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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews MONDAY, NOV 30



Dear Scott

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful Thanksgiving break!

Don't miss the Principal's coffee on December 11 at 8:15am. Join the JLS PTA Parent Networks as we host a follow up all-grade Parent Network meeting starring a special guest: Principal Sharon Ofek. Come early for coffee and get an update on all that's happening at JLS. Ms. Ofek will be available for Q&A after her presentation.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

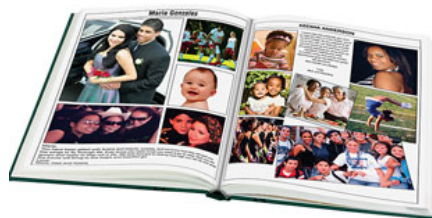
7th Grade Parent Network November 30
Parent info Mtg SoCal (for selected classes) December 1
Orchestra Concert December 2
JLS PTA Exec. Board Mtg December 3, 8:30AM
Principal's Coffee December 11, 8:15 - 10
Student Store Open December 4, 7, 8, 10

Baby Ads in JLS Yearbook!

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE for placing an ad in the JLS yearbook!

The ad costs range from \$50 to \$250 for a full page ad. You can add photos and a personalized message. In order to place and pay for your ad please go the following

link: <http://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/yearbook-ads.html>. Here you will find ideas for ads, and you can place and pay for your ad.



Thank you.

7th Grade Parent Network!

7th Grade Parent Network
November 30, 7-9:30pm, Calave Wine Bar

All 7th grade parents are invited to get an early start on the holidays at a gathering with other 7th grade Parents at Calave Wine Bar at 299 California Avenue. We'll be there on

November 30th from 7pm and hope to see you, too.

Please RSVP to Stephanie
Compton: stephanie_werner@yahoo.com



Boys and Girls HOOPS!

The 7th and 8th grade Boys and Girls Basketball team schedule has just been announced. There are ten teams. You can view the schedule, scores and standing from the league website:

www.teamsideline.com/Find/

Select State: CA

Name: JLS



Pick the JLS team you are interested in. Check out the home schedules teams!

Registration for 6th grade boys and girls basketball starts on Wednesday, December 2.

[Click here to register boys](#)

[Click here to register girls](#)

More information on Middle School Athletics can be found [HERE](#). **GO PANTHERS!!**

GIVING TREE AT JLS!

JLS is hosting the annual Giving Tree Drive where you can help a child over the holidays by purchasing a gift for them. Visit the area outside the counselors' office to pick up a card with a present listed for a certain child. You can then purchase the present, new, sealed and not wrapped, and set it under the Giving Tree with the note card attached.

Online donations through our [Virtual Giving Tree](#) are accepted until January 5.

More information
Family Giving Tree Sobrato Center for Nonprofits
606 Valley Way
Milpitas, CA 95035
(408) 946-3111
email: elf@familygivingtree.org
vgt.familygivingtree.org

The JLS Giving Tree Drive is organized by Jaime Buddle's JLS Leadership Class.

Thanks for bringing hope and joy to those in need.



THANKS A LATTE!

It's Latte time! The PTA hosts a monthly LATTE CART at JLS, where coffee, morning and holiday treats will be served to our wonderful JLS staff as a thank you for all they do. On these Latte Cart mornings, we ask our parent community for contributions of breakfast items.

Our next Latte Cart date is THURSDAY, December 3.

Please bring your holiday treats and breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) that morning between 7:15 and 9:00 am. Non-perishable items may be brought ahead of time to the main office on Wednesday, December 2. [You can sign up here](#).



Here is a list of suggested items:

- quiche and other egg dishes (heated; store bought is fine)
- breakfast sausages
- fresh whole fruit, e.g. bananas, mini-tangerines, berries
- fruit salads
- homemade scones
- homemade muffins
- homemade breads, e.g. banana, zucchini, pumpkin
- homemade coffee cakes
- granola, homemade or store bought
- yogurt, all sizes, all kinds
- other breakfast items, be creative!

