

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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IN THIS WEEK (<https://jls.pausd.org/calendar>)

Homework Habitat Mon, Nov 13, 3:15 PM, Library
Site Council Meeting Mon, Nov 13, 3:30 PM, Rm 40
Homework Habitat Tues, Nov 14, 3:15 PM, Library
Connections Board Meeting Wed, Nov 15, 8:15 AM, Conf Rm B
Homework Habitat Thurs, Nov 16, 3:15 PM, Library
JLS Turkey Trot Friday, Nov 17, 12:15-1:15 PM
Student Store Open Friday, Nov 17, 12:30 -1:00 PM
Thanksgiving Break, No School Mon, Nov 20- Fri, Nov 24

2nd Annual Turkey Trot

JLS will hold the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot during and extended lunch on Friday, November 17th. We encourage all students to participate. The Turkey Trot is a .85 mile

course around our track and school. All participants will receive a button and drawing ticket for a chance to win fun turkey-themed prizes.

We need parent volunteers. Please click this [link](#) to sign-up.

JLS Student Store open this Friday

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 JLSStudentStore.

The JLS Student Store on campus will be open on Friday during lunchtime.

The store will be open ones a month: November 17, December 15, January 12, February 9, March 23, April 20 and May 18.

All articles are in stock and we have a knead able eraser and a spinner eraser as new products, so have your teen check out the store. Cash or checks only.

The JLSStore Folks
JLSStudentStore@gmail.com
www.JLSStudentStore.com

The JLSStudentStore 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](#):

Important Reminder For Parents

Does your student need to leave school early?
Please call or email the Attendance Office (650-856- 5179 or jlsattendanceoffice@pausd.org) the day before the scheduled appointment or before first period the day of the requested early dismissal. 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.

JLS Student Directory

Printed Directories have arrived! Please drop by the JLS office to get your copy.

Fall and Winter Traffic Safety Tips

With colder weather and the rainy season upon us, we are seeing an increase in car traffic during drop off and pickup. No matter how we come to school, we need to work

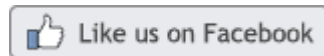
together to keep all of our students safe.

We all know traffic on Meadow backs up on bad weather days. Consider avoiding Meadow altogether by entering through the library parking lot on Middlefield and dropping off in Mitchell Park. Go ahead and arrange your rainy day carpool with neighbors or friends so you'll be ready as the weather changes.

Slow down and use extra caution when driving in school zones and along commute routes including the library and park parking lots. Keep your eyes out for pedestrians and cyclists remembering that sometimes visibility is impaired by sun or fog.

As the hours of daylight decrease, please equip your bicycles with lights and reflectors on the front and the back. Lights are very inexpensive and easy to attach. At night a white headlight visible from the front and attached to the bicycle or the bicyclist is required by California Law. Even if it is light enough for you to see where you are going, you still may not be visible to drivers. Get a light and use it! See and be seen!

Questions: jls-safe-routes@googlegroups.com



Support JLS by Shopping Online

Dear JLS parents,

Did you know that you can do your normal shopping and help fundraise for JLS at the same time?

Here's how:

Escrip

Please take a moment to update your information at www.eScrip.com and verify that your contributions are going to JLS (Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School, Group ID # 130315138). If you are new to eScrip, sign-up can be done online or at eScrip @ 1-800-400-7878. Urge your friends and relatives to sign up eScrip and make JLS their supporter group. You can support up to three schools.

Amazon.com

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, and same service.

Shop at the link

<https://smile.amazon.com/>, sign in to your amazon account, choose "Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle PTA " as your charity to support, Amazon donates 0.5% of your online purchases to JLS PTA.

Kepler's Books

Shop at Kepler's JLS page:

<http://www.keplers.com/jls-shopping-page>, at the end of your online order, make sure to write inside "order Comments" a note for supporting JLS , then Kepler's Donates back 6% to JLS on any purchase you make! You can also support JLS by purchasing Kepler's Gift Cards. They NEVER expire and can be used at the JLS book fair OR at Kepler's book store any time. They make terrific gifts for teachers and friends!

