
Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Aug 21



Dear Scott



Welcome Back to JLS 2016-2017!

Thank you to the many volunteers for the first week at JLS!

We had many volunteers help sort forms after Jump Start Day and on the first day of school, thanks so much! Thanks to Grace Downer for organizing our first Staff Appreciation Luncheon! The staff and teachers were able to enjoy delicious tacos during their teacher training days. Thanks to all those who helped set up, bring food and coffee for our First Day Coffee. We were able to meet our new principal and the new administration as well as meet new and old friends while enjoying delicious treats and coffee. Thanks to our Panther Camp parents for helping the 6th graders enjoy their first week at JLS last week. Big thanks to Karrie Chen and Tammy Truher for organizing the parents who volunteered. We couldn't have done it without all of you! And thanks also to parents who helped distribute the PE uniforms during PE classes last week! The JLS community is strong because of all the parents who give so generously of their time and talents!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Back to School Night Aug 24, 7:00 PM
Latte Cart for Staff Aug 25, 7:30 AM
PTA Executive Board Meeting Aug 25, 8:30 AM
Back to School Pizza Night Aug 31, 6:00 PM
Labor Day- NO SCHOOL Sep 5
PTA General Meeting Sep 8, 8:30 AM

Latte Cart for Staff on Aug, 25th!

The PTA hosts a monthly LATTE CART at JLS, where coffee and morning treats are 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 and to stay and serve.

Please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) Aug 25th between 7:15 - 9:00 am. Non-perishable items may be brought ahead of time to the main office on the Wednesday before. You can sign up [here](#).

Here is a list of suggested items:

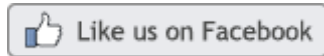
- quiche and other egg dishes (heated; store bought is fine)
- breakfast sausages
- fresh whole fruit, e.g. bananas, mini-tangerines, berries
- fruit salads
- homemade scones
- homemade muffins
- homemade breads, e.g. banana, zucchini, pumpkin
- homemade coffee cakes
- granola, homemade or store bought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

Questions? Contact our Latte Cart coordinators, Ivan Hom (ihom627@yahoo.com) and Grace Downer (gracedowner@gmail.com).

Back to School Pizza Night!

Please come and join us for a wonderful back to school tradition at JLS! We will serve pizza, salad and dessert for FREE to our school community on [August 31 from 6:00 to 8:00PM](#). We need lots of volunteers to make this event go smoothly. Please sign up [here](#) to help serve pizza, bring treats to share, or help set up or clean up.

Hope to see many of you here to meet new friends and see old friends! Questions? Please contact Grace Downer (gracedowner@gmail.com).



BIKE SAFETY for JLS!

A reminder for students who bike to JLS:

Parents should be aware that the way one would bike to JLS is not the same way one might drive there. Bicycling students should **avoid using Waverley** north of East Meadow. Waverley is the auto access route for JLS and doesn't have the width to accommodate cars and bicycles. If coming from the north side of campus, students should **use Cowper** if at all possible."

More information on walking and biking to school safely can be found at :

<http://jls.pausd.org/default/index.cfm/getting-to-jls/bicycling-and-walking-to-jls/>

Report Problems for SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL!



As the start of school approaches, you can help walking and bicycling students be safe and visible on the way to school by reporting problems. Palo Alto concerns should be directed to the Palo Alto 311 app or [website](#). You can track your issue as it is addressed by staff.

Please report visibility issues like overgrown trees or vegetation at corners as these items are especially important for students walking and biking to school.

Items you can report include:

- Broken sidewalks
- Sidewalks with Overgrown Vegetation/Weeds or other visibility problems
- Tree care requests (for trees not on private property)
- Tree or limb down obstructing the right-of-way
- Debris in bike lanes and/or roadways
- Potholes in bike lanes and/or roadways
- Streetlight and Traffic Signal problems
- Large amount of non-local traffic on a local street
- Traffic congestion or traffic safety concern
- Unsafe driving behavior or speeding (non emergency)
- Traffic signs down/bent/not visible

- Missing Manhole/Utility Cover

You can also request:

- Improvements to school bicycle or walking route
- New bicycle rack or bicycle parking in the public right-of-way
- New traffic signals or retiming of existing signals
- New curb paint or new parking signs
- New traffic signs and/or pavement markings

Thank you for helping improve the safety of our students as they travel to school!

JLS STUDENT STORE OPEN on Friday, Aug 26th!



JLS Student Store

The JLS Student Store is a small store at the JLS campus and is a joint cooperative effort by the Jaime Buddle's Student Leadership class, parent volunteers and the JLS administration and is run under the Student Body.

The JLS Student Store sells JLS Spirit Wear and some other small articles that can be used at school.

The JLS Student Store on campus will be open on [Friday August 26th during lunchtime](#). Have your teen check it out! The store will open the rest of the year on specific Fridays during lunchtime, check the JLS (eNews) announcements.

JLS clothing can also be purchased online at: www.JLSStudentStore.com

If you are interested in volunteering at the store, email Karrie Chen and Esmaralda Roell at JLSStudentStore@gmail.com. We can still use some volunteers!

JLS ONLINE DIRECTORY- KONSTELLA!

Looking to connect with a new friend or old acquaintance but can't find the e-directory? That's because we are switching to a new vendor, Konstella. Watch for an email invite to register -- you should see it in the next week or two. (Make sure your information is up-to-date on Infinite Campus.) Questions: JLSDirectory@gmail.com

A PUBLIC FORUM FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE PAUSD SCHOOL BOARD!

Be educated! The Palo Alto PTA Council and League of Women Voters have organized an opportunity for you to meet the the candidates for the PAUSD Board of Education on Mon, Sep 22, 7-9 pm, 25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto. The Board of Education is the K-12 policy-making body for academic standards, curriculum, instructional materials, assessments and accountability. Thank you to the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto

for sponsoring this forum that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League and PTAC neither supports nor opposes candidates. The Candidates Forum is organized to provide equal and non-preferential opportunities for each candidate for Palo Alto Unified School Board to make short prepared statements and to answer questions written by audience members on cards provided at the event. Volunteers help make the event run smoothly.

The entire Forum will be videotaped by Midpeninsula studios and broadcast later on community TV channels. All other recordings, visual and audio, are prohibited.

<http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/>

<http://www.lwvpaloalto.org/>

<https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/board-education>

JOIN US! TOGETHER WE STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS!



OUR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

PiE has launched its 2016-2017 fundraising campaign. We ask to you to join us as our kids need the support of the whole community. PiE funds go to every Palo Alto district school and give each principal the funding needed to staff many programs that make a difference for the students and families at each school location. From our classroom aides, to teachers for STEAM-focused electives, music and art, to caring counselors and mentors, PiE-funded staff make a positive impact on our kids every day.

Between now and September 6, you can double your impact via **the \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant** which matches every dollar donated to PiE.

Please donate today! [Click here to donate online.](#)

Want To Be More Involved at JLS This Year?

Consider helping the 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 Julia Jacobsen, JLS PTA President 2016-2017:
juliacjacobsen@gmail.com

Stay Connected all Parents of JLS- subscribe to Weekly JLS eNews!

Please subscribe to the JLS CLASS list. This will ensure that you will receive the weekly JLS eNews during all of the years your student is at JLS and also any separate communications that are sent only to EACH grade of JLS parents. To be included in the JLS Class list, sign up [here](#).

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.

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

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: Anjani Sarma

7th grade coordinators: Claire Kimer

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

**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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