary sources of public policy. Securing adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth is one of the purposes of PTA.

As a non-partisan association with a long track record of speaking up for all families and connecting families, schools and communities, PTA never comments on, endorses or

supports individual candidates for office. However, the association does take positions on (<http://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/>) that impact the education, health and well-being of California's children and families. California State PTA takes positions based on our authorities: resolutions and position statements adopted by our members. PTAs also can sponsor and hold candidate forums and share resources. Find out more about how the California State PTA takes positions (<http://toolkit.capta.org/advocacy/legislative-program/california-state-pta-legislative-policies-and-procedures/>). This election day the California State PTA is supporting five statewide ballot initiatives (<http://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/current-legislation/state-ballot-measures/>). We encourage everyone to take the opportunity to register (<http://registertovote.ca.gov/>) and vote (<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>) in this election! Learn more with these resources and information: PTA support on statewide ballot initiatives (<http://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/current-legislation/state-ballot-measures/>). Research your local ballot (<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/2016-county-administered-elections/>)and polling place (<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/find-your-polling-place/>)

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](#).

Attendance Procedure for Taking Your Student Out of School Early!

Health Appointments- Parents should make every effort to schedule appointments outside of school hours. However, if not possible, parents are urged to consider varying the times of day during which health appointments are made in order to avoid missing the same class consistently. If a student must leave during the day for any reason please either call (650-856-5179) or email the Attendance Office (jlsattendance@pausd.org) the day before the scheduled appointment, or before first period on the day of the requested early dismissal. **Please note that messages must originate from the parent email address on record in Infinite Campus.** The student will then receive a "Permit to Leave" pass and

meet you in the Attendance Office at the designated time. If a student returns to school the same day, they are required to report to the Attendance Office before returning to class to provide verification of the health visit.

Jamey Boccio, Attendance Secretary (jboccio@pausd.org) / 650-856-5179

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.

Community News

Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions

Fridays in November by appointment, 600 Homer Ave, Palo Alto

Audition for the January 2017 semester and join 80 other boys across four levels. Auditions are held at the choir's rehearsal location in Palo Alto. Open to boys ages 7 and up. High school and middle school boys with experience may audition for upper levels. SVB provides a personalized approach to teaching singing, music theory, and sight-singing, and provides flexible scheduling for busy families. In addition to their own winter and spring concerts, SVB performs for local events including performances at Stanford University, West Bay Opera, and singing the national anthem at sporting events. Email info@svboychoir.org or visit <http://svboychoir.org>

Literary classic *The Diary of Anne Frank* comes to life at Palo Alto Players

Nov 4 - 20, Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

Palo Alto Players presents one of the most powerful stories of the 20th century, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, adapted by Wendy Kesselman from the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. Based on the personal memoirs of Anne Frank about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic, *The Diary of Anne Frank* is a timeless testament to the human spirit that resonates through generations. Recommended for ages 11 and up. For more information or to purchase tickets (\$25-52): www.paplayers.org or by calling the Box Office at 650-329-0891. Students/Educators enjoy \$10 off regular priced tickets to any performance, except preview night. Additional discounts available for groups of 10 or more.

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Opens its 51st Season!

Nov 6, 3pm (Sinfonia Orchestra)

Nov 13, 3pm (Debut Orchestra)

Dec 18, 3pm Holiday Extravaganza (Senior Orchestra)

Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto.

Admission is FREE except for the Holiday Extravaganza (Adults \$10, 18 & under FREE) Award-winning youth orchestra PACO's Senior Orchestra will open its season with music by Handel, Britten and more. There is something for everyone at PACO concerts from small ensemble pieces to orchestra music as these dedicated musicians present an

extraordinary passion for music making! Mark your calendars for the Holiday Extravaganza with guest performers from the Pacific Ballet Academy and Cantabile Youth Singers. More info and complete line-up of concerts on the 2016-17 season brochure or visit www.pacomusic.org.

Gunn Choir Fall Concert

Sunday, November 6, 7 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper Street, Palo Alto

Join the award-winning Gunn Choirs, under the direction of William Liberatore, for a festive evening of song featuring the Treble Choir, Concert Choir, and Chamber Singers. The diverse repertoire includes selections from South Africa, France, Korea, China, Bulgaria and Hungary, as well as American folk songs and spirituals. Tickets are \$7 (\$5 for students in high school or younger) and are available from choir members or at the door.

