

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Jan 28

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

Common Writing Assessment Monday, Jan 29- Friday, Feb 2
Homework Habitat Monday, Jan 29, 3:15 PM, Library
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French Culture Night Tuesday, Jan 30, 6:30 PM, Cafetorium
6th Grade Parent Network Meeting Wednesday, Jan 31, 8:15 AM, Rm 730
Joint 6th Grade MS Choir Festival Wednesday, Jan 31, 6 PM, Cafetorium
Gunn High School, 8th Grade Parent Night Wednesday, Jan 31, 7 PM, Bow Gym, Gunn High
Paly High School, 8th Grade Parent Night Wednesday, Jan 31, 7 PM, Paly Performing Arts Center
PTA Sponsored Latte Cart (for Staff) Thursday, Feb 1, 7:30 AM, Rm 40
Homework Habitat

Thursday, Feb 1, 3:15 PM, Library
Gunn/JLS Orchestra Concert Thursday, Feb 1, 7 PM, Paly PAC

Common Writing Assessment

The week of January 29 through February 2, JLS English teachers will administer a common writing assessment to all students. Students will have multiple periods to plan, draft, and write a multi-paragraph response to a grade-level, CCSS-aligned prompt. Teachers use these results to guide their writing instruction for the remainder of the school year. Scores will be available to view via Infinite Campus in early March. You will receive an e-mail notification when the scores are ready to view.

French Culture Night

On Tuesday night, January 30th, please stop by the JLS caf anytime between 6:30 and 8pm. As you walk in you'll be transported to the streets of Paris and its surrounding cities where French 1A "tour guides" will be on hand to impress you with their knowledge of their famous French landmarks. Stay long enough to meet French 1B students in character as famous French-speaking people from the past and present. From athletes and inventors, to historical figures and fashion designers, they will tell you, in French and English, all about their lives. Come for 15 minutes or stay for an hour. This evening is not just for French students. All JLS families are invited to attend. We hope to see you there.

Middle School History-Social Science Materials

Middle school history-social science materials under consideration for adoption are currently on display in the hallway at the District Office and at JLS in the library. The Middle School History-Social Science Textbook Selection Advisory Committee welcomes the public's input. Comment forms are available and all feedback will be taken into account. If you have any questions about the history textbook pilot at JLS, please contact Megan Shelby, JLS History Department Instructional Lead, mshelby@pausd.org.

Middle School Athletics Registration Process

We encourage the Middle School Athletic Registration for Jordan, JLS, and Terman to be an online registration. We have found this much quicker and more efficient. The Spring registration date will be on Wednesday January 31st starting at 8:30 am for JLS students only. You can either go online to www.cityofpal Alto.org/msa and create an account and sign up that way, which is the easier and much quicker way to 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 January 31st and registration will start at 8:30 am (I would recommend getting there at least 1 hour before registration, if you come in person). We are not accepting walk ins at Lucie Stern or Cubberley Community Centers anymore. We will not accept email or faxed registration forms.

If you do not have an account in the new system, go to our website at: 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 Thanks!

Gunn Orchestra with JLS & Terman Orchestras Thursday, Feb. 1, 7:30pm, Palo Alto High School PAC

This concert will feature the Gunn Orchestras, Chamber Orchestra and the JLS and Terman advanced Orchestras. Music from the classical, romantic and even jazz era will be featured. At the end of the concert students will combine to play a piece by Herbie Hancock! Please join us!!

Tickets: For this concert JLS and Terman parents will receive comp. 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

NOMINATE GREAT PEOPLE FOR AWARDS (Due March 1) Call for Nominations for HSA 2018

Each year the Palo Alto Council of PTAs may bestow one of several California State PTA Honorary Service Awards to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service to children and youth in our community. The individuals or organization nominated must make far-reaching, notable contributions. The PTA Council HSA Committee selects persons or groups who have benefited children and youth on a district-wide or Palo Alto community level.

We also have a new award that debuted last year that honors exceptional PTA volunteers at the unit (school) level. Each PTA may nominate one person.

If you know of someone or an organization that deserves to be honored at this level, please complete this form: Nominations for HSA2018 Recipients will be announced at our Honorary Service Award Reception on Thursday, April 26th, 2018. [Click here to see past recipients.](#) (Note there are three lists: 2017, 2016 and recipients 2015-2005)

Deadline for Nominations is March 1, 2018.

Save the Date JLS Service Day Wed, Mar 7, 1:45 pm- 5pm

JLS students, parents, teachers, and staff -- save the date and join us for a fun and impactful afternoon of community service! Service projects will take place on-campus at JLS as well as at off-campus locations.