Thank you so much. Questions? Contact our Latte Cart coordinators, [Ivan Hom](#), [Patty Sakuma](#) or [Paul Sakuma](#)

JLS Store Update!

The JLS Student Store will be open starting on Friday at lunchtime. The store will also be open for three days the following week. If you would like a preview of what's for sale: www.JLSStudentStore.com. You can also make purchases online. There are over 40 different items for sale.

The JLS string back packs are back - only 25 cents. The Student Store is now selling 8GB thumb drives for \$5.

The Student Store will be open during lunchtime on the following days to help sell tickets to the JLS Film Festival: **December 4, 7, 8, 10.**

The JLS Student Store is a joint cooperative effort by the Student Leadership class, PTA volunteers and the JLS administration. More information: JLSStudentStore@gmail.com

JLS Film Festival

JLS Leadership class, Student Council and the JLS PTA are hosting the JLS Film Festival on **Friday, December 11 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.**

Students can submit their own homemade films through Schoology. There are several categories to choose from: Action-adventure, mystery, science fiction, fantasy or comedy are just some of the genres to create.

Films must follow expectations in the JLS handbook and must abide by Film Festival submission rules. Check out all the requirements on Schoology. All submissions are due by December 1.

What: JLS Film Festival
 When: Friday, December 11
 Time: 3:30pm to 5:30pm
 Where: JLS Cafetorium

Cost: charitable donation
Includes: food, drinks, popcorn, dessert

Deadline for film submissions: December 1

Tickets for the JLS Film Festival will be available a week before the event. Don't miss this chance to be treated as a VIP guest, submit your film today!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Film Entry Form

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Media Release Form

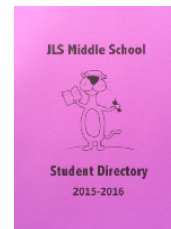
We are collecting school supplies for a school in Haiti in exchange for a Film Festival ticket. Also if you donate to the "Giving Tree", you will receive a ticket to the Film Festival.

JLS Student Directory - Printed copies!

We have a limited number of printed directories available in the school office.

This year, we are not printing one copy per family, so they will not be sent home with your child as in years past. But if you would like a copy, please stop by the school office and ask for one!

Thank you!



Shop and earn \$ for JLS PTA!

Donate to the PTA while doing your holiday shopping at Amazon!

Here's how: If you shop online at Amazon.com, be sure to start every time by clicking on [this link](#) - if you do, then at least 4% will be donated to JLS PTA. Amazon advises that in order to ensure JLS PTA receives the proper advertising credits that all shopping sessions be initiated through this active link or make sure your bookmark has the exact url as this active link
(<http://www.amazon.com/?%5Fencoding=UTF8&tag=jp009-20>)



Please note items placed in a customer's shopping cart must not exceed 24-hour window to earn the credit.

More ways to earn \$ for JLS!

Did you register on eScrip? When you register your credit cards, debit cards, and grocery cards at escrip.com, many purchases you make with these registered cards will result in donations to JLS! There is no extra cost to you, and every qualifying purchase counts!



Go to www.escrip.com today, for new registrations or to update existing cards.

Group Selection: Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School PTA (ID# 130315138)

Participating retailers include Nordstrom, Gap, Safeway, Piazza's, Mollie Stone, REI, Home Depot and more!

JLS PTA has Vacancies!

We need your help!

Looking for ways to participate? Here are a few jobs for which the JLS PTA is recruiting:

Student BBQ (May 2016): recruit and direct volunteers on tasks of grilling and serving food to students. Food and most prep to be provided by PAUSD Food Services staff.

