

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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Hi Scott, here is the one for two weeks ago. Thanks

PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Oct 23



Dear Rika

JLS Student Store OPEN Friday October 28 th



JLS Student Store

Is your teen interested in buying a JLS hoodie, t-shirt or cap against cost, or does he/she needs a pen, pencil, eraser or any other useful school supplies, have your teen bring some cash and check out the JLS Student Store.

The JLS Student Store on campus will be open on Friday October 28th during lunchtime.

The JLS Store Folks
JLSStudentStore@gmail.com
www.JLSStudentStore.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Hearing Screening Oct 25th
ELL Family Night Oct 27th , 6:30 PM
Student Store

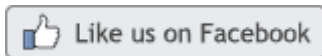
Oct 28th , 12:30 PM
Haunted House Oct 28th and 29th

Haunted House hosted by JLS Drama!



Fri, Oct 28th, 5:00-8:00 pm ,
Sat, Oct 29th, 5:00-9:00 pm
JLS Cafetorium

Start your Halloween scares at the **JLS Haunted House**. **Two dollars** gets you through the creaking door. Enjoy the face-painting, scars, and snacks for sale to get you in the spirit! All proceeds go to JLS Drama. This annual tradition is always **Spooktacular!**



AMC8 Math Competition!

Wed, Nov 16th, 1:00 pm. The test is voluntary and students will sign up in their math classes prior to the test date. The test takes 45 minutes. As a result, students may leave WIP that day a few minutes late as we will need at least 5-10 minutes for getting settled and reading directions. Information about the AMC 8 can be found [here](#). Students participating in the test will not need to bring anything and should not bring anything to the test.

For more information: **AMC 8 | Mathematical Association of America**
www.maa.org

Attendance Procedure for Taking Your Student 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 (jlsattendance@pausd.org) 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 (jboccio@pausd.org)/ 650-856-5179

PAUSD News

October is National Bullying Prevention Month.

Awareness events are sponsored by PAUSD, the Palo Alto Council of PTAs, the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC), Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS), and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning (LGBTQQ) Committee. Contact jgonzalez@pausd.org for more information.

Local Control Accountability Plan Community Meeting

Tues, Oct 25, 8 - 10 AM & 5 - 8 PM,
District Office, Board Room, 25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto

The Palo Alto Unified School District is updating the Local Control and Accountability Plan as required by the California Department of Education. Development of the plan must include input from key stakeholders. The District would like to invite you to return and participate in the LCAP Community meeting. At this meeting we will share progress on this year's plan and solicit feedback on 16-17 goals, actions and measurements as we began to develop the 2017/18 plan. Spanish and Mandarin translation provided

Renaming Schools Advisory Committee Community Townhall Meeting

Mon, Nov 7, 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Media & Arts Center at Palo Alto High School.

To rename or not to rename any of Palo Alto's schools, that is the question the Renaming Schools Advisory Committee will begin to answer during its first town hall meeting in October. Renowned historians and educators with expertise in the Eugenics era, some of whom have actively provided their expertise in renaming efforts at other schools, will discuss if there is a rationale to consider renaming PAUSD schools whose namesakes were actively involved in Eugenics. The panelists will discuss how to evaluate a person's controversial legacy in historical context, the learning opportunities this debate provides, and how renaming or not renaming might affect the school community. The town hall meeting is intended to stimulate community discussion on this important topic, and will close with a Q&A session. Everyone in the community is welcome, please invite your friends and neighbors.

Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) and Special Olympics Northern California

Basketball Tournament, 9.30AM - 12PM, Mar 15 (Elementary) & Mar 22 (Secondary),
Terman Middle School 655 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto
Track & Field Event: TBD, Gunn High School 750 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto

PAUSD and Special Olympics Northern California have joined forces together in a new Special Olympics Schools Partnership program. Through sports, the program aims to

provide opportunities for PAUSD special education students and their peers to work together as teammates and to create inclusive opportunities in the school community. More info: <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/pausd-partners-special-olympics-schools-program>

Make your voice heard for your child and school

November 8 is Election Day in California and across the nation

Laws enacted by local, state and national bodies are primary sources of public policy. Securing adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth is one of the purposes of PTA.

