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

Not In Our Schools Week Monday Feb 12 to Thursday Feb 15
Homework Habitat Monday, Feb 12, 3:15 PM, Library
Site Council Meeting Monday, Feb 12, 3:30 PM, Rm 40
Homework Habitat Tuesday, Feb 13, 3:15 PM, Library
6th Grade Egypt Night Tuesday, Feb 13, 6:30 PM, Rooms 830, 410, 810, 200
Signed 2018-19 Registration Forms Due Wednesday, Feb 14, Guidance Office
Connections Coffee Thursday, Feb 15, 8:15 AM, RM 710
Staff Development Day Friday, Feb 16, No School
President's Day Holiday Monday, Feb 19, No School

From Principal Lisa Hickey

By Wednesday, February 14th, students will have needed to log in to their Infinite Campus account to select their elective courses for next school year, and turn in a printed form with a parent signature to the guidance office.
Here is the link to the video with instructions on how to choose classes.



Every student received a hard copy of the course catalog, but it can also be found online [here](#). Students will first choose their "Requested Courses." They will need to choose courses that will fill two full periods of electives. This will either be two year-long courses, one year-long course & two semester courses, or four semester courses.

They will also need to choose "Alternate Courses." Students should make their selections carefully, as it is likely they will receive an alternate elective choice. Once students make their selections, they should print the sheet of courses, obtain a parent signature, and turn it into Mrs. Scherer in the guidance office. The deadline for turning in elective course requests is Wednesday, February 14th.

Please note the printout lists all the courses in alphabetical order. The alternate courses are also printed on the sheet in alphabetical order. However, when the school views your alternate course selections in Infinite Campus, they are in your priority order. Please contact your child's counselor if you have any questions. The 6th grade counselor is Arvind Arya, aarya@pausd.org. The 7th grade counselor is Ko Vue, kvue@pausd.org. Remember to turn in these forms by Wednesday, February 14th.

Not In Our Schools Week

From February 12-15 2018, JLS will be having our annual Not In Our Schools Week (NIOS)

This week is dedicated to: embracing diversity, breaking stereotypes, standing up to hate, promoting kindness, and respecting and honoring each other's differences. The JLS Leadership class and JLS counselor run BeTChA student advisory committee have been working together to create a weekly agenda of themes and activities. Please click [here](#) for the weekly calendar for the NIOS events. Each day will have a theme and a corresponding lunch activity.

Traitor's Game Author Visit to JLS

Does your child like to read fantasy, adventure, mythology and historical fiction? Award-winning author Jennifer A. Nielsen combines all these genres in her captivating stories. LindenTree Books will bring the author to JLS on Friday, March 2 to promote Traitor's Game. Order signed copies with [this](#) form for your personal collection!

2018 JLS Service Day

Wed., Mar. 7

1:30pm - 5pm (adult chaperones)

1:45pm - 5pm (student volunteers)

We hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon of service and giving back to our community!

The JLS PTA and YCS (Youth Community Service) have organized 15 service projects for student and adult volunteers to choose from. Some projects take place at JLS and others at nearby off-campus locations.

Adults - we cannot offer this opportunity to students without your help. Thank you for volunteering to chaperone.

For detailed project descriptions, registration information, and required paperwork, visit <https://goo.gl/U5SXgP>

Questions? Email JLSServiceDay@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed - Many Faces of JLS International Potluck Wed, Mar 28, 5:30-8pm, JLS Cafetorium

JLS' annual international potluck needs your help! This highly attended and exciting showcase of global cuisine is looking for volunteers to donate/prepare food as well as for volunteers to serve the food the evening of the event.

Reimbursement for food over \$50 and up to \$300 will be available for as long as the budget allows (so volunteer early!)

Please click [here](#) to sign up. Thank you!

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Se buscan por voluntarios para el convivio multicultural que se llama en inglés, "Many Faces of JLS"

El miércoles, 28 de marzo, 5:30 - 8pm, cafetería escolar de JLS

¡El evento internacional anual de JLS necesita de su ayuda! Las familias comparten sus artes culinarias trayendo platillos representantes de sus países, y es un evento familiar muy concurrido. Se busca por voluntarios para donar / preparar alimentos, así como para servir la comida la noche del evento.

