

**Subject:** JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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Hi Scott, Thanks for your patience. Hope your another email subscription will work well. Best, Rika

PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Nov 13



Dear Rika

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

AMC8 Competition Nov 16th, 1:05 PM
7th/8th grade Basketball Parent Meeting Nov 16th, 7:00 PM
The Team Cupcake Thanksgiving Food Drive Nov 16th (Last Day)
Parent Visitation Day Nov 17th
Student Store Open Nov 18th, 12:30 PM

**The Team Cupcake Thanksgiving Food Drive is under way!**



It's November, which means the Team Cupcake Thanksgiving Food Drive is under way! We will be putting together complete Thanksgiving dinners for those less fortunate than us to enjoy with their families. Bring your assigned item to your WIP teacher's classroom no later than November 16.

**Here is what to bring:**

If your WIP class is in the 100s wing = instant mashed potatoes  
 WIP class in the 200s wing = Stovetop stuffing mix  
 300s wing = canned green beans  
 400s wing = frosting  
 500s wing = instant pie crust or pie crust mix  
 600s wing = canned cranberry sauce  
 700s wing = black olives  
 800s wing = corn bread mix  
 Under 100s Wing/P70/P80 = large container of juice  
 1000s Wing = cake mix  
 2000s Wing = canned pumpkin  
 PE = canned yams

Remember, to have full meals we ALL need to contribute. No one wants a meal of just cranberry sauce... so please do your best to bring in one item. Imagine how many people we will be able to feed! Thanks!

### 7th Grade Team Cupcake Teachers

## Parent Visitation Day!

**Thursday, Nov 17**, is a Parent Visitation Day at JLS. Parents are welcome to visit classrooms and see all aspects of the school. We ask that you follow these guidelines:

- \* Come to the JLS main office FIRST to sign in, get a name tag, map, bell schedule and teaching schedule.
- \* Please do not let your visit interrupt the teaching and learning process.
- \* Please do not talk to the teacher, students or other parents in the classroom (unless the teacher invites you to do so).
- \* When you have finished your visit, please return to the office to sign out.

## Easy Fundraising for JLS !



We would like to remind you that you can do your holiday shopping and help fundraiser for JLS at the same time. Please take a moment to update your information at **eScrip.com** and verify that your contributions are going to

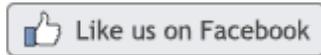
JLS (**Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School, Group ID # 130315138**).

If you shop online at **smile.amazon.com**, then at least 4% will be donated to JLS PTA. Be sure to start by clicking on this [link](#).

**What is AmazonSmile?** AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will

donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

You can click [here](#) to go to the school website to **get more detailed information on how to support JLS by shopping online at the fundraising page** or click [here](#) to go to the PTA page. Thanks a lot for your support to JLS!



### AMC8 Math Competition!

**Wed, Nov 16, 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)

### JLS Student Store OPEN Friday November 18!



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 November 18th during lunchtime.

The JLS Store Folks  
JLSStudentStore@gmail.com  
[www.JLSStudentStore.com](http://www.JLSStudentStore.com)

### Lost and Found !

Lost and Found items will be outside the Main Office all next week (Nov. 14-18). There are MANY jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, binders, etc. Please encourage your students to check for any missing stuff. **At the end of the week we will be donating all remaining items to a local agency.**

### Turkey Trot!

On Tuesday, November 22, JLS will be holding a Turkey Trot during the extended lunch. All students and staff are invited to join in this fun run/jog/walk. All students who participate will receive a small turkey charm they can put on their backpack or key chain, and a drawing ticket for a chance to win fun turkey hats. We need between 15-25 parents who can help us during lunch for course monitoring and the raffle. We'll need your help between the times of 11:30 AM-12:40 PM. You can sign up [here](#). Question? Email Tammy Truher (tammy.truher@gmail.com).

