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Hi Scott, Here is the last week letter.

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Oct 30



Dear Rika

### Rainy Day School Commutes!



Rainy weather drives many school commuters into cars, and this leads to severe traffic congestion at PAUSD schools. Here are **strategies** to beat this problem:

**Waterproof your commute** with bicycling rain gear, or walk with an umbrella and stylish rain boots. (Bright colors increase visibility.)

**Ride the bus** (see <http://jls.pausd.org/default/index.cfm/getting-to-jls/riding-the-bus-to-jls> for route and schedule information )

**Plan ahead.** Organize a rainy day carpool with a text group or phone tree, so when the clouds burst you'll be ready.

Reducing car trips by only 1-5% makes a noticeable difference in congestion. Make your rainy day school commute safer and more efficient.

### JLS Student Store OPEN Friday, November 4th!

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.



**JLS Student  
Store**

The JLS Student Store on campus will be open on Friday  
November 4th during lunchtime.

The JLS Store Folks

JLSStudentStore@gmail.com  
[www.JLSStudentStore.com](http://www.JLSStudentStore.com)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PTA Latte Cart for Staff Nov 3rd, 7:30 AM
PTA Executive Board Meeting Nov 3rd, 8:30 AM
Reclaiming Childhood In a Digital Age Nov 2nd, 7:00 PM
Student Store Open Nov 4th, 12:30 PM

### Latte Cart- Thursday, November 3rd!



Our teachers, the entire staff and the PTA thank you for the delicious and well-received breakfast treats provided on our last Latte Cart Breakfast!!

This monthly event, hosted by the PTA, where coffee and morning treats are served to our wonderful JLS staff, is a way to thank them for all they do. On these Latte Cart mornings, we ask our parent community for contributions of breakfast items.

Thus, please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) on Nov. 3rd 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](#).

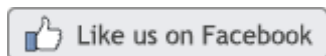
### Here is a list of suggested items:

- quiche and other egg dishes (heated; store bought is fine)
- fresh whole fruit, e.g. bananas, mini-tangerines, berries
- homemade breads, e.g. banana, zucchini, pumpkin
- homemade scones, muffins, coffee cakes
- Variety of fruits or fruit salad
- yogurt, all sizes, all kinds
- breakfast sausages
- Cheese and Ham
- oatmeal

- granola

Other breakfast items of choice.... be creative!!

Questions? Contact Grace Downer ([gracedowner@gmail.com](mailto:gracedowner@gmail.com)).



### **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](http://www.maa.org)

### **Reclaiming Childhood in a Digital Age !**

Wednesday, November 2nd, 7-9 pm, Jordan Middle School MP Room  
**Richard Freed, Ph.D.**

We are delighted to have Dr. Richard Freed speak on the surprising science of raising happy and successful children in a digital age. While technology has ushered in dramatic changes to our lives, research is revealing that the foundation of our children's well-being remains their connection to family and school. In this talk, we'll look at how to build a strong family and foster children's school success amid a myriad of distractions. We'll also see how to parent with confidence on matters of technology.

The talk will explore:

- Technology's impact on the family
- The question of whether technology is addictive
- How entertainment technologies affect kids' success
- Who better understands technology: parents or children, and
- How to help children use technology productively

Richard Freed, Ph.D., is a child and adolescent psychologist and leading authority on raising children in the digital age. A contributor to the Huffington Post, and featured in the New York Times, Boston Globe, and other media outlets, he is the author of the book **Wired Child** : Reclaiming Childhood in a Digital Age.



He lives in Walnut Creek, California with his wife and two daughters.

**JLS PTA** is co-sponsoring this Parent Education Event with Jordan Middle School PTA.

### **Volunteers Make a Difference!**



Thank you to Sonya Bradski for overseeing the volunteers for the Hearing and Vision Screening this year and for the last several years! Thanks to Mary Catherine Williams and the many volunteers who helped the first JLS Dance be a huge success! Thanks to Lili Nova-Roessig and the many parents who volunteered for the Walk and Roll Day! Thanks for the many parents who bring snacks and delicious food for our monthly Latte Carts and to Grace and Dave Downer for organizing that staff favorite event each month!

### **The JLS Middle School Athletic Director Position!**

The JLS Middle School Athletic Director Position (Recreation Leader III) is now posted on the City of Palo Alto Website. The position is a part time hourly position and will be a City of Palo Alto employee. The position will work from August to May with summers off. One note, that when applying, they will need to create an account to apply for this position. For the job description, click [here](#) .

