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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Aug 13



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

"New to PAUSD" parent/student meeting Mon Aug 14, 5- 6PM
First Day of School Tue Aug 15
First Day Parent Coffee Tue Aug 15, 8 - 9AM
Panther Camp Aug 17 - 18
Connections Welcome Party Fri Aug 18, 6- 8PM

Message from the Principal!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer! This year, we are asking all of our incoming 6th graders to take an online six-hour course focused on digital citizenship. I wanted to pass on the information to you as well since the Common Sense Media program is both informative and educational. 7th and 8th graders also have the option to be able to earn their digital driver's license by taking the Schoology Quiz after they have completed the

lessons. Parents often ask about resources related to digital citizenship. More information is <u>here</u>.

Please make sure you have completed your child's annual data update (ADU) through Infinite Campus. Currently, 93% of families have completed their ADU. Also, incoming 7th graders must provide proof of an updated Tdap vaccination. Thank you to everyone who has already turned it in. We have 24 more students who need to provide verification. Updated records can be e-mailed to health@pausd.org. Please note that students will not be given a schedule until all requirements are complete. Looking forward to seeing students and parents in a few weeks.

Sincerely, Lisa Hickey Principal



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Many of our back-to-school events still need volunteer help, including form sorting, 1st Day Coffee. Consider donating a couple of hours so that events can run smoothly, and meet JLS families and staff in the process. We hope to see you there!

Back to School Events: https://goo.gl/NTYmjE

Tue Aug 15 - form sorting Tue Aug 15 - 1st Day Coffee

Wed Aug 30 - BTS Pizza Dinner: http://signup.com/go/yYayVYg

JLS PANTHER CAMP NEEDS YOU!

There are still open spots on both Aug 17 & 18. Volunteer for a shift and help make the JLS 6th graders' orientation a success! Highest priority slots include wide-angle lens group photo (Friday, 8:18-9:00 am) and creating a slideshow (Friday 10:00 am - 1:30 pm). Sign up now: http://signup.com/go/zzusmkw

Questions? Contact Panther Camp Volunteer Coordinators: Keva Dine or Maria Abilock

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PE UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION!

The JLS PE Department is looking for volunteers to help distribute uniforms on Thursday, August 17 and Friday, August 18. Sign up here: https://goo.gl/NTYmjE

JLS UpToUs!

Dear JLS Parents:

Looking to connect with an old friend, or a new parent you just met?

JLS PTA is using <u>UpToUs</u> for its electronic Directory and community messaging (via grade-specific parent networks). <u>UpToUs</u> is password protected and you have control over the information you want viewable by others. You may change your information, preferences or privacy settings at anytime. Additional features include the 6th, 7th and 8th grade parent networks, volunteer signups and events. When registering your student this year, you indicated via Infinite Campus your preference to be included in emails from the PTA or in the school Directory. Subsequently, PAUSD has only given us your information if you answered "YES". So, these are the only names in our directory.

- If you are not getting any communications from PTA, cannot sign into the directory or still want to participate, let us know.
- If you want to check or change information seen in the directory, then sign in to hide/delete/update what's associated with your account. Those who already indicated "No Directory" have been hidden.
- Any emails sent via <u>UpToUs</u> always include the option to "Opt Out" at the bottom.

To sign in to the JLS eDirectory (optional):

- 1. Go to www.uptous.com
- 2. Login using the email address provided to PAUSD (the same one you use for Infinite Campus)
- 3. Password:
 - For existing <u>UpToUs</u> members No change in password
 - For new <u>UpToUs</u> members Click the "Forgot Password" option and Reset Password
- 4. If something goes wrong, send an email to support@uptous.com

eDirectory information is replaced each year, so any modifications you make are not shared with PAUSD's database. To make permanent changes to your information or preferences, please change it by logging in to Infinite Campus and making changes there. The volunteers who produced the directory have made every attempt to ensure the data are accurate, reliable, timely and authorized to be published. Information in the directory is available to families and staff of JLS Middle School and may only be used for school related activities. It may not be used for commercial, political or marketing purposes or otherwise distributed/shared.

In addition, <u>UpToUs</u> has smart phone apps:

iPhone: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/uptous-for-iphone/id434277330?mt=8
Android phones: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.uptous&hl=en

What about eNews? JLS PTA will continue to use eNews to push out school information, district and community news. UpToUs will serve as our eDirectory and (moderated) platform for our grade-level parent networks.

If you have any concerns or comments, send an email to ilsptaemail@gmail.com.

Lili Nova-Roessig Claire Kirner

JLS PTA President/Directory Administrator JLS PTA VP of Communications

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE FOR 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 Lili Nova-Roessig, JLS PTA President 2017-2018

JLS eNews PUBLICATION GUIDELINE!

If you want to publish an announcement relevant to JLS, send an email to <u>JLS.enews@gmail.com</u>. 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 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: Gerrie Phillips, Hue Tran, Suman Rangaswany 7th grade coordinators: Anjani Sarma, Mei-Hsia Tan 8th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner, Valerie Sabbag

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