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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Dec 4



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Connections Parent Coffee Dec 7th, 8:15 AM
Band Concert Dec 7th, 7:00 PM
JLS Film Festival Dec 9th, 3:30 PM
PAUSD Code Fest

Dec 10th, 1:00 PM

PAUSD Code Fest

Sat, Dec 10 at JLS



The second version of PAUSD Code Fest comes for you and your students on Saturday, December 10th during Computer Science Education Week (all free). The number of offerings has doubled, and we have several excellent presenters including a few experienced Gunn students. You do not need to have any Computer Science experience to register for the event. This is an entirely volunteer-driven operation, so I am looking for parents who can help and for students who may be interested in community service hours helping with logistics on the day of the event. Please email Smita Kolhatkar (skolhatkar@pausd.org) if interested. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

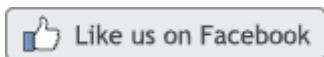
Easy Fundraising for JLS !



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 [Amazon.com](#), be sure to start every time by clicking on [this link](#) - if you do, then at least 4% will be donated to JLS PTA. Amazon advises that in order to ensure JLS PTA receives the proper advertising credits that all shopping sessions be initiated through this active link or make sure your bookmark has the exact url as this active link (<http://www.amazon.com/?%5Fencoding=UTF8&tag=jp009-20>) Please note items placed in a customer's shopping cart must not exceed 24-hour window to earn the credit.

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!



Tips for Getting Your Child to Wear A Bike Helmet !

1. Practice the "helmet habit "early-with a first tricycle or scooter.

2. Set a good example for your child. Wear a helmet every time you ride.
3. Help your child learn to fasten the buckle and adjust the straps properly. Learn how here <http://bikeleague.org/content/bike-helmets>
4. Explain that bicycling is good training for driving other vehicles. Bikes are not toys, but a mode of transportation.
5. Praise and reward your child for wearing a helmet.
6. Be firm about your rules. No helmet, no bicycling. Compare it to wearing a seat belt in the car.
7. Be consistent. As a family on bike outings, everyone always wears one.
8. Encourage other friends to wear helmets. It's "cool" if everyone is wearing them.

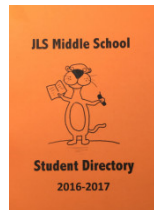
JLS Choir at Stanford Basketball !

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade JLS Choir students will be performing the national anthem at the Stanford Men's Basketball Game on **January 12!** If you would like to attend, and sit with the choir please order your tickets from Ms. Fitzhugh [here](#). You can send in payment to Ms. Fitzhugh any time before the game. Please note, ordered but unpaid tickets will not be processed.

Sign-Up: Help Put Together Panther Pride Awards!

Two Helpers needed to put together the packets.
For December, the helpers needed on Wed, Dec 14 at 10:30 am.
Click [here](#) for the Sign Up and the detail.

JLS Student Directory -- Printed Copies!



Printed school directories are now available in the school office!
If you would like a copy, please visit by the school office and pick one up.

You can also access the directory online at <https://www.konstella.com> or using the Konstella app for iOS/Android.

Questions: JLSDirectory@gmail.com

PAUSD / PTAC News

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>

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.

JLS eNews Publication Guideline

If you want to publish an announcement relevant to JLS, send an email to JLS.eneews@gmail.com. JLS eNews is a publication of the JLS PTA. 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. Announcements relevant to other schools in the PAUSD district can be sent to eneews@paloaltopta.org. For more detail, please click [here](#).

Community News

Palo Art Center Holiday Family Day
Sun Dec. 4, 2 - 4:30 PM, 1313 Newell Rd, Palo Alto

Join the Palo Alto Art Center for its free Holiday Family Day for hands-on art making project that transform everyday objects into gifts, goodies, and décor for the whole family. Design your own pine cone elves, starburst garlands, colorful ornaments, holiday greeting cards, and unique bookmarks. Activities are appropriate for ages 5 through adult. A special performance by the Peninsula Girls Chorus will take place from 4-4:30 p.m.

Visit the Art Center over the holidays!
December 26 through Friday, December 30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m

This year, the Art Center will be open the week between Christmas and New Years. Visit Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Check out our current exhibition The Butterfly Effect: Art in 1970s California and create your own 1970s poster in our nook! For details, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter , email artcenter@cityofpaloalto.org or call 650.329.2366.

Kids and Teens Writing Contest
Entries accepted Dec 1, 2016-Jan 8 2017

Kids and teens grades 3-12 are invited to enter the library's annual writing contest! In 500 words or less, essays should answer the question "what would you do with a billion dollars?". Entries should be submitted online at www.cityofpaloalto.org/library

'Twas the Night Before Christmas, 2016
Sun, Dec 4 & 11, Sat Dec 10, 1 pm & 4 pm,
Woodside Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Av., Woodside CA

Dancers Repertory Sun Theatre presents 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, a delightful dance-theatre event that will enchant audiences of all ages! Based on the Clement C. Moore poem, the show includes Santa and his magical sleigh, prancing reindeer, dancing mice, twirling toys, and a cast of over 80 children and adults. Palo Alto students will be performing this season! Don't miss this delightful holiday tradition! Ticket prices are \$15 child/senior and \$25 for adults; all seats reserved. More information at <http://www.twasthenight.org/>

Gunn Orchestra and Jazz Band "Nutcracker Side-by-Side"
Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center

You don't want to miss this Holiday favorite! Gunn Orchestra & Gunn Jazz present a Nutcracker Side-by-Side Concert - Tchaikovsky like you've never heard it before! Come

hear our full symphony orchestra present music from Tchaikovsky's famous Nutcracker ballet, while the Jazz Big Band plays Duke Ellington's versions! Reception to follow, come take a photo with a life-size nutcracker on display. Please invite your family and friends! Donations accepted at the door - students are free.

It's a Wonderful Nutcracker!

December 9-11 and 16-18 ,

Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Rd., Atherton CA

Menlowe Ballet, the premier professional ballet company on the peninsula based in Menlo Park, presents its encore presentation of the full-length story ballet, It's a Wonderful Nutcracker. Conceived by Artistic Director Michael Lowe, It's a Wonderful Nutcracker is set to the original beloved Tchaikovsky score and updated with inspiration from the 1940's Frank Capra film, "It's a Wonderful Life", bringing the two most heralded holiday classics together on one stage. With all the magic of a traditional Nutcracker, this heartwarming contemporary version is packed full of surprises you won't want to miss!

Palo Alto students will be performing! Tickets are available at <http://www.menloweballet.org/>

Family Holiday Volunteering

If you're looking for a way to get your family into the holiday spirit by helping others, check out <http://familyholidayhelpers.org>, a non-profit web site created by a mom of two PAUSD students to help families find local volunteering opportunities during the holiday season. There are a variety of local opportunities for families, such as prepping/serving food for Thanksgiving, working a shift at a food bank or holiday warehouse, or donating food or gifts for those in need. Happy volunteering!

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>

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

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.

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 (keritully@gmail.com).

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.

Eth-Noh-Tec Asian Story Theater

Wed, Dec 7, 3:30-4:30pm Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.
Kinetic story theater group Eth-Noh-Tec perform Asian folktales and mythologies through movement-based storytelling.

Paly Choirs Madrigal Feaste New

December 4, 2 PM

Paly Performing Arts Center

The 14th Annual Madrigal Feaste is a holiday tradition with a new venue! His Majesty, King Henry, invites you to revel in the festivities with singing, tomfoolery of all kinds, and general musical mayhem! Come hear the finest choirs in the whole of medieval England! Tickets available the Paly Choir website palmadrigals.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 Kirner

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin



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