Some of the volunteer activities being planned include:

- playing games with seniors
- working on a school farm
- providing vital tree care
- helping elementary school teachers and staff
- making dinner for individuals who are homeless

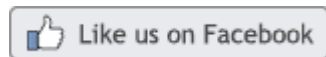
Sign-up details will be distributed soon. Please note: In order to participate, students must turn in a PAUSD permission form. More information to come.

JLS Service Day is organized and sponsored by the JLS PTA and YCS (Youth Community Service).

Questions? Email JLSServiceDay@gmail.com

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>



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****NEW**Superintendent's Weekly Message from Friday Jan 19**

We will re-post Karen Hendricks' Weekly communications here each week, in case you missed it on her previous Infinite Campus email to you. "I hope that your family has gotten back in the swing of.....Visit <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-%E2%80%93-january-19-2018> to read the rest of Friday Jan 19th'

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****NEW**2018 Annual Sweetheart Awards - Call for Nominations**

Is there a bus driver, friend, teacher, administrator, neighbor, aide, crossing guard, coach, fellow student, therapist, physician, volunteer or relative that has done something (however large or small) for your special needs child with an IEP or 504? Honor that person by nominating him or her for a CAC Sweetheart Award. Submit nominations using this online form before Thursday, February 15th (early submissions welcome): <http://tinyurl.com/cac2018sweethearts>.

The Awards Ceremony will be on Wednesday, February 28th from 6-8pm at Nixon Elementary School. For more information or questions contact sweethearts.award@gmail.com or go to www.cacpaloalto.org. Co-sponsored by Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs.

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The Smart Talk: Internet Safety

Tue Feb 6, 6 PM., Gunderson High School, 622 Gaundabert Lane, San Jose (6pm refreshments, 6:30pm program)

What you hope your kids (elementary, middle, and high) are doing online isn't always what they're actually doing. Join us to learn how you can use The Smart Talk to get on the same page with your kids and establish an open conversation about digital safety.

For more info: <http://capta6.org/docs/180206SaferInternetFlyer.pdf>

FREE. Sponsors include National PTA, State PTA, and Sixth District PTA.

RSVPs (appreciated but not required): wendyghose@yahoo.com

Special Education Workshop: The ABCs of the IEP

Tues, January 30th, 10:00am-12:00 n, 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

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 Robotics Summer Camp 2018

Week 1: July 23 - 27, Week 2: July 30 - August 3

Sessions: Robot Design & Hardware, Programming, Entrepreneurship & Website Design, Animation & Graphic Design

This year, Paly Robotics will be offering two different weeks of our annual summer camp for incoming middle school students (incoming 6th - 9th). We hope to spark interest and start future high school students on a path in science, technology, engineering, art or mathematics (STEAM). Our registration will be open on Saturday, Feb 3, at 10AM. Campers will be able to sign up for one of four sessions per week. This camp will be hosted at Palo Alto High School. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at summercamp@palyrobotics.com . For further details, go to our website.

Paly Journalism Camp for Rising 8th and 9th Graders.

After three hugely successful summers, Paly's distinguished journalism program will be returning again this summer with its fourth year of Camp MAC (Media Arts Center) on July 30th - August 3rd, from 9am-3pm. A student leadership team with a plethora of journalism experience is in place and eager to educate new campers on a variety of journalistic skills including critical thinking, research, graphic design, and expository writing techniques. The camp is open to all rising 8th and 9th graders. Registration and more information can be found at this website: paly.io/campmac, or email palyjournalismcamp@gmail.com. All proceeds support Paly's journalism program.

Jazz II, Chamber Orchestra, & Wind Ensemble Concert
Monday, Jan. 29, 7:30pm Palo Alto High School PAC

Join us for evening of eclectic music featuring three Gunn Ensembles. The concert will feature Jazz II with a preview of their CMEA Festival music. The Chamber Orchestra will preview their ASTA Atlanta, GA set including Leos Janacek's Suite for Strings & Silvestre Revueltas' Musica de Feria. The Wind Ensemble will be performing their UCLA Wind Band Festival music including the expansive Symphony No. 6 by Vincent Persichetti.

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

Gunn/Paly 41st Annual Jazz Guest Artist Concert featuring Demetri Matheny Friday, Feb. 9, 7:30pm Palo Alto High School PAC

Join the Paly Jazz Ensemble and the Gunn Big Band Jazz Ensemble as they present the 41st Annual Guest Artist Concert featuring Demetri Matheny. Matheny is celebrated for his warm tone, soaring lyricism and masterful technique, American musician Dmitri Matheny has been lauded as "one of the most emotionally expressive improvisers of his generation" (International Review of Music). First introduced to jazz audiences in the 1990s as the protege of Art Farmer, Matheny has matured into "one of the jazz world's most talented horn players" (San Francisco Chronicle).

