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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews

Sun, May 7



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Volunteer Appreciation Coffee Wed May 10, 8:15 -10 AM
WIP - 8th grade Panorama Photo Wed May 10, 1:05-1:45 PM

Orchestra Concert Wed May 10. 7-8 PM
Connections Parent Coffee Thu May 11, 8:15 - 9:15 AM
PTA Exec Board meeting Thu May 11, 8:30 -10 AM
Incoming 6th grade student visit Thu May 11, 10:30AM- 12 PM
Incoming 6th grade Parent Tour Thu May 11, 10:30 - 11:30AM
ROPEs presentations Thu May 11, 5- 9:30 PM
JLS Dance Fri May 12, 7- 9:30 PM

Volunteer Appreciation Coffee!

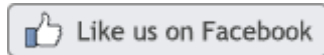
Wed May 10, 8:15 AM

JLS will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Coffee to honor all parents who've contributed to our school this year. We would like to thank all of our volunteers who have given their time in a variety of ways from Jump Start Day all the way to the 8th grade promotion party. Please join us at 8:15 AM in the library courtyard for coffee and treats. We want all parents who have volunteered in any capacity at JLS to be there. You may have driven on a field trip, chaperoned a dance, helped in the library, volunteered at a PTA event, contributed food to the monthly staff latte cart ,or organized a table at "Many Faces of JLS." We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Parent Chaperones needed for JLS Dance!

Fri May 12, volunteering from 6:30-9:30pm

We are looking for parent chaperones for the last dance of the school year on Friday, 5/12. The theme is "Luau/Hawaiian" and the students are looking forward to it and we can't have a dance without enough chaperones. The volunteer jobs consist of checking in students, working the coat check-in, working the snack table, monitoring the breezeway, the dance and the restrooms. The dances are a fun and safe event for the students. Please consider volunteering from 6:30-9:30pm. Sign-up [here](#). Please reach out to [Mary Catherine Williams](#) with any questions.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS for 8TH GRADE EXIT INTERVIEW!

May 16-18

The school needs parent support during the 3 days of 8th Grade Exit Interviews. Parent helpers are needed to help set up the breakfasts and lunches for the interviewers as well as to assist the interviewers AND the 8th graders during the process. Sign up [here](#). Please consider signing up for one or more slots, and help ensure the success of this unique-to-JLS experience.

SAFE ROUTES TO GUNN and PALY PACKETS!

For those who were not able to attend the Safe Routes to Gunn and Paly event on April 27th, please drop by the JLS office and pick up a safe routes informational packet. The packets are specific to Gunn or Palo Alto High School and include transit information that will help your student when they transition to high school. The JLS PTA would like to thank all of the parent and community volunteers who helped make this event happen.

PAUSD / PTAC News

PAUSD Youth Art 2017 by Palo Alto students

Sat Apr 29th-Sun May 21st, Tue-Sat 10AM-5PM, Thu 10AM-9PM Sun 1-5PM Closed
Mon, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newel Road Palo Alto, CA 94303

This powerful show demonstrates the range and depth of the visual arts accomplishments of Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) student-artists. Coordinated by PAUSD Arts Coordinator Sharon Ferguson, the show communicates the creative ideas and issues that are important to PAUSD student-artists. The technical expertise in combination with the aesthetic sophistication is astounding. All media and ages are represented K-12.

Children's Safety Poster Contest

Sodexo Safety Poster Contest open to children ages 6 -17, judging done in separate age categories with prizes of \$200, \$150 and \$100 gift cards. Posters should illustrate safety in home, workplace and anywhere in between. Each entrant must fill out Sodexo Release-Minor form. Entries accepted until May 26. Contact Alva Spence aspence@pausd.org for more info.

Opa! GiveBack Campaign

Opa! Authentic Greek Cuisine, 140 University Avenue, Palo Alto

Opa! Authentic Greek Cuisine in Palo Alto is proud to invite you and your family to dine at the Opa! location in downtown Palo Alto as a part of the Opa! GiveBack Campaign. When

one hears the word Opa!, it usually brings with it a sense of excitement and happiness! When dining at Opa! Palo Alto, mention your relationship to the Palo Alto School District to your server and a percentage of your bill will be given back to the Palo Alto Council of PTAs (<http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/>). At the end of each month, Opa! Palo Alto will write a check to PTAC! Dine out, and help GiveBack to the Palo Alto PTA community at the same time!

