
Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Thursday, Dec 15



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Minimum Day (End of 1st Semester) Dec 16th, 12:25 PM Dismissal
Winter Break , No School Dec 19th - Jan 2nd
K-8 Students Return to School Jan 3rd
PTA Executive Board Meeting Jan 5th, 8:30 AM

Special Thanks and Happy Holiday!

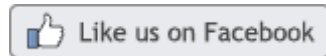
Thanks to all the parents who helped provide the Holiday Staff Luncheon on Tuesday to our wonderful JLS Staff. Special thanks to Kala Landberg for organizing this meal for the staff. We served over 100 staff and are grateful to honor their service to our kids!

Easy Fundraiser 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!



JLS 8th Grade Promotion Party Event Chair Needed!

Already have over 50 parents volunteered to help, Food Chair, Entertainment Chair, and DJ lined up!

8th grade parents, if you'd like your student to have a fabulous promotion celebration on June 1, 2017, please sign up to be Promotion Party Event Chair! The 8th grade class needs a point person to lead the charge. The Event Chair will coordinate between JLS Staff and Committee Chairs (very experienced volunteers already in place), organize, and delegate to help make the event a success and run smoothly. Enthusiasm for making sure your student has a wonderful Promotion Party, willingness to help tie the pieces of the puzzle together with strong organizational skills, and a party attitude are all that's required! 7th grade parents are encouraged to join this collaborative adventure so you'll be ready to roll when your students are promoted! 7th and 8th grade parents always work together to make each year's Promotion Party a success.

We need you! Contact Julia Jacobsen, JLS PTA President 2016 - 2017:
juliajacobsen@gmail.com

Holiday Fun at Magical Bridge Playground, Fri, Dec 16, 10AM-2PM!

Magical Bridge Playground, Mitchell Park, 600 East Meadow Road

School dismisses early on Friday, what to do?

Our friends at Magical Bridge invite you to join them and volunteers from Box to decorate cookies between 10am-2pm. There will plenty of age and ability-friendly crafts and more. Join in this special holiday event for the special kids of PAUSD. Hoping to see you for some end of the year fun! The Magical Bridge Playground is located near the dog park and the tennis courts in Mitchell Park, on the side of the park nearest to E. Charleston Rd). See [flyer](#). website: www.magicalbridge.org

Lost and Found!

Lost and Found is again piling up. All items will be out on tables by the front office beginning Monday, Dec. 12, **until Friday, Dec. 16**. Anything remaining at the end of the school day on Friday will be donated. Please remind your student(s) to check these many tables of belongings. We have lots of sweatshirts, jackets, water bottles, etc.

PAUSD / PTAC News

College for Students with Special Needs: What You Need to Know

Wed, Jan 18, 7-9pm

, Santa Rita Elementary School (MP Room), 700 Los Altos Avenue, Los Altos

Many high school students with special needs, learning challenges, or disabilities (on an IEP or 504) will consider post-secondary education. Options include community college, 4-year college, and universities with a variety of options and support. It can be overwhelming at first. Come find out more about what's available and how you can help prepare for your student's education after high school. Panelists: Sandra Cernobori (counselor from Paly), Foothill Community College and Kevin Shields, (disability services at UCB). Jointly sponsored by SELPA1 CAC and Palo Alto CAC. www.cacpaloalto.org

COLEGIO PARA ESTUDIANTES CON NECESIDADES ESPECIALES: LO QUE NECESITA SABER

Miércoles, Enero 18, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Santa Rita Elementary School, salón MP, 700 Los Altos Ave., Los Altos

Únase a nosotros! Muchos de los estudiantes de la preparatoria con necesidades especiales, retos de aprendizaje, o discapacidades (en un PEI o 504) van a considerar educación postsecundaria. Opciones incluyen colegio comunitario, colegio de 4 años, y universidades con una variedad de opciones y apoyo. Ven infórmate mas sobre lo que esta disponible y como puedes ayudar preparar la educación de tu estudiante después de la preparatoria. Panelistas: Sandra Cernobori (consejera de Paly), Foothill Community College, Kevin Shields (servicios de discapacidades en UCB). www.cacpaloalto.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>

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.

JLS eNews Publication Guideline

If you want to publish an announcement relevant to JLS, send an email to JLS.eneews@gmail.com. JLS eNews is a publication of the JLS PTA. Our PTA has a noncommercial policy, which states that we do not associate with any commercial activities of other organizations including, but not limited to, the promotion of their goods and services. Only submissions from nonprofit organizations will be considered for placement in the eNews. Announcements relevant to other schools in the PAUSD district can be sent to eneews@paloaltopta.org. For more detail, please click [here](#).

Community News

DIY Holiday Crafts

Tue, Dec. 20, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Teen Tuesday DIY Holiday Crafts! Join us for DIY crafts that you can give to friends and family just in time for the holidays. Bring your creativity and we'll provide all the supplies. Keep all your creations.

Afternoon Adventure: Winter Craftertoons

Wed, Dec 21, 3:30 - 5 PM, Mitchell Park Library 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Join us for an afternoon of crafts, snacks, and winter themed cartoons. Please register for this event on the library website.

