

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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

Homework Habitat Mon, May 7, 3:15 PM, Library
Homework Habitat Tues, May 8, 3:15 PM, Library
Connections Coffee Wednesday, May 9, 8:15 AM- 9:15 AM, Rm 730
Incoming 6th grade student visit Thu, May 10, 10:30am - 12:00pm, Cafetorium
Homework Habitat Thu, May 10, 3:15 PM, Library
8th grade Connections ROPEs Thu, May 10, 5pm - 9pm, Paly media center
Homework Habitat Thu, May 10, 3:15pm - 4:30pm, Library
JLS Dance Fri, May 11, 7:00pm - 9:30pm, Cafetorium

JLS Dance **Friday, May 11, 7 PM**

JLS will be hosting their third and final dance of the year on May 11th, from 7:00 to 9:30 for all grades. The theme of this dance is, "Beach". Tickets will be sold Monday, May 7th through Friday, May 11th at lunch by the cafeteria for \$5. Students will need to have their student ID as well. Tickets can also be purchased on May 10th and 11th after school until 3:30 in front of the cafeteria. Concessions will be sold at the dance, so please bring small bills for purchases. As always, JLS Dress Code applies at the dance.

8th Grade Exit Interviews

There are a few more open spots for the 8th grade exit interviews. Please sign up [here](#)

Volunteer Appreciation Coffee

On Monday morning, May 14, JLS will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Coffee to honor all parents who've contributed to our school this year. We would like to thank all of our volunteers who have given their time in a variety of ways from packet stuff and Jump Start Day all the way to the 8th grade promotion party. Please join us at 8:15 AM in the library courtyard for coffee and treats. We want all parents who have volunteered in any capacity at JLS to be there. You may have driven on a field trip, chaperoned a dance, helped in the library, volunteered at a PTA event, or contributed food to the monthly staff latte cart. We look forward to seeing you on Monday morning. Thank you.

Learn More About the Ross Road Bike Boulevard

On Monday, May 14 during morning arrival time, stop by the front office to learn more about the new Bicycle Boulevard along Ross Road. For those with questions, Palo Alto City Staff will help explain how to use the new facilities and will share how research-based traffic calming safety enhancements along Ross Rd. will help encourage more students and families to choose bicycling as an option in Palo Alto. For more information, please check the [Safe Routes to School Education Resources page](#).

6th Grade Spirit Week, May 21- May 25

The J.L.S. Sixth Grade Student Council is excited to announce a sixth grade spirit week taking place May 21st - May 25th. Sixth grade teams will participate in spirit day themes, selected by students, throughout the week. Thursday's spirit day, "Formal Day", will ask students to come to school dressed in attire fit for a fancy restaurant. To enhance the theme, students will have the opportunity to dine with their fellow peers in a formal, outdoor setting during lunchtime. We will have Buca di Beppo Italian restaurant cater the event. Students will be served salad and bread, order from a selection of pasta, and will have a choice of beverage. Donations of \$10 cover the cost of the lunch, as well as the cost of table rentals and formal luncheon tableware. Please have a conversation with your child about participating and then fill out the R.S.V.P. provided by your child's WIP teacher. We ask that students return their R.S.V.P. to their WIP teacher no later than Friday, May 18.

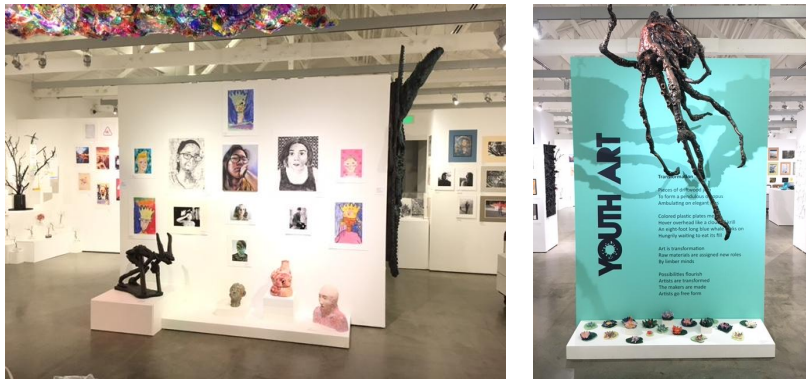
We would also appreciate your help in volunteering! We need approximately 35-45 volunteers between the hours of 10:45am-1:30pm on Thursday, May 24th. If interested, please contact the sixth grade student council advisor, Joe Yribarren, at ryribarren@pausd.org. Thank you!

Youth Art Show- Palo Alto Art Center

Art Education has been busy preparing for our annual Youth Art Show at the Palo Alto Art Center. The show features artwork from over 400 PAUSD K-12 students from all of our schools, and there are many JLS students

with artwork in the show. We are proud of the creativity of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the support we receive from the community! Click [here](#) for poster

The show runs April 28-May 20. We hope you are able to stop by before the show ends on May 20th.



