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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Feb 5



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

All signed course registrations due Feb 6th
Lost and Found on tables by front office Feb 6th- Feb 10th
Site Council meeting Feb 6th, 3:30 - 5:00 PM
Connections information night

Feb 6th, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Connections Parent Coffee Feb 8th, 8:15 - 9:15 AM
Paly Incoming 9th Grade Course Selection Workshop, Paly HS Library (LRC) Feb 8th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
6th grade parent night for afterschool basketball Feb 8th, 7:00 -8:00 PM
7th/8th grade Choir at Gunn Choir Show, Paly PAC Feb 8th, 8:00 - 9:00 PM
Palo Alto Resource Fair of Summer Camps, After School Activities & Educational Resources 2017 Feb 9th, 6:30 -8:30 PM , JLS Cafetorium
Student Store open Feb 10th, 12:30 PM

Special Thanks!

Thanks to all the parents from our Chinese community who helped us feed the JLS Staff on Friday at our Lunar New Year Staff Luncheon. Thanks to Helen Li for organizing the food and decorations. It was very much appreciated by the staff and a good start to the weekend!

7th/8th grade Choir at Gunn Choir Show!

Wed, Feb 8, 8 PM

The Palo Alto High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Embarcadero Road

JLS students and families are invited to join the 160 voice Gunn Choir and Gunn staff members for the 2017 Gunn Choir Staff Musical! Special feature of the JLS choir on Wed, Feb 8 only. Join in the fun as Dorothy and Toto set off to the Big Apple to audition for a Broadway musical. Despite stumbling into a mob hit and getting spirited away to a nunnery as part of the NYPD Witness Protection Program, nothing can keep our heroine from her ambition to make it in show biz. Tickets (\$20 for adults, \$10 for students) are on sale at <http://gunnchoir.org> and at the door.

JLS Student Store OPEN!

Sat, Feb 10, 12:30 PM

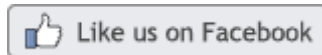
Is your teen interested in buying a JLS hoodie, t-shirt or cap against cost, or does he/she needs a pen, pencil, eraser or any other useful school supplies, have your teen bring some cash and check out the JLS Student Store. [The JLS Store Folks](http://www.JLSStudentStore.com)
www.JLSStudentStore.com

Sixth Grade Family Social!

Sa Feb 11, 2-5 PM, Cafetorium

Please join other sixth grade families (parents and kids) for our first sixth grade family social. This is a potluck. Please bring something to share. Paper plates, napkins, and cups will be available.

Please sign up [here](#) so we can get a rough headcount (we also need some helpers). Hope to see many families there! Questions? Contact sixth grade parent network coordinators: [Anjani Sarma](#), [Mei-Hsia Tan](#), [Geeta Chaudhry](#)



The JLS SCIENCE FAIR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The JLS Science Fair will be held Tuesday, February 28th, 7:00 p.m. in the JLS Cafetorium. Join the entire JLS community for a fun-filled evening of science, with students proudly showing off their work in poster sessions and some fabulous science and technology-related demonstrations. All JLS students are invited to participate. Register [here](#) by Friday, February 24th.

The Science Fair is a great way for students to develop and apply an interest in science and the scientific method. Participants will exercise their curiosity, approach real world problems in a systematic and scientific way, and apply creativity towards questions that interest them. Students should be hearing more details about the fair from their science teachers, and begin thinking about their experiments. Once experimentation is complete, students will present their work in poster format (poster boards generously donated by Synopsys). Each participant will be interviewed by a JLS parent or other member of our community, and participate in peer reviews. All student presenters will be able to exchange their peer reviews for a participation prize, and will be entered into a prize drawing for a number of terrific items.

The Science Fair cannot happen without lots of parent (and other community) volunteers, especially interviewers who are willing to listen to students sharing their projects and provide constructive positive feedback during a brief non-competitive, informal interview. Want to help? Sign up [here](#).

In addition to Synopsys, the Science Fair is sponsored by the JLS PTA, and also supported by donations from a number of local businesses.

Questions? Contact [Maria Derrick](#), Science Fair Chair.

INCLUSIVE RESOURCE FAIR 2017!

Thur, Feb 9, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, JLS Cafetorium

Join us to meet 30+ providers of summer camps, after-school activities, and in-school programs who will present information about their programs and be available to talk 1:1 with parents. All providers can accommodate some students' special needs, either in an inclusive environment or a special program, and can discuss specific accommodations. Some offer on-site enrollment. Information on financial assistance available, and many providers offer fee waivers based on need.

