

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Jan 14

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

MLK Day, No School Monday, Jan 15,
Homework Habitat Tuesday, Jan 16, 3:15 PM, Library
Connections Coffee Wednesday, Jan 17, 8:15 am Rm 730
JLS Choir at Stanford Basketball Game Wednesday, Jan 17, 6pm-9pm, Roscoe Maples Pavilion, 655 Campus Drive, Stanford, CA 94305
PTA General Meeting Thursday, January 18
Homework Habitat Thursday, Jan 18, 3:15 PM, Library
Student Store Open Friday, January 19, 12:30 PM
Incoming 7th Grade Parent Information Night Wednesday, January 24, 7 PM, Cafetorium

Update on Roundabout at E. Meadow Drive and Ross

The Neighborhood Traffic Safety and Bicycle Boulevard Project is constructing a new roundabout at E. Meadow Drive and Ross Road to improve the safety of student cyclists and help moderate speeds along the route. The roundabout is scheduled for completion by early February. We do not foresee any street closures at the moment. If this does occur, flaggers will direct student cyclists, pedestrians, and vehicular traffic during construction. Construction work hours are between 9:00am- 4:00pm, Monday - Friday. There should be no obstructions to the road outside of these work hours. If you see anything that may be a hazard, like a vehicle blocking a bicycle lane, please call the PAPD non-emergency line at (650) 329-2406. Please direct questions to Sarah Ratliff, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Bicycle Boulevard Community Relations Manager at sarah.ratliff@gcinc.com, (669) 225-1617. More information about the Neighborhood Traffic Safety & Bicycle Boulevard project, including [FAQs](#), are available [here](#).

**JLS YCS Club invites you to Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Jan. 15 11:00am-2:00pm**

Please join the JLS YCS-Interact Club and community members of all ages to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, Jan. 15 at Mitchell Park Community Center from 11:00am-2:00pm. There will be service projects, youth entertainment, speakers, and more. The purpose of the event is to honor the legacy of justice and service of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to celebrate connectedness and community.

**PTA General Meeting
Thur, Jan 18, 8:30 AM**

Please join us for some coffee at the General PTA meeting. We will update you on budget expenditures and vote in the Nominating committee. All are welcome!

**Everything You Need to Know About 7th Grade
Wednesday, January 24, 7 pm- 8 Pm, JLS Cafetorium**

Parents/guardians of current 6th graders are invited. Arvind Arya, your child's guidance counselor, will talk about what is involved in registering your child for 7th grade. He will also share the role counselors play in your child's 7th and 8th grade academic experience.

There will be time to ask questions about electives, music, math, and world languages.

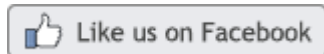
**Joint Middle School Parent Ed Event: Building Resilient Children
in a Fast-Paced, High Pressure Community
Wednesday, January 24, 7pm, Jordan MPR**

We will discuss the developmentally unique period that characterizes the middle school years. We will explore ways in which parents can support their students to build resilience, manage anxiety, cope with stress while effectively navigating an increasingly complicated social and technological landscape.

Speaker: Emily Ach, PhD
Assistant Clinical Professor
Stanford University School of Medicine
Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Science

Online Shopping and JLS

You can do your normal shopping and help raise funds for JLS at the same time. Learn more by visiting the JLS PTA website at: <http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/index.php/finances/>



PAUSD/PTAC

****NEW**PAUSD Superintendent Survey**

The school district is interested in your input as they seek to hire a new Superintendent. This survey is designed to gather your perceptions of the school district and the importance of various characteristics found in effective superintendents. The information will be used to determine the desired characteristics of the next Superintendent. The survey closes on January 16th. The survey is conducted by a search firm, which ensures that your individual responses are kept anonymous and confidential. <https://survey2.ecragroup.com/index.php/735768>
Search timeline: <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/2017-superintendent-search-timeline>

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****NEW**Special Education Workshop: The ABCs of the IEP**
Tues, January 30th, 10:00am-12:00 noon, Sobrato Center, 350 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City

Do you have questions about your child's IEP? Would you like to know how to advocate for your child's special education rights? Ms. Karis Daggs, an attorney with OCRA (Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy) will be our speaker. Hosted by Opening Doors PTA, the Palo Alto CAC for Special Education and PTAC. Cantonese and Mandarin translation available. Register at <http://bit.ly/2D2ame8>
For questions or to carpool, contact paloaltocac@gmail.com

****NEW**How Does Sugar Affect Your Health and What You Can Do About It**
Wed, Feb 7, 6:30-8:30pm, SDC Room, District Office, 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto

Join us for an educational night on sugar. Learn how sugar came to be ubiquitous in everything we eat, and became a number one health issue due to its harmful effects on the human body. As parents, you will also get some great tips on how to combat sugar in your household and diet, and reintroduce great nutrition to your kids. Patricia Caldera, Ph.D will be presenting on behalf of the Hypoglycemia Support Foundation and Dr Lustig education program dedicated to changing our views of processed food with the purpose of ending food related illnesses and promote good health. We encourage parents to bring their children.

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Paly Media Arts Open House

Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 6:00-8:00 PM, in the Paly Media Arts Center
Please join us for the third annual Paly Media Arts Center (MAC) Open House! Come and hear about all of the media arts programs and meet some of the students and staff who run them. There will be tours of the building, information about Camp Mac and the MAC Boosters, and you will see Paly students busy creating the next edition of the school newspaper, The Campanile. If your student is interested in any type of media arts, come see what Paly has to offer. Drinks and dessert will be served.

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

Tianmu Educational Foundation is excited to announce the launch of a First Tech Challenge Robotic Club!

FTC is designed for students in grades 6-11 to compete head to head, using a sports model. FTC gives middle and high school students and their adult mentors the opportunity to work and create together to solve a common problem. Teams are challenged to design and build a robot using a kit of parts and within a common set of rules to play a sophisticated field game. The robot game changes every season and is a blast! We are recruiting club members with all kinds of talents, not just engineering and electrical. No technical skills are required, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Club members will be trained in four different areas: mechanical design, programming, outreach and business planning. Qualified club members will join the competition team to the FTC competitions. We are also recruiting adult mentors and volunteers. This club won't succeed without dedicated volunteers! If you are interested to join this fast developing team, please fill the form.

****NEW**Ongoing Stanford University Brain Study on Executive Function Skills**

Looking for children ages 7 and up with a diagnosis of ADHD or with no diagnoses to participate in a study exploring changes in brain function in response to a novel neurofeedback training. Participation involves 6 sessions of neurofeedback training and 2 sessions of behavioral assessments. Contact Lindsay Chromik at lchromik@stanford.edu or 650-724-2939 for more information or to enroll. For general information regarding participant rights, contact 1- 866-680-2906.

****NEW**Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions**

Thurs, Jan 18 and Fri, Jan 19 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>

**Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School
Sat & Sun, 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

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****NEW****"Rock" Your World with Chemistry

Sun, Jan 21, 12-1PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Join us if you are interested in nature and general chemistry. Meet new friends and learn new things. Grades 5-8.

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****NEW****Teen Maker Tuesday

Tues, Jan 16, 4:30-5:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

An interactive program for teens featuring different Maker related projects. Registration Required. Registration opens 3 weeks in advance. 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, jswp.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) JLS PTA President 2017-2018

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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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