Notice of special meeting: JLS PTA Association Meeting Tuesday, May 29, 8:30AM, Room 40

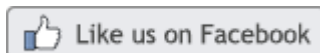
JLS PTA is having a special meeting to review/approve the proposed changes to its bylaws approved by the Executive Board on March 22, 2018. Changes are noted below:

1. Decrease membership dues from \$15.00 to \$6.00 per member
Article IV, Section 4, p. 3

Each member of the association shall pay annual dues of ~~fifteen dollars \$15.00~~ six dollars (\$6.00) per member (also means per capita) to the association.

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](#)



PAUSD/PTAC

PAUSD E, M, H

****NEW** Read the current message from our Interim Superintendent**

We will re-post Karen Hendricks' communications here each week, in case you missed it on her Friday Infinite Campus email to you. Visit <https://www.pausd.org/news> for the latest message from Karen Hendricks.

PTAC E, M, H

Click My Cause

Speak up now for PAUSD students! Take action with a fast click of a button. Your voice needed to advance 3 critical CA education bills:

- Increase funding for K-12 education (AB 2808). CA schools are funded far below national average (cost-of-living adjusted)
- Pupil suicide prevention and training (AB 2639, Asm Berman)
- Invest in Pre-K education (AB 1754). Every dollar invested in early education saves CA many, many more dollars later
- Download the Click My Cause iPhone app (with download instructions) at <https://clickmycause.com/download/> Select "Palo Alto PTA Council" to send your alerts. Look for repeated alerts through September 30, 2018 Click "Ok" to allow notifications. You must do this to receive your mobile alerts

LEGOLAND

Enjoy a day at LEGOLAND on us! PTA Family Field Trip: Visit LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium for only \$55 per adult or child. That's half off the regular price! Must be reserved and pre-paid by phone. Call (760) 438-5346 and have your school name ready (minimum purchase 6 tickets).

PTA Kids Go Free (Online): Visit www.LEGOLAND.com/ptadiscount to purchase one full paid adult admission to LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium and receive one free child admission. Enter discount code 15031.

PTA Kids Go Free (Flier): Visit www.LEGOLAND.com/ptaflyer to print your own flier and bring it to a LEGOLAND California ticket booth to receive one free child with one full paid adult admission to LEGOLAND California and SEA LIFE Aquarium.

Summer Camps Held at PAUSD Sites

Looking for a summer camp in your neighborhood or at one of our Palo Alto Unified school sites? Now you can find it at the PTAC website at <https://ptac.paloaltopta.org/2018-summer-camps/>.

Camp providers listed on this page host activities/summer camps at PAUSD Schools, and pay rental fees to our district. These rental fees help to defray the cost of running our schools while providing local opportunities for our kids. PTA Council does not endorse one camp over another. This service is offered to give parents an easy way

to find out what is being offered and where. Please contact the PTAC Webmaster to recommend updates to this information. There is no charge to providers to be listed.

COMMUNITY

Summer Math Camp provided by Nonprofit Classic Math School.

We would like to invite parents and students to our annual Summer Math Camp OpenHouse which will be held on May 8th, Tuesday, at 7:00 pm in Jordan Middle School (750 North California Ave, Palo Alto).

This is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, learn more about Classic Math School overall teaching principles and ideas as well as School-Year-Round programs.

After live presentation, your questions will be answered, while your students will be offered a free Interactive Placement Test.

Light refreshment will be served.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child on May 8th!

Community M

****NEW**Special Editions of Design_Code_Build @CHM**

Sat, May 12 & Sun, June 10, 10 AM - 4 PM, Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View

These special events welcome middle school students (grades 6 through 8) and their parent/guardian to take part in an intergenerational exploration of computer programming concepts. Families will work hands-on with Raspberry Pi technology, write detailed instruction sets to "program" each other through a life-size maze, and learn about the relevance and impact of computer history. There is a \$15 registration fee per student; contact Cate Robbins (crobbins@computerhistory.org) for financial assistance or to sign up a group. Learn more and register here: <http://www.computerhistory.org/events/education/>

Community E, M, H

****NEW**Youth Mental Health First Aid**

Thu, May 17 & May 24, 9 AM - 1 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center

Learn important skills for promoting youth mental health and well-being! In partnership with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services, Project Safety Net invites you to a training in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care. This training requires attendance on both days. RSVP at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_PFMr51Yo7G7pxbxL_h0h8d6kdI23TIps0BrLm1IWocfKng/viewform

****NEW**Project Safety Net Community Forum: Policy and Advocacy (Goal 4)**

Wed, May 23, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room

You're invited to a special community forum meeting, as Project Safety Net will be focusing on Goal 4: Policy and Advocacy, as outlined in Project Safety Net's Three-Year Road Map: <http://www.psnpaloalto.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/PSN-3-Year-Roadmap-Jul-1-2017-Jun-30-2020-12-2017-ver-10-summary.pdf>. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psn-community-forum-policy-advocacy-tickets-45533086688>. There will be a discussion with advocates and community leaders regarding the current local, state, and federal landscape of youth well-being and suicide prevention policy. Presenters will outline best practices for weighing in with policy makers, and share future opportunities for supporting youth mental health and suicide prevention initiatives.