Advocacy Chair: work with Palo Alto PTA Council to advance advocacy efforts; inform JLS membership of major advocacy issues and events. More info here: <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/current-efforts/>

Ways and Means Chair: manage all aspects of donation partnership programs such as corporate matching, eScrip, Amazon Smile and Amazon Affiliates, etc. Promote and communicate details to membership to maximize donations.

HOMework HABITAT

Homework Habitat and late bus service occur during regular (e.g. non-early-release) Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Homework Habitat occurs in the library and runs 3:15-4:25. The late bus will depart from the main parking lot at approximately 4:30. Please note that students who leave campus after school are not permitted to return to JLS to ride the late bus home; they must find alternative transportation.

JLS Writing Center

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:15 to 4:15

Do you have writing homework or an essay that needs some attention? Check out the brand new (awesome) JLS Writing Center! This twice a week program is held in Room 113 after school and includes a snack (bonus!) and writing support. Laptop access is included! See you there!

PTA Membership Cards

Calling All JLS PTA Members!

Pick up your membership card at the JLS main office and enjoy "perks" such as discounts at Staples, California Academy of Sciences, Legoland, and more:<http://downloads.capta.org/mem/PerksFlier.pdf>

Next to the membership card, pick up a few Baskin Robbins coupons as a "thank you" for your PTA membership!

Attendance Email

Email jlsattendance@pausd.org for your attendance-related information and requests.

Please note that messages must originate from the parent email address on record in Infinite Campus. You can still contact the attendance office at 650.856.5179

COMMUNITY NEWS

PAUSD Code Fest for K-12 Students, Educators & Families

Sat Dec 12th 1-5 pm, JLS Middle School, 480 E. Meadow, Palo Alto

Bringing you PAUSD's Code Fest during the week of the Hour of Code. Everyone is welcome. The event will contain thirty hands-on sessions and challenges to choose from during three 50 minute sessions, ranging from computers to robots to iPads and phones. Registration & FAQ: bit.ly/PAUSDCodeFest Questions? Contact Smita Kolhatkar: skolhatkar@pausd.org

The Mindset Revolution: How to Help Children Learn and Love Math

Mon, Dec 7th, 6:45 PM, MP Room Jordan Middle School, 750 N. California Ave, Palo Alto

In this presentation Dr. Jo Boaler, Professor of Mathematics Education, Stanford University and presenter at the White House on girls and STEM will share the latest brain science that sheds important new light on the best ways to learn math. She will also engage the audience through videos of students learning math in different ways and share a wealth of resources to help students on their mathematics journeys. (Target Audience: 4th to 12th Grade Parents, Teachers, Middle and High School students.) RSVP appreciated: <http://goo.gl/forms/kb00AQ44fD> Co-sponsored by PAUSD and Parent Advocates for Student Success, a parent network dedicated to closing the achievement gap in PAUSD.

Jordan Choirs Winter Concert - "Let It Be"

Wed, Dec 9th, 7:00 PM, MP Room, Jordan Middle School, 750 N. California Ave, Palo Alto

Please join the Jordan Choirs for its Winter Concert - "Let It Be." This will be the first big concert of the year and all of the Jordan Choirs will entertain the audience with music by Mozart, Haydn, and Faure, as well as a variety of Beatles hits from across their career. It's sure to be a fun night celebrating all of the amazing ways that music has transformed over the centuries to give us what we have and appreciate today in modern music. In addition to the formal concert, we will have an optional Audience Singalong immediately before at 6:30. Join our choirs in singing some of your favorite Beatles songs from over the years. All are welcome to join in the spirit and sing along!

Paly Choirs' 13th Annual Madrigal Feaste

Sat & Sun, Dec. 5 & 6, Westminster Hall (Jordan MP Room), 750 N. California Ave, Palo Alto

His Majesty King Henry welcomes all ye to his palace, to join him and his third wife, Queen Jane Seymour, in the festivities of the yuletide season. When ye arrive at the palace ye may find that his young daughter, the Princess Elizabeth has disappeared! Suspects abound in Westminster Palace including the King's other daughter Princess Mary. As ye discover the truth about the disappearance of Princess Elizabeth ye may see tomfoolery, shenanigans, mischief, and the occasional anachronistic guest star (rhymes with Maylor Wift). Interspersed ye shall hear the finest choirs in all the lands, see a jester of unparalleled talent, and feast on sumptuous tea sandwiches and desserts. Huzzah! Tickets available at palmadrigals.com.