As a non-partisan association with a long track record of speaking up for all families and connecting families, schools and communities, PTA never comments on, endorses or supports individual candidates for office. However, the association does take positions on (<http://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/>) that impact the education, health and well-being of California's children and families. California State PTA takes positions based on our authorities: resolutions and position statements adopted by our members. PTAs also can sponsor and hold candidate forums and share resources. Find out more about how the California State PTA takes positions (<http://toolkit.capta.org/advocacy/legislative-program/california-state-pta-legislative-policies-and-procedures/>). This election day the California State PTA is supporting five statewide ballot initiatives (<http://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/current-legislation/state-ballot-measures/>). We encourage everyone to take the opportunity to register (<http://registertovote.ca.gov/>) and vote (<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections>) in this election! Learn more with these resources and information: PTA support on statewide ballot initiatives (<http://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/current-legislation/state-ballot-measures/>). Research your local ballot (<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/2016-county-administered-elections/>)and polling place (<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/find-your-polling-place/>)

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](#).

Home Work 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.

Community News

Project Safety Net: AFSP Out of Darkness Walk; Sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Sun, Oct 23, Opening Ceremony: 9:30 am, Walk Ends: 12:30 pm

Arena Green East, San Jose, CA

Join the Project Safety Net team as we walk to fight suicide in the Out of the Darkness South Bay Walk (<http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=3772>). This is great opportunity for community partners to unite to change the perceptions about mental wellness, reduce mental health stigma, and promote suicide prevention. Register for free(<http://bit.ly/PSNAFSPWalk2016>) as a walker or virtual walker. We are joining the community of nearly 250k people walking in hundreds of cities across the country in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. The Out of the Darkness Walks are proof that when people work together they can make big changes in the world. They are AFSP's largest fundraiser - they produce millions for suicide prevention programs, unite those who have been affected by suicide, and create communities that are smart about mental health. We hope you can join us.

The Museum of American Heritage Beginning Electronics workshop

Sun, October 23, 1 - 4pm,

The Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Avenue, Palo Alto

This is a hands-on class where students (ages 10y+) learn what electricity is, how to control it to do useful things, and how to read a schematic diagram. Each student incorporates these ideas to assemble, wire, and solder an electric circuit that consists of lights, switches, an LED, and a tone generator. Students can use this take-home project to learn how to send and receive Morse Code, the universal language that Ham Radio Operators use every day to send messages directly to each other all over the world without wires and without using the Internet. Register by Friday October 7, at http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf or call (650) 321-1004 or emailadmin@moah.org. Cost: \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members

Paly Choirs Fall Concert

Sunday, October 23th, 4-5:30pm at the Paly Performing Arts Center

Missed the PAC Gala? Loved what you heard and just want more? Come enjoy the Paly Choirs Fall Concert in the new Performing Arts Center featuring the Premier Choir, Concert Choir, Festival Choir, Spectrum Singers, the Vikings Mens Chorus, Madrigal Singers and various a capella groups. Tickets available at the door: \$10 adults; \$5 seniors & kids.

Support Paly Cheer and Dance with our Holiday Pie Fundraiser

Mon. Oct. 24 (order deadline), Fri. Nov. 18 Pick up your pies at Palo Alto High School in front of the Tower Bldg. from 3:30-6:30pm.

Enjoy delicious farm fresh pies while supporting Palo Alto High School's Cheer and Dance teams! Apple, Two Berry, and Pumpkin Pies are available. They are flash-frozen from Gidzich Farms in Watsonville and are simply scrumptious! Get all the details at:

<http://www.palycheer.net/holiday-pies.html>

Palo Alto Philharmonic Concerto Movement Competition

The Palo Alto Philharmonic is sponsoring a Concerto Movement Competition open to school-aged music students including both instrumentalists and vocalists. Each applicant should submit an unedited audio CD (5-15 minutes long) of his or her performance of a movement from a concerto or concert piece for soloist and orchestra. Applications, along with the demo CD and a non-refundable fee of \$30 must be postmarked by December 31, 2016. For more information or to download an application form:

<http://www.paphil.org/pages/about/cmc.html>

Theatre Costume Garage Sale supporting the Palo Alto Children's Theatre

Sun Oct 23 2:30 - 5:30 PM,

Lucie Stern Community Center (Community Room) 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

Theatre Costume Garage Sale is a fundraising event produced by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre, supporting Children's Theatre performing arts programs which reach more than 50,000 community members annually. A large collection of hand made theatre costumes (kids and adults' sizes) from previous productions will be for sale.