****NEW** Family Yoga every Saturday 10:30am at Blossom
Saturdays 10:30-11:30am, Blossom Birth, 505 Barron Ave, Palo Alto, CA (New location after May 28th)**

Family Yoga at Blossom is perfect for moms, dads or grandparents and their toddlers or preschool kids. Enjoy vitalizing yoga, playful meditation and singing as a sweet way to connect with your child. Have two or more? Bring them all, children join for free. Make this a joyful weekend family routine or drop-in whenever you need some vitalizing movement.

<https://www.blossombirth.org/mom--toddler.html>

****NEW**Downtown Palo Alto Farmer's Market Opening**

The Downtown Palo Alto Farmers' Market opens for 2018 on Saturday, May 12. The Market is a great place to get fresh local fruits, veggies, flowers, meats, cheeses, breads and more! Come hang out and listen to live music, while getting delicious brunch and coffee. The Market is located on Gilman St. between Hamilton and Forest. Open every Saturday from 8am to noon. Market is open rain or shine through mid-December. More at www.pafarmersmarket.org

****NEW**Ragazzi Boys Chorus Spring Recital
Saturday, June 9 at 5:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, Palo Alto**

Not sure about auditioning? Hear our youngest singers! The boys of Ragazzi Boys Chorus, from small to medium, sing in their end-of-the-year Spring Recital. Many levels of the chorus are showcased, at levels from beginners through boys preparing for summer touring. The choristers are at their finest at this recital. Experience the artistry of our young singers; we're delighted to share their beautiful choral accomplishments. Sung by Primary Groups, Ragazzi Premiere and Avanti. Buy tickets at <https://ragazzi.org/performances/>

****NEW**Ragazzi Sings Bing! | 30th Anniversary Concert
Sunday, June 10 at 2:30 PM, Bing Concert Hall, Stanford University**

Presented by Stanford Live, our entire program is on display in Bing Concert Hall. Augmented by our Alumni Chorus and our Alumni ensemble, Ragazzi Continuo, this concert will explore a stunning range of vocalism. All the boys, from small to tall, will perform at their peak of the season. Alums of all Ragazzi generations come together to recreate - with the very same Director - the unparalleled experience they shared growing up as Ragazzi choristers. This concert has been 30 years in the making, and features old favorites, new works and countless rewards. Buy tickets at <https://ragazzi.org/performances/>

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

Fri May 11 by appointment, Palo Alto

Auditions for the Fall 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>

****NEW**Community Service Opportunity: Volunteer on National River Cleanup Day Sat May 19, 9AM - 12PM. Baylands (Matadero or Adobe Creek)**

The City of Palo Alto is hosting two Cleanup sites (Matadero: site 17 and Adobe: site 18) to clean up litter in the Baylands. Please go to www.cleanacreek.org to sign up and be sure to bring your waivers. Three hours of community service will be available.

Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk Sat, May 5, 9 AM, Byrne Open Space Preserve Los Altos Hills

Come out for the 17th Annual Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk, and make Los Altos Hills Pathways your home run! This year's event will enjoy a special Cinco de Mayo theme so wear your favorite festive running attire. Free sombreros for interested participants will be available at packet pickup and race day while supplies last. This fun annual event begins at the Westwind Community Barn, runs through the Byrne Preserve and extends into the Los Altos Hills Pathways system. The run features a hilly and challenging 5K and 10K Pathways Run/Walk and a 1-Mile Fun Run. Special comfy Home Run race shirts will be provided along with finisher medals to those who register. To register, volunteer or for more race information contact Sarah Robustelli 650-947-2518, srobustelli@losaltoshills.ca.gov or visit the event website at www.lahpathwaysrun.org.

Tangos De Concierto: Tango Music for the Concert Hall Sun, May 6, 7 PM, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, SecondStage, Mountain View,

Virtuosic Argentinian pianist, Pablo Estigarribia to tango his way into your hearts! An alluring night of musical passion and classical elegance. The skillful blend of tango colors with classical virtuosity and jazz flavor hits the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts stage with Maestro Pablo Estigarribia from Buenos Aires. Come and delight in his award winning piano solos, Tangos De Conciertos, and the debut of exclusive works with local guest artists. The program highlights Pablo's original tango music with brief narratives.

