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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, April 30



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Staff Appreciation Week May 1- 5
7th grade CAASPP testing May 1- 4

Project Linus Donations May 1- 5
8th grade Science CAST Tue May 2
JLS Choir singing at Stanford baseball game Tue May 2, 5- 6PM, Klein Field at Sunken Diamond
Many Faces of JLS/Open House Wed May 3, 5:30 - 8PM
PTA Latte Cart for Staff Thu May 4, 7:30 - 10:30AM
Student Store open Fri May 5, 12:30PM

Staff Appreciation Week!

May 1-5

The PTA will be celebrating our teachers and staff all week long with lunch and latte carts and so much more! Feel free to send a note or have your child write a note to a teacher or staff member to let them know how grateful you are for their hard work. Thank you JLS staff for all your do for our children!

Many Faces, International Potluck/ Open House!

Wed May 3, 5:30 -8PM

Please join us for our "Many Faces of JLS" and Open House event. Come to the Cafetorium starting at 5:30 PM for our biggest potluck of the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and families to experience the different cultures that make up JLS through various cuisines and dishes from around the world. For Open House, Classrooms will be open from 7:00-8:00 PM.

We are looking for substitute servers ,hydration team volunteers and we'd like more International dishes. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/HBc9Lh>

Questions to mridula.charlu@gmail.com and/or jennykschmidt@gmail.com

Ayudemos trayendo un platillo de su país para alimentar estudiantes, padres y maestros hambrientos en nuestro convivio internacional que se llama en Inglés, "Many Faces of JLS" y que se llevara a cabo el miércoles 3 de mayo; antes de que usted empiece su visita a los salones de su estudiante (Open House). Nos encantaría que hubiera comidas de muchas partes del mundo representando muchas culturas. Para subscribirse en traer un platillo visite <http://signup.com/go/HBc9Lh>

Preguntas en Español contacte a [Ana Perez-Hood](#)

JLS开放日, 5月3日,星期三。欢迎参加国际百乐餐, 为我们的学生、老师和家长提供食品。我们欢迎来自不同国家和不同文化的食品。报名: <http://signup.com/go/HBc9Lh>

中文请联系 dianact200@gmail.com

PTA Latte Cart for Staff!

May 4, 7:30- 10:30AM, Room 40

The PTA hosts a monthly LATTE CART at JLS, where coffee and morning treats are served to our wonderful JLS staff as a thank you for all they do. On these Latte Cart mornings, we ask our parent community for contributions of breakfast items. Please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) that morning between 7:15 - 9:00 AM. Non-perishable items may be brought ahead of time to the main office on the Wednesday before. You can sign up [here](#).

Here is a list of suggested items:

- quiche and other egg dishes (heated; store bought is fine)
- breakfast sausages
- fresh whole fruit, e.g. bananas, mini-tangerines, berries
- fruit salads
- homemade scones
- homemade muffins
- homemade breads, e.g. banana, zucchini, pumpkin
- homemade coffee cakes
- granola, homemade or store bought
- yogurt, all sizes, all kinds
- other breakfast items, be creative!

Questions? Contact our Latte Cart coordinators, [Ivan Hom](#) and [Grace Downer](#)

Project Linus Donations!

Accepting Donation: April 24 - May 5

Blanket Construction and Donation: the week of May 8

JLS Student council is hosting a service project to benefit Project Linus. Project Linus is an association that makes and collects fleece blankets to deliver to children in need. To help as many children as possible, we will need your help! If you have any fleece that you are not using or would like to purchase fleece to donate, feel free to send donations with your child and have them deliver it to the donation points that will be all throughout the school. The fleece donation sizes that we are accepting are:

- Baby size 36"x36"

- o Child size 45"x60"
- o Teen size 60"x72"

The most popular blanket is a single layer, no-sew fleece blanket - approximately 54"x 60" (1&1/2 yards of fleece).