Organized by the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, and co-sponsored by Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS), and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs. Childcare and snacks for kids will be provided, please RSVP for childcare to paloaltocac@gmail.com. For more information, including the complete list of vendors as it is finalized, go to www.cacpaloalto.org

Feria de Recursos de Campamentos de Verano, Actividades Después de Clases y Recursos Educativos

Jueves, 9 de febrero, 6:30 - 8:30pm, En el Cafetorio de la Escuela Media JLS

Acompañénnos a conocer a más de 30 proveedores de campos de verano, de actividades para realizar después de clases y de programas dentro de la escuela quienes estarán brindando información sobre sus programas y que también estarán disponibles para hablar 1:1 con los padres. Todos son proveedores que pueden admitir a niños con algunas necesidades especiales ya sea dentro de un ambiente incluyente o dentro de un programa especial y podrán conversar sobre ajustes especiales que su hijo/a pueda necesitar. Podrán existir opciones de inscribirse en el lugar. Habrá información sobre asistencia financiera y muchos proveedores ofrecen becas que se adaptan a sus necesidades.

Se contará con servicio de guardería y refrigerios para niños, por favor RSVP para el cuidado de los niños a paloaltocac@gmail.com. Para mayor información, incluyendo la lista de proveedores cuando está completa, ingrese a: www.cacpaloalto.org. Organizado por el Palo Alto Comité Asesor Comunitario para la Educación Especial y patrocinado por Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS) y el Consejo de Palo Alto de PTAs.

LOST AND FOUND!

Lost and Found is again piling up. All items will be out on tables by the front office beginning Monday, February 6, until Friday, February 10. 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.

JLS DAY OF SERVICE!

Wed., March 22, 1:45pm-5pm

JLS students, staff, parents and guardians are invited to participate in a fun and engaging afternoon of community service. JLS volunteers and chaperones will give back to the community and work on meaningful service projects at JLS, neighboring elementary schools, and other community organizations in the local area. Activities could include preparing a hearty meal for the homeless, boxing up canned goods at a food bank for needy families, and restoring habitat at the Baylands. More details to come soon. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for 1:45pm-5pm on Wed., March 22.

The JLS Day of Service is organized and sponsored by the JLS PTA and Youth Community Service (YCS). Questions? Please contact Maria Chow Zajac at mcz@stanfordalumni.org.

PAUSD / PTAC News

Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair

Sun, Feb 12, 2-5 pm, Mitchell Park Community Center (3700 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto)

The Palo Alto Chinese Community cordially invites you to join our 2017 Chinese New Year Fair, which will feature performances of Chinese folk music, instruments and dances by local talents as well as students from Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD). Many Chinese culture will be exhibited such as Chinese brush painting, Mahjong, dumpling-making, fung shui, board games and crafts. The event is free to all Palo Alto residents, and food will be sold for fund-raising to support Palo Alto schools. This event is co-sponsored by City of Palo Alto and the PTA Council, and the goal is to promote friendship among residents of different cultures and contribute to the vibrancy and health of our diverse community. Hope to see you all there! Questions please contact Hannah Lu(hannahlu00@gmail.com) or Sheena Chin(sheenachin@gmail.com).

Nominate Great People for Awards

Each year the Palo Alto Council of PTAs may bestow one of several California State PTA Honorary Service Awards to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service to children and youth in our community. The individuals or organization nominated must make far-reaching, notable contributions. The PTA Council HSA Committee selects persons or groups who have benefited children and youth on a district-wide or Palo Alto community level.

If you know of someone or an organization that deserves to be honored at this level, please complete the form at <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/> You can also find the list of past recipients there. Recipients will be announced at our Honorary Service Award Reception on April 27th, 2017. Questions: Contact pat@magic.com. Deadline for Nominations is February 15, 2017.

2017 Annual Sweetheart Awards - Call for Nominations

Is there a bus driver, friend, teacher, administrator, neighbor, aide, crossing guard, coach, fellow student, therapist, physician, volunteer or relative that has done something (however

large or small) for your special needs child with an IEP or 504? Honor that person by nominating him or her for a Sweetheart Award. Submit nominations using this online form by February 10th: <http://tinyurl.com/2017Sweethearts>. The Awards Ceremony will be on Wednesday, February 22nd from 6-8pm at Nixon Elementary School. For more information or questions email: sweethearts.award@gmail.com or go to www.cacpaloalto.org. Co- sponsored by Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education and the Palo Alto Council of PTAs.

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>

COMMUNITY News

Join the Gunn PTSA

Will you have a child at Gunn High School next year? Consider joining the Gunn PTSA as a volunteer. It is a great way to get involved and meet other wonderful Gunn parents. Click here(<http://gunn.paloaltopta.org/>) for more information about the PTSA and PTSA volunteer positions. If you are interested in a position, would like more information or know of someone we should contact please let us know!