Harry Potter Yule Ball

Fri, Dec 30, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

Ring in the New Year with a Harry Potter-style Yule Ball! DJ Kevin will be spinning great tunes all evening. Formal attire is encouraged but not required. Please register for this event on the library website.

Visit the Art Center over the holidays!

December 26 through Friday, December 30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m

This year, the Art Center will be open the week between Christmas and New Years. Visit Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Check out our current exhibition The Butterfly Effect: Art in 1970s California and create your own 1970s poster in our nook! For details, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter, email artcenter@cityofpaloalto.org or call 650.329.2366.

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!

Ongoing Brain Study on Executive Function Skills

Looking for children ages 7-11 with a diagnosis of ADHD or with no diagnoses to participate in a study exploring changes in brain function in response to a novel neurofeedback training. Participation involves 6 sessions of neurofeedback training and 2 sessions of behavioral assessments. Contact Lindsay Chromik at lchromik@stanford.edu or 650-724-2939 for more information or to enroll. For general information regarding participant rights, contact 1- 866-680-2906.

Monthly Parent Support Meetings

Mon, Jan 9 10 AM - 12 PM,
Los Altos Library (Conference Room), 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

A chance to ask questions and share ideas/resources with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. Parents with students of all ages are welcome, participants must respect confidentiality.

Parent Chat, Peer to Peer Support for Parents of Teens 14+

Tues Jan 10, 7-8:30PM,
Orchard Room, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

Are you concerned about the emotional well-being of your child? Come join a support group hosted by the Mental Health subcommittee of SELPA1CAC. Contact Trudy Palmer, (650) 208-9116 or Donna Soo, (650) 828-0997 if you have questions.

www.selpa1cac.org

Ragazzi Boys Chorus Free SingFest Minicamp

Saturday, January 14, 2017, 9:30am - 1pm, Redwood City

Registration Open: Let your 7-10 year old boy test-drive this 'best choir of the Peninsula' for himself at a free half-day SingFest minicamp. Low-key, no-obligation auditions are integrated into the morning; no previous singing experience needed. Boys offered Ragazzi membership start rehearsing in January, 2017. Beginning groups meet once a week for choral singing and theory instruction. Ragazzi's proven, award-winning program is sequential and performance-based. Ragazzi performs its own concert series, sings the National Anthem at a spring SF Giants game, tours domestically and internationally, and collaborates with other prestigious Bay Area arts organizations. Minicamp is free, but advance registration is required at <http://ragazzi.org/join-us/singfest/>. Can't make it to SingFest but want to audition? Go to <http://ragazzi.org/join-us/book-audition/>

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.

2nd edition of Palo Alto Roots Literary magazine looking for editors and submissions

Mon, Dec 19, 5 - 6 pm, Mitchell Park Community Center, Palo Alto

Dear Palo Alto Students, come to learn about how to join PA Roots, Palo Alto's teen literary magazine, as an editor and staff member. Gain real-life publication experience, get your work published, and support teen literature and arts in the Palo Alto community. PA Roots is supported by a grant from Bryant Street Garage Fund and the City of Palo Alto, and was featured in a July article of Palo Alto Weekly <http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2016/07/08/pa-roots-gives-local-teens-a-voice> . Dinner will be provided. For RSVP, questions and submissions of written or art work, email paloaltoroots@gmail.com.

The 21st Annual Juana Run 8k/5k Run & Walk RACES!

Early online registration discount! Get \$5 off any race registration with promo code EARLY2017 now until December 31. Go to <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10852/juana-run-2017> The race is Saturday February 25, 2017. You can choose from 8K run, a 5K fun run & walk (costumes encouraged!), a 1-mile race, and kids races - all the races are through the streets of the Barron Park neighborhood. Pancake breakfast and cool t-shirts! Proceeds donated to West Valley Track Club, Gunn High Sports Boosters, and Juana Briones and Terman PTAs. For other race info <http://www.juanarun.org>

Tai Chi (Chinese martial art) Class

Sat, Jan7-Mar 11, 2:15-3:15PM (10 classes total), Dance Studio, Gunn High School

This course is taught by a junior at Gunn High School. As a member of the US team, she won two gold medals and one silver medal at the 2nd World Taijiquan Championships in Warsaw, Poland. She will teach 24 simplified Tai Chi styles. All profits will be donated to the Ravenswood City School District, East Palo Alto. Details/Sign up: <http://www.siliconvalleyyouth.com/classes/2017/taichi.php> . Contact: svyouth1@gmail.com

Tickets Now Available for Anne Lamott

Sat Mar 4, 9:30am-12:30pm, Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University, Palo Alto

Join us in conversation with award-winning author Anne Lamott. Tickets on sale now for the 2017 Mothers Symposium, a morning retreat for mothers with children of all ages to reflect on the profound undertaking of motherhood. Special Early Bird pricing: "Bring a Friend" and save \$20 when you buy two tickets. Co-sponsored by the Palo Alto Council of PTAs. For tickets and information visit <http://www.motherssymposium.org/>

Cult Movie Night: A Christmas Story

Thu, Dec 22, 7 - 9 PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

Join us for a classic retro movie in the Embarcadero Room every fourth Thursday of the month. This month we'll watch the holiday favorite A Christmas Story (rated PG). For teens and adults.

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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