

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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Message From Lisa Hickey

Dear JLS Families,

Parents of 7th and 8th graders

During WIP this past week, 7th and 8th graders received their tentative second semester schedule. Elective Change request forms were available in the guidance office starting on Thursday December 7th and are due on Monday, December 11th at 3:30 PM. The form must be signed by a parent. Please note that many electives are already at capacity, and a change may not be possible.

Giving Tree Gifts Due Monday, December 11th

If your child took a gift tag and is participating in the Giving Tree, gifts are due Monday, December 11th. Please attach the tag and a new toothbrush to the unwrapped gift and bring it to the guidance office. If for some reason you took a tag and can no longer fulfill the gift, please bring the tag back to the guidance office. Thank you all for your participation and making the holiday season a little brighter for someone else.

Progress Reports Mailed Home

The end of the 1st semester is December 21st. Progress reports were mailed home this week for students who have a current grade of a D or F in any class. They are also available to view through Infinite Campus, but please note that not all students have a progress report.

Log into your IC account with this link. Once you login, select your student and then Reports. Choose "S1ProgressReport2." Again, if that report is blank, then your child is progressing academically and does not have a grade below a C-. If you have any questions about a certain grade, please contact your child's teacher.

JLS Attendance Procedures

Parents should make every effort to schedule health 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 at jlsattendance@pausd.org 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. Also, if your child is sick or you will be going on vacation and missing a full day of school, please make sure to call or e-mail the Attendance Office.

Winter break is December 22, 2017 through January 5, 2018. Thursday, December 21st is a minimum day with a 12:25 PM release time. School resumes on Monday, January 8, 2018.

Warm Regards,
Lisa Hickey
JLS Principal

8th Grade Parent Network Coffee

Please join us in Room 730 for a Parent Network Coffee on Tuesday, December 12th at 8:15 am. Iris Wong and Ellie Messinger-Adams will join us at the start of the coffee. If you have any questions/topics you would like discussed, feel free to suggest them here: <https://goo.gl/forms/V9TCq1mwTSONfSzs2>

Please note that high school information will be shared in later winter/early spring, and not during this meeting.

We hope to see you there!

Auditions for Seussical the Musical

Auditions will be held for the JLS All-School Musical, Seussical JR. on Monday and Tuesday, December 11th and 12th after school in Mr. Mahle's Room 130. The show is the Jr. Edition of MTI's beloved classic by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty and runs March 9th and 10th, 2018. Auditions are open to all JLS students with callbacks happening Thursday and Friday. Students will be asked to perform a song that shows their range must turn in a completed audition packet, available from Mr. Mahle, by the end of callbacks. For more information, join the Schoology Group, JLS Musical 2018 with the access code: MHTNJ-4RHDD.

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: December 15, January 12, February 9, March 23, April 20 and May 18.

All online orders placed before Wednesday will be ready for pickup.
Cash or checks only.

The JLS Store Folks
JLSStudentStore@gmail.com
www.JLSStudentStore.com

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.

Middle School Athletics Registration Process

JLS Families are encouraged to use the online system for Middle School Athletic Registration as this is much quicker and more efficient. The Fall registration date will be on Wednesday, December 6th starting at 8:30 am for 6th grade basketball only.

You can either go online to www.cityofpaloalto.org/msa and create an account and sign up. The other option is to walk in to Mitchell Park Community Center, across the way from the new Mitchell Park Library and sign up on December 6th. Walk in registration will start at 8:30 am. Please get there at least 1 hour before registration if you come in person. There are no walk in registrations at Lucie Stern or Cubberley Community Centers anymore. Email and faxed registration forms will not be accepted.

If you do not have an account in the new system, go to www.cityofpaloalto.org/msa and create an account prior to your child's respective registration date. Check the website for registration dates: <http://cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts./csd/recreation/msa.asp>

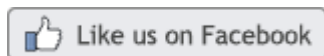
If you have difficulties with the registration process please contact MSA at 650-329-2400. If you have further questions, contact Kylie Crandall, the JLS Middle School Athletic Director: Kylie.Crandall@cityofpaloalto.org

Bike and Traffic Safety

9 Simple Tips for Biking In The Rain

As the days get shorter and colder fewer students are riding, leading to increased traffic congestion around schools. Check out these helpful safety tips and videos on riding safely all season long. "9 Simple Tips for Biking In The Rain".

<https://youtu.be/Derm0w9viac>



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 !

PAUSD/PTAC

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****NEW**** Superintendent's Weekly Message from Friday Dec 1

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

"To open with a quote from Dr. Suess, "How did it get so late so soon?" The days have certainly gotten shorter, and nightfall is finding us earlier each evening." Continue reading at: <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-%E2%80%93-december-1-2017>

PAUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Second Advisor Group Meeting.
Th Dec 14, 5 - 7PM, District Office 25 Churchill Avenue Palo Alto, CA Board Room (SDC)

The meeting will review district data and stakeholders will be able to give input and feedback. PAUSD LCAP Website: <https://goo.gl/EPvdGF> Parent's guide to LCAP Dashboard (district data): <https://goo.gl/p8VcuW> Spanish translation will be available

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>

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****NEW**** Early Childhood Education: Why is it essential to our collective future?