City to host Veteran's Day Recognition Event

Mon Nov 7, 3 - 6.30PM, El Palo Alto Room, Mitchell Park Community Center

In honor of all Armed Forces veterans and active duty service members, the City is hosting a Veterans Day Recognition Event on Nov. 7. There will be Veterans services and resource tables open from 3-4 p.m. with the recognition event beginning at 4 p.m. Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian, Commander of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North, will be in attendance to share his experiences serving the nation. The public is invited to come salute our military members and Veterans are encouraged to dress in uniform. For more information, please contact Janice Svendsen at janice.svendsen@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-329- 2105

Palo Alto Philharmonic Fall Chamber Concert

Sat, Nov 12, 8 PM, 1313 Newel Rd, Palo Alto

Featuring the works of Richard Strauss, Johannes Brahms, Arcangelo Corelli and Morley Calvert. For more information or to purchase tickets: <http://www.paphil.org/pages/main/frontPage.php>

Huge Children's Used Book Sale to benefit Palo Alto Libraries

Sat Nov. 12 & Sun Nov. 13, 10 am - 4 pm,
Cubberley Community Center (FOPAL Children's Sale Room)

More than 13,000 kids' books, games, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs will be on sale at incredibly low prices at Friends of the Palo Alto Library's monthly book sale- everything from board books and picture books to school age fiction and nonfiction titles to early teen fiction. All items are lightly used or new and are sorted by age level and subject matter. Many books in foreign languages. Over 50,000 books for adults in FOPAL's Main and Bargain rooms. www.fopal.org

Gunn High School Theatre Department presents Arthur Miller's "The Crucible."

Studio Theatre, Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Opening Night Gala (Lecture and Reception) on November 3 at 6:30 pm, all tickets \$25. Other evening performances November, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13 @7:30 pm, \$10.00 Students/\$15.00 General; Matinee: Wed. November 10 @ 4pm, tix \$5. TICKETS available at gunntheatre.org, or at the door.

Knitting for Charity

Wednesdays until Nov. 15, 4-6pm. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd. Do you enjoy knitting & giving back to the community? The hats will be part of a holiday gift bag given to those living with mental illness in Santa Clara County, many of whom have little or no family support. Please join us to knit, or bring in hats you've already knitted from now through November 15. Supplies are provided!

Register at: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3724&TargetID=140>

Make a difference: Tutor Low Income East Palo Alto 5th Graders in Reading or Writing - 8 one hour sessions

If you've enjoyed helping in your own child's classroom, or just love literacy, please consider tutoring 5th graders at Brentwood School in East Palo Alto (near IKEA). It is a special project to work with low income students from February 6th - March 31st. Volunteers would work in the same classroom one day per week, for an hour either at 9:45 am (reading) or 11:40 am (writing). All Students Matter provides a brief training in January and coordinates all details. You can make a real difference! To sign up, visit www.allstudentsmatter.org. to learn more contact Keri Tully at keritully@gmail.com.

Society of Bookworms book Club - The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry

Wed, Nov 16, 4:00-5:00 PM. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St. Discuss a great book with your friends at the library! Grades 4-6.

Friday Fun

1st Friday of Every Month, 3:30 PM-5 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St. Drop in for board games, simple crafts, and a couple of rounds of Bingo!

Lego Friday

3rd Friday of Every Month, 3:30 PM-5 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St. Let your imagination soar and come build with us! No registration required. For all ages.

Family Date Night - Let's Glow! A mind glowing experience!

Fri, Nov 18, 7-8:15 PM. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St. Join us for games, crafts, and glowing fun!

Teen Writing Club

Thursday, Nov 3 & Nov 17, 4 pm-5:30 pm, 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. Register Online.

International Games Day

Tue, Nov. 15, 4-6 pm. Mitchell Park Community Center, Teen Center, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Play or compete with other teens for prizes on console game systems, Ping-Pong tables, and more! More than one thousand libraries and communities around the world will showcase gaming programs of all kinds during International Games Day. Mitchell Park Library and Community Center have teamed up together to give teens 1 day to celebrate. Play or compete for prizes on console gaming systems, online gaming, air hockey, card games, board games, and more! Be sure to join us in the Teen Center & Adobe Rm. Register at:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3700&TargetID=140>

Dance Connection's 18th Annual Nutcracker Ballet

Fri Dec2, 7PM & Sat, Dec 3, 4PM, Smithwick Theater, Foothill College

Mark your calendars for Dance Connection's 18th Annual Nutcracker Ballet! An entertaining, child-friendly, and professionally executed production the whole family will enjoy! Tickets go on sale through the Dance Connection website beginning October 24th. Reserved seating. More info at: www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com

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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