<https://tickets.mvcpa.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=214>
\$35 Adults/Seniors, \$26 Students (21 & Under), \$19 Children (12 & Under). Ticket price includes \$3 Facility Use Fee. Other fees, depending on method of purchase, may apply

Parent Chat: Support for Parents of Teens with Mental Health Challenges Tue. May 8 & Tue. June 12, 7 - 8:30pm, 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: Parent Spec Ed Support Group**Mon. May 14, 10am -12pm, 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/>

Palo Alto Chinese School is Accepting New Enrollment for 2018-2019,

Palo Alto Chinese School has been serving the community in Chinese language instructions for 55 years, and is accepting new enrollment. School year starts on 8/17/2018. Class meets every Friday 7-9 PM at JLS Middle School. There are two tracks. The Mandarin track is offered from Preschool to Grade 12, for students from heritage families. The Chinese as a Second Language (CSL) track is offered from intro, beginning, intermedia to advanced level for students with various exposure to Chinese language. Please join us for a school open house and classroom visit on 4/27 and 5/4. For more info, check <http://www.paloaltochineseschool.org/> or email contact@paloaltochineseschool.org.

Volunteers Needed!

Host families needed for exchange students in the Bay Area. Currently, FLAG, a U.S.-based nonprofit international exchange organization with more than a 25 year history, is seeking host families in the Bay Area. Please contact Janine at 408-505-2353 for more information or visit: <https://www.flag-intl.org/host.html>

Palo Alto World Music Day 2018 10th Anniversary Save the Date, Musicians and Volunteers Wanted Sun, Jun 17, 3-7:30 PM, University Avenue from Webster-High St.(closed to traffic and open for pedestrians)

The City of Palo Alto has declared Sunday June 17 as World Music Day. World Music Day is a free music festival that takes place in cities around the world every year around the Summer Solstice. Now for the tenth year in Palo Alto, 50 professional and amateur musical groups will perform a wide variety of musical genres: jazz, pop, rock, classical, world music, choral, etc. All performances are FREE and open to the public. This is a fun and unique family event not to be missed. Book the date now and tell your friends. The organizers are also looking for musicians and event volunteers from our community, including students from our schools.

World Music Day is presented by the Stanford Federal Credit Union and organized by the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation. Event sponsors include: The City of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, the Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association, Live SV, and News for Chinese.

For more info: www.pamusicday.org or info@pamusicday.org.

Volunteer please visit; <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eaba72ea5fc1-paworld1>

Please invite all your Facebook friends to go to Palo Alto World Music Day 2018 10th Anniversary

<https://www.facebook.com/events/141970819972338/>

For more info on Make Music Day <http://www.makemusicday.org/>

LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY SURVEY

In order to better gauge the experiences and needs of the LGBTQ+ community, the Human Relations Commission (HRC) of the City of Palo Alto has created a survey. Friends, family members and allies are also welcome to complete the survey. The HRC wants to learn what it can do to better support the LGBTQ+ community in Palo Alto and establish priorities for future projects and initiatives.

The survey is located at www.cityofpaloalto.org/LGBTQS survey

The deadline to respond is June 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Minka van der Zwaag, Human Services Manager at minka.vanderzwaag@cityofpaloalto.org or 650-463-4953.

Youth Community Service Seeking Program Coordinators for Youth Initiative

Youth Community Service (YCS) is a community-based nonprofit that engages our PAUSD students in meaningful service-based learning that builds leadership and life skills. YCS has been funded by local government grants to launch a Youth Connectedness Initiative in Palo Alto. YCS is hiring two coordinators for this Initiative: a Parent Program Coordinator to help facilitate parent workshops and activities on youth connectedness; and a Youth Program Coordinator to work with YCS staff to help adolescents develop protective factors, such as positive perception of self, service to others, and caring developmental relationships with peers and adults. YCS seeks candidates - either recent college grads, or professionals who have stepped away from the workplace to raise a family or run a household. For more information and how to apply, visit: <http://youthcommunityservice.org/careers/>

Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School

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

Community E, M

Incoming 6th Grade Families to Terman/Fletcher! Welcome!!

Please Help with One Thing at Terman/Ellen Fletcher Next Year. We need you! We are lucky to have such a strong community of volunteers at this school. Volunteers help ensure that our children feel safe, happy and welcome, and that our staff feels appreciated. There are many traditions that our school looks forward to celebrating: the school dances, the School carnival, the science fair, etc. If you wish to keep these events in the 18/19 year, please get involved. You may help with a single event or co-chair with a friend. We also welcome new ideas.

You can join at https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=directOpportunity-flow&path=HzuhWZnEioEMWYwVjRuuWn1v0QNGPkW1QrFs5tPc8Eo= or contact Audrey G for more information (audreygold@gmail.com). We also have PTA board positions open: Co- VPs of School Activities and looking for a co-VP of Community Activities.

Community M, H

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@palaltopta.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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