JLS Student Council

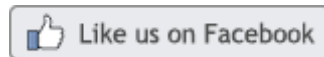
JLS Student Store OPEN!

Fri, May 5, 12:30 PM

Is your teen interested in buying a JLS hoodie, t-shirt or cap against cost, or does he/she needs a pen, pencil, eraser or any other useful school supplies? Have your teen bring some cash and check out the JLS Student Store.

The JLS Store Folks

www.JLSStudentStore.com



MAY FETE PARADE!

Sat May 6, 10:00AM

Come walk and be a part of the May Fete Parade! JLS Band will be participating in the parade! Don't miss this time honored Palo Alto tradition to showcase your school, neighborhood, team, youth group or extracurricular activity. All children are welcome to walk in the parade-so if you don't have a group, come join the open categories. Dress up like your favorite hero! March with your school band, decorate your bike, walk with your pet or bring a flag from your favorite place. Let's enjoy the day and celebrate our heroes! For more information, please visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/mayfete

URGENT CALL FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS for 8th GRADE PROMOTION PARTY on June 1 !

It is a tradition that 7th grade parents help out during the 8th grade promotion party. If you have 1-2 hours time on the evening of June 1st please sign up at [here](#) . It is way nicer for the 8th graders to have "neutral" parents present during their party. And remember the favor will be returned to you next year.

Questions? Contact [Seema](#) (510-209-9472) or [Grace](#) (650-424-8264)

8th GRADE PROMOTION PARTY for JLS CLASS of 2017!

Thu June 1, 6:15 - 10:30 PM, JLS Field adjacent to Mitchell Park

If you are a 8th grader, join the fun promotion party, saying goodbye to JLS. There will be party games, food and drinks and a live DJ!

For 8th graders only
Tickets \$30 (scholarships available)
NYC Theme/ Dress-code

If you have not done so, please return your filled out [form](#) with your payment to Mrs. Scherer in the Guidance Office.

PAUSD / PTAC News

Palo Alto Educators Association May 1st Day of Action

Mon, May 1: Before school at each school site

The PAEA Exec Board is asking its members to participate in this national day of action. It is a day where we can all participate and profess our unwavering support for all students, our vigilance in making schools safe zones, and our persistent advocacy for the public education all California students deserve. We are asking that all teachers stand outside school in the morning to welcome the students and let them know that our campuses are a safe place for ALL students.

Children's Safety Poster Contest

Sodexo Safety Poster Contest open to children ages 6 -17, judging done in separate age categories with prizes of \$200, \$150 and \$100 gift cards. Posters should illustrate safety in home, workplace and anywhere in between. Each entrant must fill out Sodexo Release-Minor form. Entries accepted until May 26. Contact Alva Spence aspence@pausd.org for more info.

COMMUNITY News

Jordan Middle School Drama Club Presents 'You Can't Take It With You'
Thu May 4 & Fri May 5, 7PM, Jordan Middle School, MP Room, 750 N California Av.

Please join the Jordan Middle School Drama Club as they present 'You Can't Take It With You'. This student-directed production is an American classic comedy that revolves around an avant-garde family of wannabe artists, fireworks makers, a patriarch who doesn't believe in income tax and an array of eccentric guests trailing in and out of their chaotic household. They may appear mad at first but when daughter Alice invites her boyfriend's rich, snobby parents to dinner we learn that it might be everyone else in the world that is mad. After all, money doesn't buy happiness and we all know you can't take it with you! Tickets are \$5 for students/\$10 for adults and can be purchased at the door.

