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## PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sunday, March 6



Dear Scott



JLS is honored to host incredible authors like Veronica Roth, the genius behind mega hits like "Divergent" and "Insurgent." Brandon Mull is visiting next ...

**Please check the Lost and Found table.** There are piles and piles of jackets and sweaters. These items will be displayed until Thursday and then they will be donated!!

Thank you very much for those who contributed to the wonderful monthly JLS Latte Cart Staff Appreciation Breakfast. The staff was very appreciative. The next Staff Appreciation Breakfast is **Thursday, April 14** - a week after the Spring Break. Sign up anytime for donations: [www.tinyurl.com/JLSLatte](http://www.tinyurl.com/JLSLatte)

**Yearbook order forms are available in the office. Please check the list to make sure that your book order has not already been placed. THANK YOU!**



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Student Store Open Friday 3/25, Friday 4/29, Friday 5/20
Orchestra concert March 9
NO SCHOOL March 11
6th Grade Band Concert March 17

**Final JLS PTA Assoc. Meeting Rescheduled!**

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Final JLS PTA Association Meeting - April 14, 8:30am

The final JLS PTA Association meeting of the year has been rescheduled from March 17 to Thursday, April 14, 8:30am - 10:00am (JLS main office conference room B).

Join us as we wrap up this year and plan for next year by electing new Exec Board officers!

**Congrats to PAUSD All-Middle School Musical Cast and Crew!**

**Congrats to the cast and crew of the 2016 PAUSD All-Middle School Musical Cast and Crew!**

**What a performance! Bravo to all who sang and danced their way to all our hearts!**

**MANY FACES OF JLS POTLUCK!**

We hope you can contribute a dish from your home country to the **"Many Faces of JLS"** potluck on May 4. [Sign up here](#), find your country and add your name. The "table lead" will contact you as the date draws near to decide with you what dish to provide.

Or, you can sign up for serving, set-up, clean-up, or Hydration team member - or be a Table Lead!



The "Many Faces" potluck is one of two large JLS PTA events that bring the community together, and it is the same night as the JLS Open House. So help out if you can, and grab some dinner at the potluck before you head to your student's classrooms to review your student's learning and accomplishments.

Questions, or for more detailed information, contact [Barbara Stroud](#).

**JLS Track Coaches Needed!**

JLS Track and Field team is looking for a few assistant coaches -- high schoolers or parents - paid or volunteer. If you're interested, contact Kelly Calica.

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**Tune into KJLS!**

Find out what's going on daily at JLS, club meetings & Special events!

Did you know that you can watch the daily KJLS live broadcast? Tune in every day (except Wednesday) at 9:13am for the 10 minutes of JLS Morning Announcements, produced by the students of Ms. Buddle's elective class "Broadcast Media:"

\* Comcast channel 30 LIVE or streaming [www.midpenmedia.org/local-tv/watch-now/](http://www.midpenmedia.org/local-tv/watch-now/)

(Tune to channel 30)

Not only will you learn what's happening at JLS, you'll see the variety of skills students learn in this class: journalism; pre-production including planning, logos, jingles, public service and special reports; and a variety of production jobs in both the studio and control room.



### **JLS Student Directory - Printed copies ... just a few left!**

We still have a few printed directories available. You can pick one up in the school office. You can also access the directory online at <http://jls.tangledir.com/>

Thank you!

### **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](mailto: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**

**Gunn High School Theater Department Presents William Shakespeare's "A**

**Midsummer Night's Dream,"** set in 1996 Los Angeles  
Spangenberg Theatre, 780 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto

Opening Night Gala (Lecture and Reception): Mar 17 at 6:00 pm, all tix \$20;  
\*Other performances: Mar 18,19, 24,25,26 @7:30 pm, \$10.00 Students/\$12.00 General;  
\*Matinees: Wed. March 23 @ 4pm and Sat. March 26 at 2 pm, all tix \$5.  
TICKETS available at [gunntheatre.org](http://gunntheatre.org), at the Gunn Student Activities Center, or at the door (until they sell out!).

### **The Palo Alto Swing Dance- a Gunn HS Music Fundraiser**

Sat, Mar 5, 6:30 - 10 PM, Lucie Stern Ballroom, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

You are all invited to join the fun at the Inaugural Palo Alto Swing Dance, a fundraiser for the Gunn High School Music Department. Swing dance group lessons will be provided along with live music performed by the Gunn Jazz Bands throughout the evening. Each ticket includes swing dance lessons, light food, and non-alcoholic drinks throughout the event. Multiple ticket options are available. Tickets & information can be found at [www.paloaltoswingdance.eventbrite.com](http://www.paloaltoswingdance.eventbrite.com) or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/797783626998473>

### **CHILDREN'S USED BOOK SALE TO BENEFIT PALO ALTO LIBRARIES**

Sat Mar 12 & Sun Mar 13, 10 AM - 4 PM, Cubberley Community Center (FOPAL Children's Sale Room)

Thousands of kids' books, games, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs will be for sale at incredibly low prices at Friends of the Palo Alto Library's monthly book sale- everything from board books and picture books to school age fiction and nonfiction titles to early teen fiction. All items are lightly used or new and are sorted by age level and subject matter. Many items in foreign languages. [www.fopal.org](http://www.fopal.org)

### **Classroom Volunteers Needed - An Hour a Week Could Change a Student's Life**

Have you enjoyed volunteering in your child's classroom? Then consider visiting a classroom in east Menlo Park or East Palo Alto. Our All Students Matter volunteers work once a week for about an hour on reading and math skills with kids in grades K-4. Sign up now to start in September. Training will be provided. To learn more or sign up, visit [www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org) or contact Keri Tully at [keritully@gmail.com](mailto:keritully@gmail.com).

### **Paly Journalism Summer Camp**

August 1-5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for rising 8th and 9th graders

After a hugely successful debut last summer, Paly's distinguished journalism program will be returning again with its second year of Camp MAC (Media Arts Center). Camp MAC introduces students to journalistic skills through interactive and collaborative workshops while building friendships across schools. All proceeds support Paly's Media Arts Boosters Program. For registration, prices, and more information, visit <http://paly.io/campmac> or contact [palyjournalismcamp@gmail.com](mailto:palyjournalismcamp@gmail.com)

### **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

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your employer to  
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