Emergency Preparedness & Home Safety Fair

Sun Oct 23, 2 - 4PM, Addison Elementary School. 650 Addison Av., Palo Alto

Are you prepared when an emergency occurs? How do you protect yourself and your family if a catastrophic earthquake, a pandemic disaster, or a fire rampage occurs? How do you deal with a robbery? How do you ensure that your child(ren) ride their bicycle(s) safely? How do you stay connected in an emergency when your phone does not work? Come to the Emergency Preparedness & Home Safety Fair to learn, share and save lives!

Event highlight: Mr. Andy Huang, Chief of Red Cross, Silicon Valley, will deliver an ER demo on site. This annual event is sponsored by the Palo Alto (PA) Chinese Parents'

Club, PA School District, PA Police Station, PA Fire Station, PA Utilities, Children's Hospital and City of Palo Alto. Free admission! In addition to secret raffle prizes, the first 100 attendees will win free gifts.

Palo Alto 紧急救援及防范展会

时间: 10/23周日下午 2:00-4:00

地点: Addison小学, 650 Addison Ave, Palo Alto

大地震发生了怎么办? 火灾时怎么逃生? 碰到入室抢劫的强盗怎么应对? 怎么让你的孩子骑车更安全? 茫茫黑夜在外避难, 手机没法用, 怎么与外界联系? 宝贵生命只有一次, 灾难面前无法"到时试试看"。请参加我们一年一度的紧急救援及防范展会! 活动亮点: 将特邀红十字会硅谷分会负责人 **Andy Huang** 来现场做ER讲座。本活动由以下团体及机构赞助支持: Palo Alto (PA) 华人家长会, PA学区, PA 警察局, PA消防局, PA 公用事业单位, 儿童医院及 Palo Alto市。免费入场。现场抽奖, 头一百名到访者还有免费礼物。

Project Safety Net Community Collaborative Meeting

Wed, Oct 26, 4 - 6PM,

Rinconada Library, Embarcadero Room, 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

Are you interested in reducing youth mental health stigma and supporting youth voice? Please join Project Safety Net at their next meeting where you will have the opportunity meet and hear from members in our community who have the same interest. At this month's meeting, PSN will feature two presentations. The first presentation will feature the high school wellness staff and students describing the inspiration for and launch of the new wellness centers. For the second presentation, in honor of October is National Bullying Prevention Month, Executive Director Anne Ehresman from Project Cornerstone will talk about the 41 Developmental Assets program for youth. You will also hear about upcoming community events. Light drink and snacks served. Project Safety Net is a collaborative community network held together by a common interest of fostering youth well-being in Palo Alto. RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/project-safety-net-community-collaborative-meeting-october-26-2016-tickets-28201170460>

Project Safety Net: Conference on Children's Grief

Thu Nov3, 9AM - 2PM, Webcast, 457 Kingsley Av. Palo Alto

The National Alliance for Grieving Children (NAGC) will conduct a free webcast on Grief and Urban Youth. This event is sponsored by Kara Grief Services. More information at: <http://kara-grief.org/events/nagc-fall-conference-on-childrens-grief-2016/>. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffw-XZSnOu04uD0CIXNRSdYFNznEebprbR0A1jVwPOst-frA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

Jordan Middle School Drama Presents 'Willy Wonka Jr.'

Thu Oct 27 & Fri Oct 28, 7 PM; Sat Oct 29, 2:30 PM,
Jordan Middle School, 750 N. California Ave., Palo Alto

Come support Jordan Middle School Drama in their newest musical, Willy Wonka Jr., Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir. The delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder in addition to a host of fun new songs, Willy Wonka Jr. is a scrumdilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth. Tickets: \$5 for Student / Child; \$10 for Adult.