### **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](mailto:jgonzalez@pausd.org) for more information.

#### **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.

### **SafeTALK suicide prevention workshop for parents**

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 5pm, Gunn High School Library

PAUSD is hosting a free SafeTALK suicide prevention workshop for parents. Participants will learn to recognize and engage persons who might be having thoughts of suicide and connect them with community resources trained in suicide intervention. Attached is a [flyer](#) with more details. For questions, contact Myrna Zendejas ([jgonzalez@pausd.org](mailto:jgonzalez@pausd.org))

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](#).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:jboccio@pausd.org)) / 650-856-5179

### **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**

#### **Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions**

Fridays in November by appointment, 600 Homer Ave, Palo Alto

Audition for the January 2017 semester and join 80 other boys across four levels. Auditions are held at the choir's rehearsal location in Palo Alto. Open to boys ages 7 and up. High school and middle school boys with experience may audition for upper levels. SVB provides a personalized approach to teaching singing, music theory, and sight-singing, and provides flexible scheduling for busy families. In addition to their own winter and spring concerts, SVB performs for local events including performances at Stanford University, West Bay Opera, and singing the national anthem at sporting events. Email [info@svboychoir.org](mailto:info@svboychoir.org) or visit <http://svboychoir.org>

### **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>

### **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](http://RedwoodSymphony.org). Free and ample parking. Usually sells out.

### **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](http://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.

### **Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Opens its 51st Season!**

Nov 5, 7:30pm Dreams and Prayers (Senior Orchestra)

Nov 6, 3pm (Sinfonia Orchestra)

Nov 13, 3pm (Debut Orchestra)

Dec 18, 3pm Holiday Extravaganza (Senior Orchestra)

Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto.

Admission is FREE except for the Holiday Extravaganza (Adults \$10, 18 & under FREE) Award-winning youth orchestra PACO's Senior Orchestra will open its season with music by Handel, Britten and more. There is something for everyone at PACO concerts from small ensemble pieces to orchestra music as these dedicated musicians present an extraordinary passion for music making! Mark your calendars for the Holiday Extravaganza with guest performers from the Pacific Ballet Academy and Cantabile Youth Singers. More info and complete line-up of concerts on the 2016-17 season brochure or visit [www.pacomusic.org](http://www.pacomusic.org).

### **Gunn Choir Fall Concert**

Sunday, November 6, 7 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper Street, Palo Alto

Join the award-winning Gunn Choirs, under the direction of William Liberatore, for a festive evening of song featuring the Treble Choir, Concert Choir, and Chamber Singers. The diverse repertoire includes selections from South Africa, France, Korea, China, Bulgaria and Hungary, as well as American folk songs and spirituals. Tickets are \$7 (\$5 for students in high school or younger) and are available from choir members or at the door.

### **City to host Veteran's Day Recognition Event**

Mon Nov 7, 3 - 6.30PM, El Palo Alto Room, Mitchell Park Community Center

In honor of all Armed Forces veterans and active duty service members, the City is hosting a Veterans Day Recognition Event on Nov. 7. There will be Veterans services and resource tables open from 3-4 p.m. with the recognition event beginning at 4 p.m. Lieutenant General Rex C. McMillian, Commander of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North, will be in attendance to share his experiences serving the nation. The public is invited to come salute our military members and Veterans are encouraged to dress in uniform. For more information, please contact Janice Svendsen at [janice.svendsen@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:janice.svendsen@cityofpaloalto.org) or 650-329- 2105



**Palo Alto Philharmonic Fall Chamber Concert**

Sat, Nov 12, 8 PM, 1313 Newel Rd, Palo Alto

Featuring the works of Richard Strauss, Johannes Brahms, Arcangelo Corelli and Morley Calvert. For more information or to purchase tickets:

<http://www.paphil.org/pages/main/frontPage.php>

**Huge Children's Used Book Sale to benefit Palo Alto Libraries**

Sat Nov. 12 & Sun Nov. 13, 10 am - 4 pm,  
Cubberley Community Center (FOPAL Children's Sale Room)

More than 13,000 kids' books, games, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs will be on 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 books in foreign languages. Over 50,000 books for adults in FOPAL's Main and Bargain rooms. [www.fopal.org](http://www.fopal.org)

**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](http://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](http://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 Kimer

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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