You can go to school website at <https://jls.pausd.org/contribute/donate> or at the PTA page <http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/> to get more detailed information on how to support JLS by shopping online. Thanks a lot for your supporting to JLS !

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****NEW**Superintendent's Weekly Message from Friday Nov 3**

We will re-post Karen Hendricks' Weekly communications here each week, in case you missed it on her previous Infinite Campus email to you.

"My own note to you will be relatively brief today, as we have two substantial department updates that I hope you will find to be very informative.....

Continue reading at: <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-%E2%80%93-nov-3-2017>

****NEW**CAC Holiday Tea & Welcome Reception (Free)**

Fri Dec. 15, 8:30 - 10 AM, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto

Parenting a child with special needs has unique challenges, so taking good care of yourself is important. Join us for a healthy and tasty breakfast buffet, wellness-related raffle prizes and a presentation by Assistant Superintendent Lana Conaway. She will speak about equity, access, wellness and safety for all students, especially those receiving Special Education services. Ms. Conaway is one of PAUSD's new leaders and oversees Special Education, Counseling, Health and Wellness in her role as Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Initiatives and Operations. Childcare will not be provided, but children are welcome. Spanish language translation will be available. Hosted by the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs. For questions contact paloaltocac@gmail.com

Community

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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 about 1,000 US high school students currently studying abroad, and 2,200 foreign exchange students studying in the US this year (31 in the Bay Area). Currently AFS has 1 student at Paly, and typically has 1 or 2 students at Gunn .

Study abroad is a great way for your student to learn a culture, language, and to mature. Hosting a student builds bonds that can last a lifetime.

Learn more at www.afsusa.org or contact Jon Klein (jbk1524@gmail.com).

****NEW**Menlowe Ballet Presents: It's a Wonderful Nutcracker!**

Dec 8-10 & 15-17, Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center

Blended with the storyline of the classic film "It's a Wonderful Life", Menlowe Ballet's production is set in the 1940's and boasts all the magical trimmings of a traditional Nutcracker. This production stresses the importance of physical presence in the lives of those who mean something to us. This season we also added a storyline illustrating how the power of connection and generosity can overcome greed and divisiveness. This is a holiday production that you and your family will want to see! Information on show times and tickets are available at www.menloweballet.org

****NEW**Dancers Repertory Theatre presents 'Twas the Night Before Christmas**

Woodside Performing Arts Center, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside

This is 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, including three PAUSD students. Tickets are \$22 per person. Information on show time and dates can be found at twasthenight.org.

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Fall Concerts

Sun, Nov 19, 3PM, Palo Alto Arts Center

Join us for PACO's 52nd season opening concert on Nov. 4 followed by two more concerts this fall. From classical favorites to blues, orchestral and chamber, you'll be impressed with the wide-ranging repertoire performed by talented young musicians. All concerts are admission FREE and for the entire family to enjoy. For more information about PACO, please visit www.pacomusic.org or email info@pacomusic.org

****NEW**Come watch 'Twas the Night Before Christmas!**

Sun Dec 3 & 10, 1PM & 4PM; Sat Dec 9, 3PM, Woodside Performing Arts Center

Dancers Repertory 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. For Tickets and more information please visit our website: <http://www.twasthenight.org> or visit our Facebook page at Dancers Repertory Theatre.

Paly Theatre performs "Heaven Can Wait"

Dates & Times available at <https://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/>, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center

A romantic comedy and delightful fantasy rolled into one. Joe Pendleton, an aspiring young boxer, is taken to heaven before his time and then forced to switch bodies in order to live out his destiny back on earth, where he finds true love. You're invited to laugh, sympathize, cheer, and celebrate as murder, ambition and greed meet their match in lighthearted and unexpected ways. Tickets can be purchased at palytheatre.com or at the door. \$15 adults, \$10 students/senior.