Ragazzi Boys Chorus Performances

Sat, Dec 5; 4pm; St. First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto

Ragazzi Boys Chorus presents I Dream a World, an effervescent holiday concert series inspired by the classic Langston Hughes poem of the same name. These jubilant Bay Area concerts celebrate the power of love and music to transform lives across cultures. Selections include a Sufi chant sung in Arabic, Hebrew pieces, and classical European choral works. Concerts will conclude with Ragazzi's carol sing-a-long featuring favorites such as Deck the Halls, Joy to the World, and O Come All Ye Faithful. Info and Tickets <http://ragazzi.org/performances/>

Ragazzi Boys Chorus Winter Recital

Sat, Dec 12; 5pm; First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto

Join us in celebrating the singers of Ragazzi Boys Chorus, from small to tall. Many of Ragazzi's groups are showcased, particularly our younger boys. Ragazzi's program of musical growth and progress is laid out, from the entry-level groups through middle school. Each group performs a set of songs, and wonderful seasonal music is presented throughout the concert. Info and Tickets <http://ragazzi.org/performances/>

Palo Alto Art Center -- Holiday Family Day

Sun, Dec. 6th, 2-4 PM, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto

Join us for hands-on artmaking projects that transform everyday objects into gifts, goodies, and décor for the whole family. Design your own wrapping paper and cards, create brooches and pins, compose wonderland scenes, and personalize garlands to display in your home. A special performance by Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra will take place from 4-4:30 p.m. Palo Alto Art Center Foundation members receive early entry to the event for a special artmaking activity from 1-2 p.m.

Palo Alto Art Center -- Percolate: Coffee Talks to Fuel the Mind

Thu, Dec 3rd, 11 AM, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto

David Evan Harris, Research Director and Curator, Institute for the Future and Executive Director of the Global Lives Project, a video library of life experience around the world that has been screened and exhibited at dozens of venues, will speak about his work with the Project and the Institute. Percolate is a series of free lectures in conjunction with the fall exhibition, Front Yard/Backstreet [<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/exhibitions/current.asp>]. Free coffee will be provided by Peet's Coffee and Tea.

Dance Connection & Palo Alto Dance Connection Youth Ensemble Present the 17th Annual

Production of The Nutcracker

Fri, Dec 4, 7pm; Sat, Dec 5, 2pm and 7pm; Sun, Dec 6, 3pm, Spangenberg Theatre, Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto

Celebrate the holiday season with a classic the whole family will enjoy. There are four breathtaking performances for audiences of all ages. The production includes many dancers who are PAUSD students ranging from elementary school to high school. Tickets available online at: www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com

Palo Alto Model United Nations Begins

Thurs Dec 3 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Mitchell Park Community Center

Come join us for our first meeting of the year for Palo Alto YMCA's Model United Nations program for middle school students. Our students, called Delegates, participate in a statewide program with their peers. While engaged in our weekly Thursday meetings, our delegates are given the opportunity to discuss international issues, discover other cultures, develop life enhancing skills, and make new friends culminating in the statewide annual California Model United Nations Summit. A parent informational session will be provided during the last half hour of the meeting. For more information about this exciting program, or if you have any additional questions, please contact Ahmad Fayad at ahmad.fayad@ymcasv.org, or (650) 704-6248.

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: Claire Kirner, Valerie Sabbag

7th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin, Nirmala Patni, Stephanie Compton, Rebecca Thompson

8th grade coordinators: Aviva Saitz, Patricia Stayte

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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