Mon, Dec 11, 11:30-1:00 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto invites you to this year's Winter Luncheon, featuring Stanford Professor Deborah Stipek, a nationally acclaimed author and leader in Early Childhood Education. Professor Stipek is the Judy Koch Professor of Education in the Graduate School of Education and the Faculty Director of the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford. Menu: Seasonal green salad with pears and walnuts, roasted root vegetable pot pie served with a cranberry-applesauce relish. Vegetarian (gluten-free upon request), \$35.00.

RSVP on <http://bit.ly/2jnKFtz> by 12/8 or send a check by Dec 8 payable to: LWVPA, 3921 E. Bayshore Rd., Palo Alto 94303. Questions? E-mail: sigridkp@yahoo.com. Co-sponsored by PTAC, Congregation Beth Am, Avenidas, Strong Start, an initiative of the Santa Clara County Office of Education, Education Committee of the LWVs of Santa Clara County, AAUW of Palo Alto, and LWVs of Los Altos-Mountain View, San Jose-Santa Clara, and South San Mateo County

2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair (Mar 4, 2018)

Poster Competition: The organizers of the above event are calling all PAUSD students for a Poster Competition to design a brochure cover for the 2018 PA CNY Fair. Posters must be between 8.5" x 11" and 12" x 18" on unlined paper and any media (crayons, markers, paint, etc.) are accepted. Include "2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair" and the theme "Year of Dog" on the poster, and write your name, grade, school and an email contact on the back. Please submit entries to the front desk of Mitchell Park Library by Jan 12, 2018. E-mail cheri161@yahoo.com for more information. Entries may be displayed at the Fair, which is organized by Palo Alto Chinese Parent Club, a non-profit organization that serves the Palo Alto community, and co-sponsored by PTA Council.

Community

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Orchestra/Gunn Jazz Band Concert
Palo Alto High School PAC
Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 PM

Come join the Gunn Orchestra & Jazz Big Band in this special joint concert. Gunn Orchestra will perform selections from Grieg's exciting Peer Gynt Suite, side-by-side with Gunn Jazz performing Duke Ellington's arrangements of the same music. This concert is not to be missed!

Tickets:

FREE for Gunn Band & Orchestra Boosters members (family of 4)

FREE for students with ID & children under 12

\$5 general admission, at the door

Palo Alto Girls Softball Registration is now open!

Girls ages 5-15 with all skill levels are welcome to join our spring 2018 recreational season. Registered players can participate in numerous clinics that serve beginners and experienced players alike. Teams will be formed in January with practices starting in February and games through May. It's recreational which means "fun" is the most important part!

Click here to register by Jan. 15 ... <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/66760/signups/new>

For more information, visit <http://www.paloaltogirlssoftball.org> or contact us at info@paloaltogirlssoftball.org

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's Holiday Extravaganza with Anderson & Roe

Sat, Dec 16, 3PM Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills

Pianists Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Joy Roe join forces with PACO for high-octane performances of Bach and their original Fantasy on Bizet's Carmen. Program includes Corelli's Christmas Concerto and Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, featuring all five PACO orchestras and the Pacific Ballet Academy. Tickets can be purchased

at www.pacomusic.org (\$20 for back orchestra seats and \$30 for front orchestra seats).

Group rates available for 10+ tickets. For more information: info@pacomusic.org or (650)856-3848.

Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School

Sat & Sun, Jan 6-7, Feb to Jun 2018 9-3 pm at Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio

These workshops are open to the public, students and parents. You learn glass blowing technique in this hands-on 2-day weekend workshop. Advanced Sign up is required.

Class limit is 4. Teens and adults. \$425 per person. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto High School Fiery Arts Boosters. Contact: David Camner, founder of Paly Glass, dcamner@pausd.org, for more information & dates

****NEW**Discover the Magic of the Annual BayLUG Holiday LEGO® Show**

Dec. 8 - Jan 14, 11 AM - 3:45 PM, Frank Livermore Learning Center, 351 Homer Ave.

The Museum of American Heritage (MOAH) is welcoming back the LEGO® User Group's (BayLUG) and Bay Area LEGO® Train Club's (BayLTC) Annual Holiday LEGO® Show Pop-Up Exhibit. BayLUG and BayTLC will be displaying a variety of creative holiday scenes. Browse through the imaginative holiday creations, which include holiday trains, miniature cities and more. The displays are different each year. General admission is \$3 per person; cash only at the door. BayLUG and MOAH members are free. The museum is closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2017.

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

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.

Come watch 'Twas the Night Before Christmas!

Sun Dec 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.

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 winter break from 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.

Society of Bookworms @CH

Wed, Dec 20, 4:00-5:00PM, 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

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.

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.

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[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

**Would you like
your employer to
DONATE to JLS?**

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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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