Cantabile Chorus Registration and Auditions (Grade K-9)

Cantabile is a community-based children's chorus serving the greater Silicon Valley area, striving to bring the highest quality musical education in a choral setting to young singers from ages 4 years to 18. Singers in grades 3-9 should call 650-424-1410 immediately to arrange an audition, while singers in grades K-2 may register for a class beginning November 15. To audition or to learn more about the chorus levels and the upcoming semester, contact info@cantabile.org or 650.424.1410

Play Palooza - The Children's Theatre Ten Minute Playwriting Contest

Submission Deadline: Fri, Dec 22 @ 12AM

The Children's Theatre is pleased announce the 2017-18 Play Palooza Ten Minute Playwriting contest. Play Palooza gives young writers an excellent opportunity to showcase their talents. Students can submit original work in three categories:

Elementary School (3rd-5th grade), Middle School (6th-8th grade), and High School (9th-12th grade). Winning plays receive a staged reading at the Children's Theatre, and winning playwrights receive prizes donated by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. Submissions can be submitted electronically to christopher.luciani@cityofpaloalto.org

Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions

Fri, Nov 3, 10, and 17 by appointment, Palo Alto

Auditions for the January semester will be held at the choir's rehearsal location near downtown Palo Alto (600 Homer Ave). Open to 2nd-5th grade boys. High school and middle school boys with choral experience may audition for upper levels. SVB provides a personalized approach to teaching singing, music theory, and sight-reading, while providing flexible scheduling for busy families. In addition to their own winter and spring

concerts, SVB performs for local events including appearances with Stanford University Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra, West Bay Opera, Schola Cantorum of Mountain View, and singing the national anthem at sporting events.

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

Shop for school holiday camps on ActivityHero to raise money for Palo Alto PTA

A reminder that PAUSD is off for Veterans Day and the full week of Thanksgiving this year. Our winter break is Dec 22 - Jan 7. High schools also have Jan 8 off. You can find holiday camps on ActivityHero and when you book online with this link, the PTA earns a % of your purchase. <https://www.activityhero.com/go/paloaltopta>

Whole Foods (downtown Palo Alto) Nickels for Non-Profits

Oct 15 to Jan 15th

Each time you shop at the Whole Foods Market downtown PA between Oct 15 to Jan 15 and bring in your own bags, Whole Foods will donate 5 cents per bag to our Palo Alto PTA Council. The PTAC will be able to use these funds for more programs and events for our PAUSD students, staff, and parents!

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****NEW**Stanford University Research Study (Girls, 8-12)**

Researchers at Stanford University are looking for girls ages 8-12 with learning and/or behavior challenges to participate in a study exploring brain development in relation to behavior, cognition, and mood in girls. Participation involves a comprehensive cognitive and behavioral evaluation and MRI/NIRS scan (safe, non-invasive, no x-rays/radiation).

Results of the evaluation are available to all participants and there is a \$100 honorarium for participation. For more information contact brain_and_behavior@stanford.edu or 650-724-2951.

****NEW**Society of Bookworms**

Wed, Nov 15, 4 - 5PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Join us in a discussion of the award-winning Everything on a Waffle, by Polly Horvath. A limited number of copies are available for pick-up at Children's Library. Registration Required. Grades 4-6 only.

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****NEW**Queers and Allies Book Club Meeting**

Wed, Nov 15, 4 - 5PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.

All teens are welcome to join us in discussing LGBTQ+ books. November's read is Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz.

Registration Required. Grades 8-12 only.

****NEW**Teen Writing Club NaNoWriMo Meeting****Thu, Nov 16, 4-5:30PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.**

Spend this month's meetings working on that novel you always wanted to write.

Inspiration, feedback, and snacks provided! Registration Required. Grades 6-12 only.

****NEW**Teen Maker Tuesday: LED Holiday Cards****Tues, Nov 21, 4:30-5:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.**

We will create holiday cards incorporating LED lights. We will supply everything!

Registration Required. Grades 6-12 only.

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](mailto:Lili.Nova-Roessig@jlspta.org) 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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 your employer to
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