Gunn PTSA Nominating Committee 2017:

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PALY Choirs "Sounds Like Teen Spirit" Concert

Feb 14 & 15, 7 PM, Paly Performing Arts Center

PALY Choirs and Rise Together Education present a celebration of 90's Song, Dance and Style! The Feb 15th show will feature special teacher performances, a raffle and a silent auction with partial proceeds to benefit the Rise Together Foundation. Tickets available at <http://palychoirs.com/buy-tickets/> or at the door for \$10 adults; \$5 seniors & kids.

FREE Family Science Night at the JMZ

Wed., Feb. 8, 5:30-7:30 PM, Junior Museum & Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

On Wednesday evening, February 8, the award-winning JMZ science teachers invite all PAUSD families to Family Science Night. This free after-hours special night of learning and fun is a celebration of science in schools. Join in for exciting hands-on science activities, animal encounters and experience a sampling of what is taught in local elementary schools. There is no admission charge for Family Science Night at the JMZ. All local families and teachers are welcome!

The 2nd Annual Palo Alto Swing Dance: A Gunn HS Music Fundraiser
Sat, Feb 25, 6:30-9PM, Terman Cafe, Terman Middle School, Palo Alto

Adults 18 and over are invited to have a fun night out at the 2nd Annual Palo Alto Swing Dance, a fundraiser for the Gunn High School Music Department. Live music will be provided by the Gunn jazz bands. Each ticket includes swing dance lessons, light food, and non-alcoholic drinks throughout the evening. Multiple ticket options are available. Tickets & information can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-2nd-annual-palo-alto-swing-dance-tickets-30991944741> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1362882227066048/>
Contact Keith Hunter (khunter@pausd.org) if you have any questions.

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/>

Stanford MBSR Parenting Class

Thur, Feb 23, 6.30- 8 PM,
Palo Alto High School Library (EWC), 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, to continue the conversation that was had with Dan Siegel in November in terms of the day-to-day applications of mindfulness and the implications for parenting.

Session 1: 02/02 The Science of Mindfulness, Guided Meditations, and Home Practice

Session 2: 02/23 - Bringing Openness, Curiosity, and Non-judgment to Parenting;
Mindfulness Toolkit and Resources

Class Instructors are Corinne Collins RN, FNP, mindfulness and MBSR instructor teaching in Monterey and the South Bay area and Moira Kessler, MD, Child Psychiatrist and Clinical Instructor at Stanford Children's Health.

More info at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIOZsS655gLVmO7HhLoSiWePq-8gMgjEjsAZIHSMkPlcEb4A/viewform>

Blind Date w/a Book (Palo Alto Library Event)

Month of February, Teen Zone, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

If your blind date with a book doesn't work out, then check out a new one. No hurt feelings! Review your book date for a chance to win prizes.

Anti/Valentine Party (Palo Alto Library Event)

Tue, Feb 7, 4:30 p.m. Midtown Room, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd

Join us for lit up cards, button making, pencil duct tape roses, contests, and chocolate! Whether you loathe the holiday or not, there is something for you to make for everyone. Registration required.

Camp MAC

Mon, Jul 31 - Fri, Aug 8, Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, 94301

For rising 8th and 9th graders. An opportunity to give your child an introduction to journalism and advance his or her writing skills by signing him or her up for Camp MAC, a five-day summer camp held at the state-of-the-art Media Arts Center at Palo Alto High School! All proceeds of the camp go to support Paly's Media Arts program. Camp MAC is taught exclusively by student journalists from Paly's award-winning publications. Campers will write news stories, sports features and food reviews, as well as learn 21st century journalism skills like video broadcasting. At the end of the week they will work with their counselors to make their own printed publication! Early bird ends March 1, so sign up now! Signups, prices and more information at <http://paly.io/campmac>!

Paly Speech and Debate Summer Camp

Session 1: June 13-17; Session 2: July 31-Aug 4

The Paly Speech and Debate camp centers around providing students with an introduction to speech and debate. The goal of our camp is to prepare students for competition in these activities once they go to high school. On top of that, speech and debate are both life skills as they teach students to express themselves and be more articulate. Second year campers have the opportunity to be placed in a more advanced classroom setting, while first year campers will be given more of an introduction to speech and debate. To register go to: pasdc.weebly.com

Attendance Procedure for 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](#) 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, 650-856-5179

WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED at JLS NEXT YEAR? JOIN 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

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](#).

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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