COMMUNITY News

Magical Strings West Annual Concert 2017

Sun, May 7, 3:30 PM

Menlo-Atherton Center for Performing Arts, 555 Middlefield Rd, Atherton

Magical Strings West, in collaboration with the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, has created a wonderful program this year, with music by Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart, Kreisler, Moussorgsky and more. Please join them for an afternoon of beautiful music. Admission is free. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/magical-strings-west-annual-concert-2017-tickets-28174959061>

Meet your Future Self - a SheHeroes event"

Sun May 7, 2pm, Portola Valley,

For 5th grade and up, Meet Your Future Self" event for young women (young men are welcome too) interested in: computer science, law, blogging, medicine, being CEO of a startup, and more.

Meet Susie Wee (VP & CTO of DevNet Innovations Cisco), Elisa Camahort Page (Co-Founder of BlogHer), Dr. Emilie Cheung (Stanford Orthopedic Surgeon), Michelle Kraus (Huffington Post Political Blogger/strategist), Portia Ku (Corporate Lawyer and Partner), and Dina Yuen (CTO, CEO of KYC Hospitality Inc./cookbook author/serial entrepreneur and many more! Hosted by Portia Ku (Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP) Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for 17 and younger.

Questions: contact syen@alum.mit.edu Sophia Yen, Board Chair of SheHeroes.org

Mother's Day Edition of Design_Code_Build

Sun May 7, 9:30 AM- 4:00 PM

Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Boulevard, Mountain View

Broadcom Presents Design_Code_Build is a full day event for students in grades 6 through 8. This special events welcomes mother's to participate alongside their students to take on new challenges and explore hands-on STEAM learning opportunities! The program will introduce concepts of computer programming, as participants work hands on with Raspberry Pi technology, write detailed instruction sets to "program" one another through a life-size maze, and learn about the relevance and impact of computer history!

Lunch and snacks are provided, and all participants receive a t-shirt upon checking in to the event! Students and parents interested in attending this event need to register through

our online registration, below. There is a \$15.00 non-refundable fee per student participating in each event (and no charge for the parent!). However, financial assistance is available, and we are able to waive the registration fee on an as needed basis - contact crobbins@computerhistory.org for more information.

Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions

Fri, May 12 by appointment, 600 Homer Ave, Palo Alto

Auditions for the 2017-2018 season are held at the choir's rehearsal location near downtown Palo Alto. Open to 2nd-5th grade boys in the fall. 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 has performed for local events including performances with West Bay Opera, Stanford University Symphonic Orchestra and Chorus, Schola Cantorum of Mountain View, and singing the national anthem at sporting events.

Email info@svboychoir.org or visit <http://svboychoir.org>

Stock Up On Summer Reading at FOPAL's Huge Children's Used Book Sale

Sat May 13 & Sun May 14, 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. More information at www.fopal.org.

2-day Digital Logic Workshop!

Sat, May 13 and 20, 10:00am - 12:30pm

Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave Palo Alto

Students will learn about Binary mathematics, Boolean logic, and a variety of discrete digital logic circuits including: AND gates, OR gates, flip flops, counters, and timers. They will also learn to assemble and solder a human reaction timer built from discrete digital logic devices! 2-day course is \$70.00 for members and \$80.00 for non-members.

Registration is required and can be found at

www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf

This event is for ages 10 and up. No exceptions.

Enjoy! Palo Alto Photo Contest

Now until October 31, 2017

Calling all photographers! Submit your favorite photos to the Enjoy! Palo Alto Photo Contest that showcases all the great things that Palo Alto offers and win prizes! The

contest calls on photographers across Palo Alto to celebrate the community parks, open space, special events, public art, theaters and museums managed by our Community Service Department. Winners will be chosen in 11 different categories. The City of Palo Alto Community Services Department is proud to offer programs, activities and parks to meet all the needs of your family and to sustain a positive quality of life! More info at:

<https://enjoypaloaltophotocontest.wishpond.com/home/>

Submit your photos at: <http://bit.ly/EnjoyContest>

The Paly Golf Classic

Fri May 26,

Paly Sports Boosters Golf Tournament is back by popular demand! The Paly Golf Classic takes place on Friday, May 26, 2017. Proceeds from the event go towards purchasing new equipment for the Perry Family Center weight room. We need your support - Build Stronger Vikings! Sign up today @ www.palysportsboosters.org.

Palo Alto World Music Day: Save the Date, Musicians and Volunteers Wanted

Sun June 18, 3-7:30 pm, University Avenue (closed to traffic).