Booster passes will not be accepted for this concert. Tickets are \$5 students and \$10 adults at the door - proceeds go to support the Guest Artists appearance.

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****NEW** Clear The Clutter and Get Organized**

Thurs Feb 1 6:30-8:30pm Parents Place Palo Alto 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto CA 94301

Are you tired of the piles and chaos caused by too much clutter in your home? When you have good organization systems, your home and family life is simpler, calmer, and less stressful. Professional organizer Lori Krolik of "More Time for You" will teach the six

steps to tackle any organizing project and other strategies for creating an organized life - parents of all ages are welcome. Details and Registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clear-the-clutter-and-get-organized-all-ages-registration-39673614850>. Fee \$45

****NEW** Stanford Food and Mood Study is Recruiting!**

Eligible participants are between 9-17 years old, are experiencing low moods or irritability, have a body mass index greater than 85%, do not have braces or metal in their body

Participants receive \$325 for completing the study. Participants come in for clinical and cognitive evaluations, an MRI brain scan and a blood test 3 times over 2 years.

To learn more about the study and to see if your child is eligible, contact Lizzy at 650-721-4049 or thepearlab@stanford.edu. You can also find out more about Stanford's Pediatric Emotion and Resilience Lab (PEARL) at <http://med.stanford.edu/pedmood.html>. For general information about participation rights, contact 1-866-680-2906.

****NEW**Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Winter Concerts**

Enjoy a series of winter concerts (January through March) featuring PACO's talented young musicians. In addition to orchestral and chamber pieces by well known composers Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven, you'll be enchanted by an array of works by Boccherini, Pleyel, and Dvorak to name a few. 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

Sun, Jan 28, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre (James Jaffe, conductor) Preparatory Orchestra

Sun, Feb 4, 12PM, Cubberley Theatre (Natasha Makhijani, conductor) Superstrings Orchestra

Sun, Feb 18, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre (Jory Fankuchen, conductor) Sinfonia Orchestra

Sun, Mar 4, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre (Michel Taddei, conductor) Debut Orchestra

Stanford University & City of Palo Alto Comp Growth

There is a significant project from Stanford University that will be coming upon PAUSD that may require your attention -- Stanford University's growth and expansion proposal and its impact within our city and school district. Stanford plans to add more academic and support facilities, housing units, childcare center and facilities to its camp, adding approx. 9,000 people to our area. Your comments regarding the significant environmental effects of this project and the adequacy of the Draft EIR are welcome.

The public review period for this Draft EIR ends on Feb 2, 2018

https://www.sccgov.org/sites/dpd/Programs/Stanford/Pages/GUP2018_CEQA.aspx

**Parents Place Summer Camp Fair - Preschool/Elementary- High School Families
Sun, Jan. 28, 10 AM - 12:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto**

It's already time to start planning a great summer for your kids! The Parents Place Summer Camp Fair is a unique opportunity to engage with more than 20 summer camps, located on the Peninsula and beyond. This event connects you with multiple regional and independent summer camps, including sleepaway camps and special needs camps, in one convenient location. Make a personal connection with camp staff, explore the variety of flexible options, and discover how to maximize your child's summer camp experience. Fee \$5 per family.

Summer Camp Panel Discussion before the Fair is from 9:00am - 10:00am. Moderated by Parents Place Director Karen Friedland-Brown, camp directors will discuss "Solving the Summer Camp Dilemma: How to schedule your child's summer and find the best fit for your family." Fee \$15 (includes admission to fair). Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parents-place-summer-camp-fairparent-registration-registration-39976037404>

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.

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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Join Little Vikes Cheer & Dance Team at Paly Basketball Game Feb 12, 13, 14 3:34-5:15pm and Fri, Feb 16, 5:30-7:15pm (approx), Palo Alto High School

Join the Paly Spirit Squad for three afternoon workshops and the Paly basketball game on Feb 16. Kids will cheer and perform with the Squad at halftime. Ages 3-14. \$100 for workshops + game (25% discount before Feb 2). Your fee is tax deductible and helps the team pay for uniforms, training and other essentials. <https://www.activityhero.com/go/palycheer>

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Palo Alto Youth Journalism Summer Camp Mon July 30 to Fri Aug 3 in the Media Arts Center at Palo Alto High School

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The camp is open to all rising 8th and 9th graders, all proceeds support Paly's journalism program for the following year. Registration and more information can be found at this website: paly.io/campmac.

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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