
Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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JLS Back to School Night!

Wed Aug 23, 7-8:40PM

This is an opportunity for teachers to introduce the grade-level content standards, assessment, overall expectations for the class, and effective ways to communicate. All parents are encouraged to attend. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, we strongly request that students not attend this event.

Students will be bringing home a class schedule for their parents to follow for the evening. Parking will be difficult so plan to arrive early.

PTA Latte Cart for Staff!

Thur Aug 24, 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. To make these mornings a success, we ask our parents to contribute the breakfast foods.

For our first Latte Cart in August, we are inviting the school-wide community to contribute. In the following months, we will ask specific grade levels to be our main contributor (but of course any volunteers are welcome!), so keep an eye out for when it will be your grade's opportunity to provide this thank you to our staff.

Please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) the Latte Cart morning between 7:15 - 9:30 AM. Non-perishable items may be brought the day before to the Main Office. Please sign up [here](#)

Please contact our Latte Cart Coordinator with any questions: [Josette Domokos](#)

JLS Student Store!

Open on Friday and Tuesday for pickup

Fri Aug 25, 12:00 PM

Is your teen interested in buying a JLS hoodie, t-shirt or sweatpants 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 Student Store is a small store on the JLS campus and is a joint cooperative effort by the Student Council, parent volunteers and the JLS administration. The JLS Student Store sells at cost

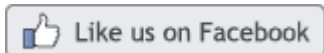
The store will be open once a month: August 25, September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15, January 12, February 9, March 23, April 20 and May 18.

If you ordered with an order form on Jump Start Day, the order can be picked up either at the office on Monday or in the student store, during lunch on Tuesday. Your teen will get a call slip if the order is ready and where to pick up the order.

Some articles are temporarily out of stock, hopefully they will be available next month, if ordered they will be on back order.

Special thanks to the parents who helped out on Jump Start Day!

Question? [Contact](#) the JLS Store Folks.
www.JLSStudentStore.com



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JLS BOOK FAIR HAS RETURNED!

[JLS Book Fair](#) is next week! JLS is partnering with Books, Inc. to offer a great variety of books to students to purchase for their Fall reading. Parents - please support our JLS English teachers by purchasing a book they have selected for their classroom library. Proceeds from sales will benefit our JLS school library to expand its print collection, giving all students greater access to books.

We need **Parent Volunteers** to staff the book fair! Please sign up [here](#).

Mon Aug 28	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Tue Aug 29	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Wed Aug 30	8:00 AM - 2:15 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM (Back to School Pizza Night)!
Thu Aug 31	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Fri Sep 1	8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

JLS BACK TO SCHOOL PIZZA DINNER!

Wed Aug 30, 6-8 PM

Join us at the JLS Cafetorium for pizza, salad, and dessert! See old friends and make new ones at this casual, fun kick-off to the school year. This event is FREE!

We'd love volunteers to help us serve pizza. Sign up [here](#).

PIE ANNOUNCES CHALLENGE GRANT!

PiE has just launched its 2017-2018 fundraising campaign. Please join us and help make a difference in the education of all kids in our community.

PiE funds go to every Palo Alto district school and help principals staff programs that deliver a well-rounded education. In all Palo Alto schools, PiE's funding provides enrichment and support in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), the Arts, and Wellness and Support. PiE-funded staff make a positive impact on our kids every day.

Double your impact. Between now and September 5, gifts and pledges will be matched by a \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant.

Please [click](#) to donate today!

JLS UpToUs!

Dear JLS Parents:

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

JLS PTA is using [UpToUs](#) for its electronic Directory and community messaging (via grade-specific parent networks). [UpToUs](#) 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 [UpToUs](#) 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 [UpToUs](#) members - No change in password
 - For new [UpToUs](#) 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, [UpToUs](#) 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 jlsptaemail@gmail.com.

Lili Nova-Roessig
JLS PTA President/Directory Administrator

Clare Kirner
JLS PTA VP of Communications

COMMUNITY

Project Safety Net (PSN) Collaborative Action Teams Meeting

Wed Aug 23, 3:30-5:30 PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room, 1213 Newell Rd

Please join PSN for a presentation from PSN Partner-In-Action, Nadia Ghaffari, founder of TeenzTalk.org, a website that serves as a platform for teens all over the world to share their stories regarding mental health.

Project Cornerstone's Middle School Faire

Thu Aug 24, 9.30 - 11.30AM, 80 Saratoga Ave, Santa Clara CA 95051

The Middle School Faire provides school teams and individuals with ideas for creating moments in time where youth feel valued, respected and known at school. Participants can expect to take away ideas for strengthening an asset building lifestyle with students, staff, adult volunteers and families at your middle school. We will hear from experienced panelists, then share ideas in an informal "Faire" (booths of club and activity tips). Teams of caring adults, or individuals looking for ideas to empower youth are welcome to attend! The Middle School Faire is a great opportunity to share ideas for giving youth the voice and choice they need to create safe and caring spaces at school.

Registration is now open at the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945aba72d6-middle>

Beginning Sanskrit Classes

St. Marks Episcopal church, 600 Colorado Ave. Palo Alto CA 94306

Sanskrita Bharati Palo Alto is organizing Sanskrit Classes for children (K-3rd grade) and adults for the school year 2017-18. Beginners are welcome. Classes will begin Sunday, September 10th at 3pm.

For more info: <http://www.sanskritabharatieastbay.org/en/>

Palo Alto Chinese School is Accepting New Enrollment for 2017-2018

School year starts on Fri Aug 18, at JLS Middle School

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 to 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. Please join us for a school open house and classroom visit on 8/18, and 8/25. For more info, check <http://www.paloaltochineseschool.org/> or email contact@paloaltochineseschool.org.

Effective Discipline with Your Strong-Willed Child (2 Sessions)

Thu Sept 7 & Sept 14, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto 94301

Strong-willed children want to cooperate, yet they need to be approached differently than easygoing children. Rather than ending up in power struggles, break this cycle and learn how to win cooperation effectively. You can bring out the best in yourself and your children. With Cynthia Klein, BA. Fee:\$90 for 2 sessions Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/effective-discipline-with-your-strong-willed-child-elementarymiddle-2-sessions-registration-35886929773>

13 Conversations About "13 Reasons Why"

Wed Sept 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto 94301

The Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" is an unflinching look at suicide, teen cruelty, rape culture, and adolescent emotional turmoil and trauma. Teens and tweens are entrenched in a world of social media that may give the illusion of connectivity, but can just as easily be isolating. Although the series advocates for communication and basic human decency, it doesn't explore the role of depression and other underlying mental health concerns. Join us for an important discussion about how to talk with your teen or tween about these topics in a way that is approachable, informed, and open. With Havi Hall. Fee: \$45 Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/13-conversations-about-13-reasons-why-middlehigh-school-registration-36449330930>

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, theatres 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>

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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 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: 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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Notify your employer of your donation to the JLS PTA, to activate their Corporate Matching Program. And THANK YOU for taking this extra step to contribute JLS Middle School!
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