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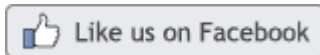
Homework Habitat Mon, Nov 27, 3:15 PM, Library
Homework Habitat Tues, Nov 28, 3:15 PM, Library
Homework Habitat Thurs, Nov 30, 3:15 PM, Library
Latte Cart for Staff Thursday, December 7, Rm 40
PTA Executive Board Meeting Thursday, December 14
Holiday Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange Tuesday, December 19
Minimum Day Thursday, December 21
Winter Break Friday, December 22- Friday, January 05, 2018

JLS PTA Health and Wellness Co-Representative

If you are interested in how nutrition/health services, physical environment, family engagement, physical activity, etc... affect JLS, please keep reading.

JLS PTA is looking for a co-representative to serve on Palo Alto Council of PTA's (PTAC) Health and Wellness Committee. The goal of the committee is to support school site efforts within one or more of the broad areas of the CDC's Whole School- Community- Child Model (more information here: <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/health-and-wellness/>). The committee meets a few times a year (next meeting: Feb 21, 2018, Aspen Room, District Office). If you are interested, please contact Lili at jlsptaemail@gmail.com

Thanks!



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.

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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 !

PAUSD/PTAC

PAUSD E, M, H

****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 treats 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. RSVP's requested (but not required) at <https://goo.gl/HSxpFg>

Community

Community E, M, H

Gunn Fall Band Concert Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center Thursday, November 30 at 7:30 PM

Please join us for our annual Fall Concert, featuring all three of Gunn's award winning concert bands highlighting Leonard Bernstein's 100 birthday anniversary. Highlights of each ensemble: Freshman Concert Band will present the engaging "Chants Long Forgotten". This piece by Roland Barrett conjures up images of chants from other eras, and perhaps even other civilizations. One of the three pieces the Symphonic Band will present is Leonard Bernstein's beautiful "Make Our Garden Grow" from Candide. The Wind Ensemble will present the first movement of Vincent Persichetti's landmark Symphony No. 6. They will close the concert with two Bernstein pieces: Simple Song from Mass and Mambo from West Side Story.

Free admission for booster members (family of 4), children under 12, and students with ID - or \$5 at the door.

****NEW**MUSIKIWEST CONCERT Thu, Nov 30, 7:30PM Mitchell Park Library Palo**

Under 18 FREE / Seniors \$10 / Others \$15. Program: J.S. Bach. Art of the Fugue I-IV for string quartet Dave Brubeck. Chaconne for string quartet Oswaldo Golijov. Mariel for cello and marimba Andy Akiho. Deciduous for violin and steelpan Michael Torke. Mojave for string quartet and marimba Artists: Kristin Lee, Violin Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu, Violin Dimitri Murrath, Viola Michelle Djokic, Cello Ian Rosenbaum, Percussion www.musikiwest.org For more info: info@musikiwest.org

****NEW**El Camino Youth Symphony New Member Auditions**

Calling all French horn, saxophone, bassoon, cello, and percussion players: The El Camino Youth Symphony is inviting young, motivated musicians with at least one year of private lessons to audition for our preparatory orchestras. ECYS offers after-school music programs for all levels of ability, from our Chamber Players Orchestra, for students just beginning their musical journey, to the Senior Symphony, where players challenge themselves with professional-level repertoire. Auditions will be held in December and early January. The program runs through the spring, and groups meet weekly for rehearsal at Terman Middle School. Contact loribingham@ecys.org to learn about setting up an audition. Visit <http://www.ecys.org> for more information.

**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

**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 times and dates can be found at twasthenight.org.

****NEW**Family Movie Afternoon
Sat, Dec 9, 4-6PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.**

Join us for a family movie afternoon the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please see website to register and for movie title.

**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

**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.

****NEW** Know a Child Who Loves to Sing? Cantabile Youth Singers Invites You to Come Sing With Us!**
Registration and auditions for grades K-9 happening now. Registration for our Winter/Spring 2018 semester opens Nov 15, 2017.

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. With our carefully planned and innovative curriculum, we build a foundation in choral musicianship, music literacy, and appreciation, while also fostering a caring and supportive family-atmosphere for friendships to grow for our singers. We offer a number of after-school rehearsal options, each featuring a wide range of musical activities, including singing, movement, improvisation, instrumental activities, and musicianship. Singers in grades 3-9 should call today to arrange an audition, while singers in grades K-2 may register for a class beginning November 15. Come sing with us, as we embark upon our exciting 2018 spring semester!

To audition, or to learn more about our chorus levels and our upcoming semester, please contact us: info@cantabile.org 650. 424.1410 Classes are conveniently located in Los Altos. Visit cantabile.org

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

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!

Community E, M

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 @CH**

Wed, Dec 20, 4 - 5PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Join us in a discussion of the Louis Sachar's thrilling adventure, Fuzzy Mud. A limited number of copies are available for pick-up at Children's Library. Registration Required. Grades 4-6 only.

Community M, H

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.

****NEW**DIY Holiday Crafts**

Tue, Dec 5, 4-6PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Join us for DIY crafts that you can give to friends and family just in time for the holidays. Bring your creativity and we'll provide all the supplies. Keep all your creations. Grades 6-12.

****NEW**Special End of Year Teen Writing Club Meeting @ RI**

Thurs, Dec 21, 4:00 -5:30PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.

Open to new and existing members! Join us for a special end of year writing club project where we will be making creative keepsakes based on writing prompts and activities. Registration Required. Grades 6-12 only.

****NEW**Teen Friday Movie @ RI****Fri, Dec 22, 4:00 -6:00PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.**

Celebrate the start of winter break with a double screen showing at the library! Audience will vote on the movie the day of the event. 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](#) 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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