### **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](#).

### **Save-the-Date: Sixth Grade Parent Meeting With Counselor and Administration!**

Join us for an informal social exclusively for sixth grade families on Friday, Dec 2, 8:15 am-9:15 am in Room 730. The sixth grade counselor Ko Vue and admin Liz Tucker will also be present at the meeting. Please mark your calendars. We will bring the coffee. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

### **PAUSD / PTAC News**

#### **Financial & Legal Planning for Students with Challenges**

Wednesday, November 16, 7-9 PM

Santa Rita Elementary, 700 Los Altos Rd, Los Altos

Whether your student's challenges are mild or severe, hear this expert panel describe the long-term financial planning and legal checkpoints parents may encounter. Topics will include financial planning, trusts and special needs trusts, conservatorships, SSI/SSDI benefits, and Medi-Cal benefits. Panel members includes Ken Prodger, Ann Robbeloth, Lisa C. Bryant and Sara E. Hire. For more information, go to [www.cacpaloalto.org](http://www.cacpaloalto.org) or contact paloaltocac@gmail.com.

The next monthly support group for parents of students with IEPs, 504s and learning differences will meet on 11/14 7-9pm in the Los Altos Library. All are welcome, participants are asked to respect confidentiality.

#### **ADHD and Barriers to Learning: How Working Memory, Processing Speed and Executive Functioning Challenges Impact Functioning**

Thu, Nov 17, 9-11:00 AM

Terman Middle School Cafetorium (check-in at Front Office for a visitor badge)

Learn about how children and adolescents with ADHD often have barriers to learning that are outside the diagnostic criteria of the disorder (e.g., weaknesses in attention and

impulse-control). Dr. Vivien Keil, Neuropsychologist at Children's Health Council, will describe why it is crucial to consider these areas, specifically weaknesses in working memory, processing speed, and executive functioning as these are often just as impairing, if not more impairing, than the core symptoms of ADHD, particularly as students get older and the academic demands increase dramatically in middle and high schools. Attendees will learn ways to manage these areas of weakness, with a focus on compensatory strategies that parents and teachers can use to help support their students. Presented by the Parents Education Network and co-hosted by Terman Middle School and [Palo Alto CAC for Special Education](#). Free for PAUSD Parents and Staff. Spanish translation available. [RSVP here](#) or contact [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com)

**La tarea TDAH y Barreras para el aprendizaje: Como Trabaja la Memoria, la velocidad de procesamiento y el funcionamiento ejecutivo a los desafíos de Impacto.**

Cuándo: Jueves 17 de Noviembre 9 a 11 AM.

Donde: Terman Middle School 655 Arastradero Rd Palo Alto

Vivien Keil, PhD, Neuropsicólogo Personal y Gerente de Programa Clínico en el Consejo de Salud Infantil. Los asistentes aprenderán sobre cómo los niños y adolescentes con TDAH con frecuencia tienen barreras para el aprendizaje que están fuera de los criterios de diagnóstico de la trastorno (por ejemplo, deficiencias en la atención y control de impulsos). Es crucial considerar estas áreas, específicamente las deficiencias en la memoria de trabajo, velocidad de procesamiento, y el funcionamiento ejecutivo, ya que son a menudo y sin menoscabar, el mayor deterioro, las de los síntomas principales del TDAH, especialmente cuando los alumnos crecen y aumentan dramáticamente las exigencias académicas, como en las escuelas intermedias y secundarias. Los asistentes aprenderán la forma de gestionar estas áreas de debilidad, con un enfoque en estrategias compensatorias que los padres y los maestros pueden utilizar para ayudar a sus estudiantes. Presentado por [Parents Education Network](#) y co-organizado por Terman Middle School y [Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education](#). Gratis para padres y personal del PAUSD. Comuníquese con [paloaltocac@gmail.com](mailto:paloaltocac@gmail.com) o con RSVP aquí.