The City of Palo Alto has declared June 18 as World Music Day. World Music Day is a free music festival that takes place in cities around the world every year around the Summer Solstice. Now for the eighth year in Palo Alto, 50 professional and amateur musical groups will perform a wide variety of musical genres: jazz, pop, rock, classical, world music, choral, etc. All performances are free and open to the public. This is a fun and unique family event not to be missed. Book the date now and tell your friends. The organizers are also looking for musicians and event volunteers from our community, including students from our schools. Info: www.pamusicday.org or info@pamusicday.org. World Music Day is presented by the Stanford Federal Credit Union and organized by the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation. Event sponsors include: The City of Palo Alto, the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, the Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association, Live SV, and News for Chinese.

Camp MAC

July 31 - Aug 4, 9AM - 3PM, Paly Media Arts Center

Don't miss out on an opportunity to experience Palo Alto High School's state-of-the-art Media Arts Center facilities this summer by participating in Camp MAC! Led by students of Paly's nationally recognized journalism program, Camp MAC is a great introduction to journalism for rising eighth and ninth grade students. Campers will learn 21st Century literacy skills while building friendships across schools. All proceeds support Paly's Media Arts Boosters Program. For more information visit:

<http://palyjournalismcamp.wixsite.com/camp-mac>

or contact palyjournalismcamp@gmail.com.

Paly Science and Engineering Summer Camp

Mon June 26 - Fri June 30, Palo Alto High School

Morning Session: 9:00AM - 12:00PM
Afternoon Session: 1:30PM - 4:30PM

This summer, take part in Paly's fourth annual Paly Science and Engineering Summer Camp! With activities designed for interested rising 7th through 9th graders, this camp-led by Paly Science Olympiad team members-includes demonstrations and hands-on activities, such as analyzing crime scenes, dissections, and engineering projects. The camp will be held June 26th-30th at Palo Alto High School, and will cost \$225. There are only 30 available spaces per session, so visit palysciencencamp.com for more information, and to sign up!

The City of Palo Alto's Community Services teens for community leadership groups; Teen Advisory Board and Palo Alto Youth Council
Both applications are due Friday, May 19 by 11:59pm

Teen Advisory Board: The Teen Advisory Board is a group of high school students in Palo Alto who plan and lead events for high school teens throughout the community. This group, composed of Castilleja, Gunn, and Paly students, meets weekly at the Mitchell Park Community Center. Throughout the year, teens work collaboratively, develop leadership skills, and attend conferences where they develop social skills and have the opportunity to meet other students who are part of the same group in their cities.

Palo Alto Youth Council: The Palo Alto Youth Council is a collaborative of high school students in Palo Alto committed to servicing the needs of the teen community by serving as a voice toward change and action. This group meets weekly at the Mitchell Park Community Center. At the beginning of the year they work together to set an overarching theme, and throughout the course of the year, they plan and implement programs to assist the needs of the teen community. This group also works closely with the City of Palo Alto City Council in making sure that teen voices are being heard.

Applications for both groups can be found online at www.cityofpaloalto.org/teenleadership.

Distinguished Lecture Series: Courtney Martin "The New Better Off"

Fri, May 12, 10-11AM

[Li Ka Shing Conference Center, Paul Berg Hall, 291 Campus Drive, Stanford, 94305](#)

Courtney Martin is an author, entrepreneur, and weekly columnist for On Being. Her latest book, *The New Better Off*, explores how people are re-defining the American dream (think more fulfillment, community, and fun, less debt, status, and stuff). The lecture is free and open to the public: <http://events.stanford.edu/events/673/67347/>

Foreign Exchange Students - Host Families Wanted

Is your student interested in studying abroad? Is your family interested in hosting a foreign exchange student? AFS is the largest student exchange organization in the US, with

1,100 US high school students currently studying abroad, and welcoming 2,300 foreign exchange students to the US this year (39 in the Bay Area. Learn more at www.afsusa.org

A Place for Your Child to Publish Their Writing

Scribere Online Literary Journal

Is your child aged 11 to 18? Do they love to write fiction, nonfiction, or poetry? Do they want to publish their writing? Then check out Scribere! Scribere is a non-profit, online literary journal for youth ages 11 to 18. Scribere's editorial board is comprised entirely of youth who are passionate about writing. Scribere is currently seeking submissions for its inaugural issue! For more information go to <https://www.scribere.org/>

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 Kirner

8th grade coordinators: Lisa Barkin

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