Halloween Zoo Night at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo

Fri, Oct 28, 5:30-8pm, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Join friends for a special, member-only Halloween Zoo Night at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo. Dress up in your favorite Halloween costume: Meet animals from Wildlife Associates, Bay Area Amphibian and Reptile Society (BARS), and JMZ; Enjoy pizza, drinks, and other treats in the zoo; And much, much more! This is a Club JMZ members-only event. Join at the door or online at <http://www.friendsjmz.org> For more information see the flyer at <http://friendsjmz.org/event/halloween-zoo-night/>

Spooky theme for Halloween Family Concert

Sun, Oct. 30, 3pm,

Main Theater at Cañada College, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City 94061

Violinists in witches' black, a cellist as Snoopy and Maestro Eric Kujawsky in pirate's stripes will greet the children (pre-schoolers through middle-schoolers) as they arrive for the Halloween Family Concert of Redwood Symphony. The afternoon event begins with a Tour of the Orchestra. Then the symphony will play Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain and the finale from the Organ Symphony by Saint-Saens, both noted for their high spookiness quotient. A raffle will determine 10 children who will take the baton to direct the symphony in a Sousa march. Adults, \$25 (pre-sale), and children \$15 at RedwoodSymphony.org. Free and ample parking. Usually sells out.

PreSchool Family Fun Day

Sat, Oct 29, 9:30-2PM,

PreSchool Family Campus at Greendell School, 4120 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

PreSchool Family invites you to our 33rd annual Family Fun Day. Fun for ALL Ages! Raffle, Train rides, Carnival games, Magic shows, Live concert by Asheeba, Food and Bake sale, Used Book sale, Costume sale, and more! Free admission; Info: 650-856-0833. www.psf.pausd.org

Cal Ave Trick or Treat and Blossom Halloween Carnival

Sun, Oct 30, 10 AM - 2 PM,

So California Ave (between Birch Street and Park Blvd), Palo Alto

This Silicon Valley tradition for over 22 years in Palo Alto provides a kid friendly, fun, festive start to Halloween for 0-12 year old. Event includes Trick or Treats at participating businesses on California Avenue, costume contest, carnival games, live music, and toddler friendly activities. Free Event. All proceeds raised from the event support Blossom Birth Services a nonprofit resource center for expectant and new families. Lead Sponsors: City of Palo Alto and Palo Alto Recreation Foundation.

<http://www.blossombirth.org/halloween.html>

Literary classic The Diary of Anne Frank comes to life at Palo Alto Players

Nov 4 - 20, Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

Palo Alto Players presents one of the most powerful stories of the 20th century, The Diary of Anne Frank, adapted by Wendy Kesselman from the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. Based on the personal memoirs of Anne Frank about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic, The Diary of Anne Frank is a timeless testament to the human spirit that resonates through generations. Recommended for ages 11 and up. For more information or to purchase tickets (\$25-52): www.paplayers.org or by calling the Box Office at 650-329-0891. Students/Educators enjoy \$10 off regular priced tickets to any performance, except preview night. Additional discounts available for groups of 10 or more.

Talking to Kids About Risky Behavior (11 - 18 years)

Tue, Oct 25, 7:00 - 9:00 PM,

Parents Place- 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto 94301- Plenty of free parking

Discuss roadblocks to communicating with teens on critical topics such as smoking, drinking, sexual behavior, and drug use. Learn effective strategies for how to listen and support teens to make responsible decisions regarding risky behaviors. With Susan Stone, BSE. Cost \$45 and \$30 second parenting partner. Register here.:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/talking-to-kids-about-risky-behavior-11-18-years-registration-26427683914?ref=ebapi&utm_source=Oct+2016+Palo+Alto+Highlights&utm_campaign=PP+PA+Highlights+Oct+2016&utm_medium=email

Gunn High School Theatre Department presents Arthur Miller's "The Crucible."

Studio Theatre, Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Opening Night Gala (Lecture and Reception) on November 3 at 6:30 pm, all tickets \$25.

Other evening performances November, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13 @7:30 pm, \$10.00

Students/\$15.00 General; Matinee: Wed. November 10 @ 4pm, tix \$5. TICKETS available at gunntheatre.org, or at the door.

Dance Connection's 18th Annual Nutcracker Ballet

Fri Dec2, 7PM & Sat, Dec 3, 4PM, Smithwick Theater, Foothill College

Mark your calendars for Dance Connection's 18th Annual Nutcracker Ballet! An entertaining, child-friendly, and professionally executed production the whole family will enjoy! Tickets go on sale through the Dance Connection website beginning October 24th. Reserved seating. More info at: www.danceconnectionpaloalto.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: Anjani Sarma

7th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

**Would you like
your employer to
DONATE to JLS?**



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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