Para la preparación de su platillo, usted puede comprar los ingredientes y el PTA reembolsara sus gastos desde \$50 hasta \$300 que estará disponible para usted hasta que se termine el presupuesto para este evento (¡inscríbese como voluntario lo más pronto posible!)

Por favor, haga click [here](#) para conocer que platillo puede traer y/o como puede ayudar. ¡Gracias!

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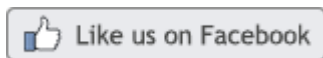
需要志工 - JLS Many Faces 国际Potluck餐会

星期三, 3月28日, 5:30-8pm, JLS Cafetorium JLS的年度国际Potluck餐会需要你的帮助! 这个备受瞩目的, 令人兴奋的全球美食展览正在寻找志工捐赠/准备食物, 并在活动当晚为分发食物。

只要预算允许, 就可以报销\$50-\$300美元的食品 (请早报名)!

Help Raise Money for JLS While You Shop

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

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****NEW** Superintendent's Weekly Message from Feb 2**

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

<https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-%E2%80%93-february-2-2018>

****NEW** Secondary School Lunch Ala Carte Tasting Day Thu, Feb 22, 2:30-5 PM, JLS Training Room (Room 730)**

The Student Nutrition Services Department, in conjunction with the PAUSD Wellness Council, have been requested to review and adjust the ala carte snack selections available for students to purchase at the secondary schools. The main emphasis of the review is to offer healthier alternatives. All secondary students, parents and interested community members are welcome. Student and parent input into the potential replacements is important. Feedback and any additional suggestions will be collected via a short survey conducted at the event. There will be a Label Reading Activity available for students and chance to win prizes in a drawing. It is our plan to begin making changes effective the week students return from Spring Break.

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****NEW** We want YOU to be on the PTA Council Board**

The PTA Council Nominating Committee is currently seeking both nominations and expressions of interest from individuals in the community who would like to learn more about becoming a member of the PTA Executive Board for the 2018/19 school year. We are looking for community members who demonstrate strong leadership skills and have a passion for improving the educational experience of all students, preferably have experience on their school PTA or site council, and are interested in stepping into a leadership role at the district level.

PTA Council Officers and VPs: President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, VP Advocacy, VP Communications, VP Community Outreach, VP Education, VP Health & Wellness, VP Parent Education, Auditor, VP Leadership Services. To find out more contact: PTA Council Nominating Committee Chair - pat@magic.com

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.

Nominate Great People for Awards (Due March 1)

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 nomination 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. Visit here past recipients <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/honorary-service-awards/>. Deadline for Nominations is March 1, 2018.

Community

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BUDDIES4MATH-MAKING MATH FUN

Volunteer at Buddies4Math (www.buddies4math.org). An award winning after school program to teach elementary students Math through games and play! A wonderful volunteering opportunity for JLS students to work closely with 2nd-5th graders on improving and building Math fluency and take on leadership roles. Interested Volunteers please contact: buddies4math@gmail.com
 Dates: February 16, March (2, 9, 16, 23, 30), April (6, 20, 27).
 Time: Two sessions available at 4:00-5:00 pm and 5:00-6:00 pm
 Where: Mariano Castro Elementary School, Edith Landels Elementary School, and Monta Loma Elementary School in Mountain View.

****NEW**Palo Alto Summer Camp Fair**

Thu, March 1, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Ohlone Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 950 Amarillo Ave.

Discover terrific summer camps (for grades K-12) all around Palo Alto, meet camp vendors in person, and get help planning a summer your entire family will love. Free to attend. Free pizza for the first 100 attendees, plus activities for kids, giveaways, and camp discounts. More info at: <https://www.activityhero.com/go/paloaltofair>

****NEW**Paly Theatre Presents the World Premiere of "Venture"**

Fri & Sat, Mar 9-10; Fri & Sat, Mar 16 & 17, 7:30 PM; Thu, Mar 15, 4 PM; Sun, Mar 18, 2 PM, Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Rd.