Palo Alto Chinese School is Accepting New Enrollment. Come to the Open House. Fri May 5, 7 -9PM, JLS Middle School (room #400), 480 E. Meadow Dr. Palo Alto

The 2017-2018 school year starts on 8/18/2017. Please join us for a school intro and classroom visit/Open House. Palo Alto Chinese School has been serving the community in Chinese language instructions for 54 years, and is still accepting new enrollment. Class meets every Friday 7-9 PM at JLS Middle School. There are two tracks. The Mandarin track is offered from Preschool - Grade 12, for students from heritage families. The Chinese as a Second Language (CSL) track is offered from intro, beginning, intermedia to advanced level for students with various exposure to Chinese language. For more info, check <http://www.paloaltochineseschool.org/> or email admission@paloaltochineseschool.org.

Palo Alto Library -- Free Comic Book Day

Sat May 6, 10AM-6PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd, Childrens Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Drop by during our open hours and pick up your FREE comic book! One comic per child/teen, limited quantities available, first come first served at Mitchell Park, Rinconada, and Childrens Library! All ages.

Meet your Future Self - a SheHeroes event"

Sun May 7, 2pm, Portola Valley,

For 5th grade and up, Meet Your Future Self" event for young women (young men are welcome too) interested in: computer science, law, blogging, medicine, being CEO of a startup, and more.

Meet Susie Wee (VP & CTO of DevNet Innovations Cisco), Elisa Camahort Page (Co-Founder of BlogHer), Dr. Emilie Cheung (Stanford Orthopedic Surgeon), Michelle Kraus (Huffington Post Political Blogger/strategist), Portia Ku (Corporate Lawyer and Partner), and Dina Yuen (CTO, CEO of KYC Hospitality Inc./cookbook author/serial entrepreneur and many more! Hosted by Portia Ku (Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP) Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for 17 and younger.

Questions: contact syen@alum.mit.edu Sophia Yen, Board Chair of SheHeroes.org

Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions

Fri, May 12 by appointment, 600 Homer Ave, Palo Alto

Auditions for the 2017-2018 season are held at the choir's rehearsal location near downtown Palo Alto. Open to 2nd-5th grade boys in the fall. 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 has performed for local events including performances with West Bay Opera, Stanford

University Symphonic Orchestra and Chorus, Schola Cantorum of Mountain View, and singing the national anthem at sporting events.

Email info@svboychoir.org or visit <http://svboychoir.org>

Stock Up On Summer Reading at FOPAL's Huge Children's Used Book Sale
Sat May 13 & Sun May 14, 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. More information at www.fopal.org.

2-day Digital Logic Workshop!

Sat, May 13 and 20, 10:00am - 12:30pm

Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave Palo Alto

Students will learn about Binary mathematics, Boolean logic, and a variety of discrete digital logic circuits including: AND gates, OR gates, flip flops, counters, and timers. They will also learn to assemble and solder a human reaction timer built from discrete digital logic devices! 2-day course is \$70.00 for members and \$80.00 for non-members.

Registration is required and can be found at

www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf

This event is for ages 10 and up. No exceptions.

Enjoy! Palo Alto Photo Contest

Now until October 31, 2017

Calling all photographers! Submit your favorite photos to the Enjoy! Palo Alto Photo Contest that showcases all the great things that Palo Alto offers and win prizes! The contest calls on photographers across Palo Alto to celebrate the community parks, open space, special events, public art, theaters and museums managed by our Community Service Department. Winners will be chosen in 11 different categories. The City of Palo Alto Community Services Department is proud to offer programs, activities and parks to meet all the needs of your family and to sustain a positive quality of life! More info at:

<https://enjoypaloaltophotocontest.wishpond.com/home/>

Submit your photos at: <http://bit.ly/EnjoyContest>

Use your Feet for Freedom 5k

Sat, May 6, 8AM, Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Dr., Palo Alto

It is a difficult thing to realize that slavery is still happening in this world. It is happening in other countries, as well as right here in the United States. It is happening in the form of human trafficking, domestic servitude, unpaid labor and sexual exploitation. The statistics

with regards to human trafficking are sobering, but everyone can help fight this tragedy

The Palo Alto Vineyard Church is hosting a 5k at Mitchell Park, the proceeds of which will be given Freedom House (freedomhousesf.org) which is committed to helping survivors of human trafficking. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/zd6grqj>

Palo Alto World Music Day: Save the Date, Musicians and Volunteers Wanted

Sun. June 18, 3-7:30 pm, University Avenue (closed to traffic).

