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## PANTHER TRACKS - JLS PTA eNews Sun, May 14



Dear Scott

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Site Council meeting Mon May 15, 3:30 - 5:00PM
8th grade Exit Interviews Tue May 16, 8:15 - 3:00PM Wed May 17, 8:15 - 12:25PM Thu May 18, 8:15- 3:00PM
Connections Board meeting Wed May 17, 8:15- 9:45AM
Band Concert Wed May 17, 7:00 - 8:30PM
7th grade Connections Shakespeare

Thu May 18, 8:15 AM-3:00PM, 4:00 - 6:00PM Fri May 19, 8:15 AM-3:00PM, 4:00 - 6:00PM
Connections End-of-Year Picnic Fri May 19, 6:00- 8:00PM
Student Store open Fri May 19, 12:30 PM

## Parent Volunteers for 8th Grade Exit Interview!

May 16-18

The school needs parent support during the 3 days of 8th Grade Exit Interviews. Parent helpers are needed to help set up the breakfasts and lunches for the interviewers as well as to assist the interviewers AND the 8th graders during the process. Sign up [here](#). Please consider signing up for one or more slots, and help ensure the success of this unique-to-JLS experience.

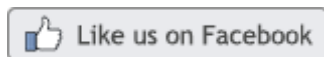
## JLS Student Store Open!

Fri May 19, 12:30PM

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](http://www.JLSStudentStore.com)

It is the last opening this school year and that the store will be open on Jumpstart day.



## URGENT CALL for 7TH GRADE PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!

For 8TH GRADE PROMOTION PARTY!

Thursday, June 1, 5:15-11:00 PM . Just 1-2 hour time slots

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, you can learn what to do for your kid's celebration next year and enjoy the fun!! Please [Sign up](#) .

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](#) (650 279 7284 )

## 8TH GRADE PROMOTION PARTY- JLS Class of 2017 !

Thu June 1, 6:15 - 10:30PM, 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)

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

## SAFE ROUTES TO GUNN and PALY PACKETS!

For those who were not able to attend the Safe Routes to Gunn and Paly event on April 27th, please drop by the JLS office and pick up a safe routes informational packet. The packets are specific to Gunn or Palo Alto High School and include transit information that will help your student when they transition to high school. The JLS PTA would like to thank all of the parent and community volunteers who helped make this event happen.

## PAUSD / PTAC News

### **PAUSD Youth Art 2017 by Palo Alto students**

Sat Apr 29th-Sun May 21st, Tue-Sat 10AM-5PM, Thu 10AM-9PM Sun 1-5PM Closed  
Mon, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newel Road Palo Alto, CA 94303

This powerful show demonstrates the range and depth of the visual arts accomplishments of Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) student-artists. Coordinated by PAUSD Arts Coordinator Sharon Ferguson, the show communicates the creative ideas and issues that are important to PAUSD student-artists. The technical expertise in combination with the aesthetic sophistication is astounding. All media and ages are represented K-12.

### **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](mailto:aspence@pausd.org) for more info.

### **Opa! GiveBack Campaign**

Opa! Authentic Greek Cuisine, 140 University Avenue, Palo Alto

Opa! Authentic Greek Cuisine in Palo Alto is proud to invite you and your family to dine at the Opa! location in downtown Palo Alto as a part of the Opa! GiveBack Campaign. When one hears the word Opa!, it usually brings with it a sense of excitement and happiness! When dining at Opa! Palo Alto, mention your relationship to the Palo Alto School District to your server and a percentage of your bill will be given back to the Palo Alto Council of PTAs (<http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/>). At the end of each month, Opa! Palo Alto will write a check to PTAC! Dine out, and help GiveBack to the Palo Alto PTA community at the same time!

## COMMUNITY News

### **Stock Up On Summer Reading at FOPAL's Huge Children's Used Book Sale**

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](http://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](http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf)

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

### **The Paly Golf Classic**

Fri May 26,

Paly Sports Boosters Golf Tournament is back by popular demand! The Paly Golf Classic takes place on Friday, May 26, 2017. Proceeds from the event go towards purchasing new equipment for the Perry Family Center weight room. We need your support - Build Stronger Vikings! Sign up today @ [www.palysportsboosters.org](http://www.palysportsboosters.org).

### **iSing Auditions for girls in grades 1-12**

iSing is hosting auditions throughout the summer. We are specifically hoping to meet girls who love to sing in grades 1-4 but auditions for all ages welcome. iSing is an arts

organization committed to the music education of girls in grades 1-12. We believe that singing teaches young people to strive for excellence, to work collaboratively with others, and to become passionate members of their communities. For questions contact [info@isingsv.com](mailto:info@isingsv.com) Details at: <http://isingsv.com/auditions/>

### **Design for Superheroes!**

Sun Jun 4 & Jun 11, 1 - 3PM

Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave, Palo Alto, CA

This workshop by Jeff Riseberg focuses on "Why do things look the way they do? Beginning with some of the first industrial designs, such as for cars and trains from nearly 100 years ago, students discover the continuing influences of design in today's world. We will find that many of today's videogame designs and superhero characters were actually created some 70 years ago! Get ready to work on design challenges for objects such as banks, lunch boxes, bridges, and even secret enemy bases! This class is for students ages 10 and up. Admission is \$30 for members \$40 non-members. Registration is required and can be found at [http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH\\_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf](http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf). Email: [admin@moah.org](mailto:admin@moah.org)

### **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](http://www.pamusicday.org) or [info@pamusicday.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 [palysciencescamp.com](http://palysciencescamp.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](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/teenleadership).

**Foreign Exchange Students - Host Families Wanted**

Is your student interested in studying abroad? Is your family interested in hosting a foreign exchange student? AFS is the largest student exchange organization in the US, with 1,100 US high school students currently studying abroad, and welcoming 2,300 foreign exchange students to the US this year (39 in the Bay Area. Learn more at [www.afsusa.org](http://www.afsusa.org)

**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](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

## JLS eNews PUBLICATION GUIDELINE!

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the eNews. Announcements relevant to other schools in the PAUSD district can be sent to [enews@paloaltopta.org](mailto:enews@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 Kimer

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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