Join the excitement at the world premiere of the musical Venture. Gender politics, the challenges of love and ambition, a tech dynasty, how does a young woman in Silicon Valley figure it all out? Venture is a modern love story that follows the path of one woman as she makes her way through the complex, cutthroat Silicon Valley tech culture while navigating her deepening relationship with her boyfriend. Finding balance proves difficult. Rivals seek to destroy her. Mentors teeter on the brink of their own destruction. Who can she trust? How does a young visionary woman find her future? What will she risk in order to change the world? Tickets are \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 students/seniors.

Reserved seating at <https://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/>. Box office opens one hour prior to curtain.

****NEW**2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair**
Sun, Mar 4, 2-5 pm, Mitchell Park Community Center (3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto)

The Palo Alto Chinese Community cordially invite you and your family to celebrate 2018 Chinese New Year. This event features performances of Chinese folk music, instruments, and dances by students from the Palo Alto Unified School District and showcases Chinese art, exhibitions, game booths, delicious foods and much more! The event is free and food will be sold for fund-raising to support the Palo Alto schools. This festive event is organized by the Palo Alto Chinese Parents Community in collaboration with the City of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Council of PTAs, Mitchell Park Library, and Palo Alto Family YMCA. Parking is limited, so please walk, bike, or share a ride. Questions? Email Hannah Lu at hannahlu00@gmail.com.

Parent Chat

Tue. Feb. 13, 7 - 8:30 PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

Are you concerned about the emotional well-being of your child? Come to Parent Chat, peer to peer support for parents of teens. Hosted by the Mental Health Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC.

Let's Talk

Mon. Feb. 12, 7 - 9PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

A chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality. Organized by SELPA 1 CAC <http://www.selpa1cac.org/>

Valentine Party

Tue, Feb 13, 4-6PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Make crafts if you hate or love Valentine's day! Join us for LED lit up cards, button making, pencil duct tape roses, chocolate and contests. Whether you loathe the holiday or not, there is something for everyone. Grades 5-12. Please register at <https://paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events/59f8f823d207133f003e75d7> for this event.

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.

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, 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

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. 17-18; March 3-4, 17-18; April 7-8, 21-22; May 5-6, 19-20; June 2-3; and summer too. 9-3 pm at Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio, 50 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto

These 2 day 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**Music Teacher's Scholarship Concert**

Feb 24, 4PM, Paly Performing Arts Center (PAC), Palo Alto High School

Tickets: \$15.00 adult (\$20.00 at door) / \$5.00 student/senior. For Presale tickets, send check and Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to Music Office, 25E Churchill Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94306 or call 650-3239-3944. Proceeds from the Music Teachers' Scholarship Concert will be used to award scholarships to PAUSD music students in grades 4 - 8.

Scholarship money may be used to attend summer music camps, workshops or lessons, or to purchase instruments and supplies. Students who attend the concert will be given priority for their preferred audition time. Auditions will be held on Feb 26th and should be of 4 minutes or less and should include two scales and an etude. Students will only be allowed to audition on the instrument/voice they play in their school performing ensemble. Fourth grade general music students may audition on recorder or voice. No piano scholarships will be awarded. Contestants are evaluated with other students of the same age and/or ability level. See your music teacher or call the music office at 329-3944 for more information.

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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****NEW**Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2018**

Sessions: Robot Design & Hardware, Programming, Entrepreneurship & Website Design, Animation & Graphic Design
July 23 - 27; July 30 - August 3

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 <http://palyrobotics.com/summercamp/>.

Blind Date w/ a Book

Month of February, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Go on a blind date with a book! If your blind date with a book doesn't work out, then check out a new one. No hurt feelings! Review your book date for a chance to win prizes.

AI for Girls Sundays, Feb 11, 18, 25, 10:30AM-12:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

This workshop aims to teach middle and high school girls Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning techniques. Participants should be very familiar with Python. Please bring your laptops. Grades 8-12 only. Please register here <https://paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events/5a652546a420d83500e1e359> for this event.

Palo Alto Youth Journalism Summer Camp

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

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 3th. A new leadership team and 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. Counselors are the fun and qualified students of Paly's seven publications.

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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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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