The City of Palo Alto has declared June 18 as World Music Day. World Music Day is a free music festival that takes place in cities around the world every year around the Summer Solstice. Now for the eighth year in Palo Alto, 50 professional and amateur musical groups will perform a wide variety of musical genres: jazz, pop, rock, classical, world music, choral, etc. All performances are free and open to the public. This is a fun and unique family event not to be missed. Book the date now and tell your friends. The organizers are also looking for musicians and event volunteers from our community, including students from our schools. Info: www.pamusicday.org or info@pamusicday.org. World Music Day is presented by the Stanford Federal Credit Union and organized by the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation. Event sponsors include: The City of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, the Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association, Live SV, and News for Chinese.

Camp MAC

July 31 - Aug 4, 9AM - 3PM, Paly Media Arts Center

Don't miss out on an opportunity to experience Palo Alto High School's state-of-the-art Media Arts Center facilities this summer by participating in Camp MAC! Led by students of Paly's nationally recognized journalism program, Camp MAC is a great introduction to journalism for rising eighth and ninth grade students. Campers will learn 21st Century literacy skills while building friendships across schools. All proceeds support Paly's Media Arts Boosters Program. For more information visit:

<http://palyjournalismcamp.wixsite.com/camp-mac>

or contact palyjournalismcamp@gmail.com.

Paly Science and Engineering Summer Camp

Mon June 26 - Fri June 30, Palo Alto High School

Morning Session: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Afternoon Session: 1:30PM - 4:30PM

This summer, take part in Paly's fourth annual Paly Science and Engineering Summer Camp! With activities designed for interested rising 7th through 9th graders, this camp-led by Paly Science Olympiad team members-includes demonstrations and hands-on activities, such as analyzing crime scenes, dissections, and engineering projects. The camp will be held June 26th-30th at Palo Alto High School, and will cost \$225. There are only 30 available spaces per session, so visit palysciencencamp.com for more information, and to sign up!

The City of Palo Alto's Community Services teens for community leadership groups; Teen Advisory Board and Palo Alto Youth Council
Both applications are due Friday, May 19 by 11:59pm

Teen Advisory Board: The Teen Advisory Board is a group of high school students in Palo Alto who plan and lead events for high school teens throughout the community. This group, composed of Castilleja, Gunn, and Paly students, meets weekly at the Mitchell Park Community Center. Throughout the year, teens work collaboratively, develop leadership skills, and attend conferences where they develop social skills and have the opportunity to meet other students who are part of the same group in their cities.

Palo Alto Youth Council: The Palo Alto Youth Council is a collaborative of high school students in Palo Alto committed to servicing the needs of the teen community by serving as a voice toward change and action. This group meets weekly at the Mitchell Park Community Center. At the beginning of the year they work together to set an overarching theme, and throughout the course of the year, they plan and implement programs to assist the needs of the teen community. This group also works closely with the City of Palo Alto City Council in making sure that teen voices are being heard.

Applications for both groups can be found online at www.cityofpaloalto.org/teenleadership.

Palo Alto Art Center Summer Counselor-in-Training Application

The Counselor in Training applications for the summer of 2017 are now available. Summer Camp Counselors in Training (CIT) are volunteers (12-17 years old) who assist professional art instructors in the day-to-day running of the Children's Fine Art summer camps. The Lead Counselor in Training (LCIT) program builds on experience as an Art Center CIT and provides opportunities for volunteers to help lead the CIT training, enjoy mentorship from college Children's Fine Art (CFA) interns, manage camper recreation, and take responsibility as the LCIT for one week of camps. More information:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/getinvolved/overview/program.asp>.