**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>

## 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

### Family Holiday Volunteering

If you're looking for a way to get your family into the holiday spirit by helping others, check out <http://familyholidayhelpers.org>, a non-profit web site created by a mom of two PAUSD students to help families find local volunteering opportunities during the holiday season.

There are a variety of local opportunities for families, such as prepping/serving food for Thanksgiving, working a shift at a food bank or holiday warehouse, or donating food or gifts for those in need. Happy volunteering!

### **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>

### **Drop-In Middle School Yoga (Palo Alto/ Palo Alto Medical Foundation)**

Thursday, Nov 17, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 4:15-5:15 PM  
Palo Alto Center, 67 Encina Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94301

After a long day at school middle school students can drop in to strengthen and stretch their bodies and minds. The fun, interactive curriculum incorporates physical exercise, breath work and activities that help to energize, manage stress and connect better with themselves and their peers. Drop-in for free any Thursday from 4:15-5:15 PM. No registration required. For details, please see web site:  
[http://www.pamf.org/ClassesSearch/view?sid=17&g\\_op=event&masterid=3010](http://www.pamf.org/ClassesSearch/view?sid=17&g_op=event&masterid=3010)

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

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).

### **Knitting for Charity**

Wednesdays until Nov. 15, 4-6pm. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.  
Do you enjoy knitting & giving back to the community? The hats will be part of a holiday gift bag given to those living with mental illness in Santa Clara County, many of whom have

little or no family support. Please join us to knit, or bring in hats you've already knitted from now through November 15. Supplies are provided!

Register at: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3724&TargetID=140>

### **Make a difference: Tutor Low Income East Palo Alto 5th Graders in Reading or Writing - 8 one hour sessions**

If you've enjoyed helping in your own child's classroom, or just love literacy, please consider tutoring 5th graders at Brentwood School in East Palo Alto (near IKEA). It is a special project to work with low income students from February 6th - March 31st. Volunteers would work in the same classroom one day per week, for an hour either at 9:45 am (reading) or 11:40 am (writing). All Students Matter provides a brief training in January and coordinates all details. You can make a real difference! To sign up, visit [www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org). to learn more contact Keri Tully at [keritully@gmail.com](mailto:keritully@gmail.com).

### **Society of Bookworms book Club - The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry**

Wed, Nov 16, 4:00-5:00 PM. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.  
Discuss a great book with your friends at the library! Grades 4-6.

### **Friday Fun**

1st Friday of Every Month, 3:30 PM-5 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.  
Drop in for board games, simple crafts, and a couple of rounds of Bingo!

### **Lego Friday**

3rd Friday of Every Month, 3:30 PM-5 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.  
Let your imagination soar and come build with us! No registration required. For all ages.

### **Family Date Night - Let's Glow! A mind glowing experience!**

Fri, Nov 18, 7-8:15 PM. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.  
Join us for games, crafts, and glowing fun!

### **Teen Writing Club**

Thursday, Nov 3 & Nov 17, 4 pm-5:30 pm, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.  
Share your passion for writing with other teens. Writing prompts, activities, and light snacks provided. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month. Grades 6-12. Register Online.

### **International Games Day**

Tue, Nov. 15, 4-6 pm. Mitchell Park Community Center, Teen Center, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Play or compete with other teens for prizes on console game systems, Ping-Pong tables, and more! More than one thousand libraries and communities around the world will showcase gaming programs of all kinds during International Games Day. Mitchell Park Library and Community Center have teamed up together to give teens 1 day to celebrate. Play or compete for prizes on console gaming systems, online gaming, air hockey, card games, board games, and more! Be sure to join us in the Teen Center & Adobe Rm. Register at:

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3700&TargetID=140>

### **Teen Arts Council's Second Open Mic Night**

Fri , Nov 18, 7 PM, Palo Alto Children's Theatre

It's time for the second Open Mic of the year. Teens can either perform or watch, both are super fun! This event is open to all teens and free. For more information, contact [teenartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:teenartscouncil@gmail.com).

### **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 Kirner

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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your employer to  
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