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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sunday, Nov 27



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Orchestra Concert Nov 30th, 7:00 PM
PTA Latte Cart for Staff Dec 1st, 7:30 AM
PTA Executive Board Meeting Dec 1st, 8:30 AM
6th grade Parent Network Meeting

Dec 2nd, 8:15 AM
Student Store Open Dec 2nd, 12:30 PM

PTA Latte Cart for Staff!

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.

Please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) Dec 1 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 our Latte Cart coordinators, Ivan Hom or Grace Downer (gracedowner@gmail.com).

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.

JLS Student Store OPEN Friday Dec 2!

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, Dec 2nd during lunchtime.

The JLS Store Folks

JLSSStudentStore@gmail.com

www.JLSSStudentStore.com

Easy Fundraising for JLS !



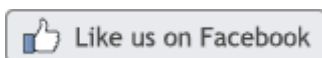
We would like to remind you that you can do your holiday shopping and help fundraiser for JLS at the same time. Please take a moment to update your information at eScrip.com and verify that your contributions are going to

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

If you shop online at Amazon.com, be sure to start every time by clicking on [this link](#) - if you do, then at least 4% will be donated to JLS PTA. Amazon advises that in order to ensure JLS PTA receives the proper advertising credits that all shopping sessions be initiated through this active link or make sure your bookmark has the exact url as this active link (<http://www.amazon.com/?%5Fencoding=UTF8&tag=jp009-20>)

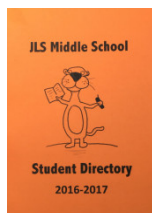
Please note items placed in a customer's shopping cart must not exceed 24-hour window to earn the credit.

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!



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JLS Student Directory -- Printed Copies!



Printed school directories are now available in the school office! If you would like a copy, please visit by the school office and pick one up.

You can also access the directory online at <https://www.konstella.com> or using the Konstella app for iOS/Android.

Questions: JLSDirectory@gmail.com

Be Safe. Be Seen. **Bike Lights are Required by Law for Riding After Dusk !**

With shorter days, students are bike commuting in the dark when bicycle lights and reflectors are required by law. Visibility begins to decline at dusk, so bicyclists should turn on their lights as soon as light begins to fade. A handlebar headlight makes a bicycle visible

to others and illuminates the road so the rider can see. Higher powered lights do a better job. Tail lights and reflectors should be mounted on something stable where they won't be obscured by bags, panniers, or other gear on the bike. Lights are vastly superior to reflectors, so a rear red light is recommended for maximum visibility. Outfitting student bikes for a safe and legal ride is a smart investment (and a great holiday gift!). For information about safe school commutes, visit saferoutes.paloaltopta.org.

PAUSD Code Fest Version II ,Sat, Dec 10, JLS Middle School !

The second version of PAUSD Code Fest comes for you and your students on Saturday, December 10th during Computer Science Education Week (all free). The number of offerings has doubled, and we have several excellent presenters including a few experienced Gunn students. You do not need to have any Computer Science experience to register for the event. This is an entirely volunteer-driven operation, so I am looking for parents who can help and for students who may be interested in community service hours helping with logistics on the day of the event. Please email Smita Kolhatkar (skolhatkar@pausd.org) if interested. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

Order your Yearbook Ad today, Deadline: 12/16/2016 !

Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 12/16/2016. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

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 / PTAC News

"Being You" a RoadTrip Nation Documentary Film for the entire family

Thursday, December 1st 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Palo Alto High School, Haymarket Theatre

This event is a screening of the documentary "Being You" followed by a facilitated discussion. RoadTrip Nation shares inspiring stories of struggle, self-acceptance and success. Follow three young people with learning and attention issues as they travel the country to seek advice from TV host Howie Mandel, ice sculptor John Rodrigues, and many more who have transformed their learning and attention issues from a struggle into

an asset. What started as a road trip around the US sparked an annual documentary series, books, and a career exploration educational curriculum-all dedicated to helping individuals build meaningful livelihoods around the things they love.

Recommended for middle and high school students and their parent/caregivers. Jointly sponsored by PAUSD, Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education and the Parents Education Network. For questions, contact paloaltocac@gmail.com.

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 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](#).

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

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 Community Collaborative Meeting

Wed, Nov 30, 4 - 6 PM

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 its next community collaborative. At this month's meeting, local youth will talk about the Palo Alto Art Center's teen programs and representatives of Kara will talk about its grief services for children, teens, families and adults. Please register for this event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/project-safety-net-community-collaborative-meeting-november-30-2016-tickets-28662254575?aff=erelexpmlt>. For more information go to <http://www.psnpalalto.com/>.

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 or visit <http://svboychoir.org>

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

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.

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. to learn more contact Keri Tully (keritully@gmail.com).

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.

Dance Connection's 18th Annual Nutcracker Ballet

Fri Dec 2, 7 PM & Sat, Dec 3, 4 PM, 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

Paly Choirs Madrigal Feaste New

December 3 and 4, 2 PM

Paly Performing Arts Center

The 14th Annual Madrigal Feaste is a holiday tradition with a new venue! His Majesty, King Henry, invites you to revel in the festivities with singing, tomfoolery of all kinds, and

general musical mayhem! Come hear the finest choirs in the whole of medieval England!
Tickets available the Paly Choir website pallymadrigals.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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