Summer 2017 Counselor in Training Application & Information:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56059>

Summer 2017 Lead Counselor in Training Application & Information:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56060>

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 2017, Youth Community Service (YCS) will offer the Freshman Leadership Corps Program for incoming ninth graders. Campers 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, campers will enjoy a fun BBQ day each session and prepare a multimedia presentation for the end-of-camp celebration! Freshman Leadership Corps has four 2 week sessions that run from June 12th through August 4th for students who will be

entering 9th grade in the Fall of 2017. For more information visit the Enjoy Catalog online or contact YCS at (650) 858-8019.

Summer Of Service (SOS) - YCS

Want to make a difference in the community? Join Summer of Service and develop leadership skills, meet new friends and have fun while helping out in the community - with Youth Community Service (YCS). Each day campers will go out in teams to local schools, senior centers, food pantries and parks for service. At Summer of Service you will have fun while learning how to tackle community issues. We also enjoy one fun BBQ day each session and an end of camp celebration. Summer of Service has four 2 week sessions that run from June 12th through August 4th for students who will be entering 6th - 8th grade in the Fall of 2017. For more information, visit the Enjoy Catalog online or contact YCS at (650) 858-8019.

Sponsorship Director for Juana Run

The Juana Run is looking for a Sponsorship Director. The Juana Run is the 5k/8k Race that runs through Barron Park Neighborhood in February. The proceeds usually benefit Gunn Sports Boosters, Terman PTA, Juana Briones PTA. We are looking for a new sponsorship director, and if you join our team, up to 30% of the JR proceeds will go to your school or PTA! Time commitment is about 20 hrs between August and February, and day of race help. Please email heypalermo@aol.com if interested.

Distinguished Lecture Series: Courtney Martin "The New Better Off"

Fri, May 12, 10-11AM

Li Ka Shing Conference Center, Paul Berg Hall, 291 Campus Drive, Stanford, 94305

Courtney Martin is an author, entrepreneur, and weekly columnist for On Being. Her latest book, *The New Better Off*, explores how people are re-defining the American dream (think more fulfillment, community, and fun, less debt, status, and stuff). The lecture is free and open to the public: <http://events.stanford.edu/events/673/67347/>

Calling all teens! a Dfarm Design-a-thon

Sat-Sun, May 6 - 7, Cisco campus, San Jose

Are you a 7th to 12th grader who wants to solve real world problems or possibly create the next....? Join us for a fun-filled weekend of learning and doing design thinking. Get inspired with the support of mentors, experts and master design thinkers. \$50 registration fee includes all meals and materials. Space is limited. Register at: http://www.thedfarm.org/s2/?page_id=6548

Stanford University Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival (6-12th Grade)

Sun May 7; 9:30 AM - 12 PM; McCaw Hall, Arrillaga Alumni Center, 326 Galvez St.

The Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival is a non-competitive celebration of great ideas and problems in mathematics for 6th through 12th graders. Join to enjoy a multitude of rich math tasks and activities and discover the joy and beauty of mathematics. Space is

limited. Registration is first come, first served. \$15/ student. For more information and videos about the festival visit: jrmf.org To register visit: jrmf.org/register.php Questions? info@jrmf.org Parking is available at Parking structure 7, next to Patterson Building, 663 Serra St.

A Place for Your Child to Publish Their Writing Scribere Online Literary Journal

Is your child aged 11 to 18? Do they love to write fiction, nonfiction, or poetry? Do they want to publish their writing? Then check out Scribere! Scribere is a non-profit, online literary journal for youth ages 11 to 18. Scribere's editorial board is comprised entirely of youth who are passionate about writing. Scribere is currently seeking submissions for its inaugural issue! For more information go to <https://www.scribere.org/>

Attendance Procedure for 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](#) 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, 650-856-5179

WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED at JLS NEXT YEAR? JOIN 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

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](#).

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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