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PANTHER TRACKS - JLS PTA eNews Sun, May 21



Dear Scott

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

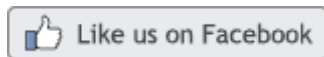
Choir Pops Concert Wed May 24, 7:00- 8:00PM
6th grade Formal Day lunch Thu May 25, 12:30 - 1:30PM
End of Year Drama Showcase Thu May 25, 4:00- 6:00PM
JLS Minimum Day Fri May 26, 12:25 p.m. dismissal
Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL Mon May 29

Lost and Found!

Lost and Found is overflowing. There are jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, PE clothes, etc. Please have your child check for missing items. Everything will be out on tables in front of the office beginning Monday, May 22 and boxed up on Friday, May 26, to donate to a local charity.

Panther Pride Permission Slips!

If your child received an invitation to the Panther Pride events, please note that both a ticket and permission form are required to attend. The permission form can be downloaded [here](#).



URGENT CALL for 7TH GRADE PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!

For 8TH GRADE PROMOTION PARTY!

Thursday, June 1, 5:15-11:00 PM . Just 1-2 hour time slots

It is a tradition that 7th grade parents help out during the 8th grade promotion party. If you have 1-2 hours time on the evening of June 1st, you can learn what to do for your kid's celebration next year and enjoy the fun!! Please [Sign up](#) .

It is way nicer for the 8th graders to have "neutral" parents present during their party. And remember the favor will be returned to you next year!

Questions? Contact [Seema](#) (510 209 9472) or [Grace](#) (650 279 7284)

8TH GRADE PROMOTION PARTY- JLS Class of 2017 !

Thu June 1, 6:15 - 10:30PM, JLS Cafetorium

If you are a 8th grader, join the fun promotion party, saying goodbye to JLS. There will be party games, food and drinks and a live DJ!

For 8th graders only
Tickets \$30 (scholarships available)

If you have not done so **return your filled out form** to with your payment to Mrs. Scherer in the Guidance Office. Click for the form [here](#).

SPECIAL THANKS - JLS Has Wonderful Volunteers!

Thanks to the dozens of volunteers who have helped run so many end of the year events at JLS. Thanks for a great staff appreciation week headed up by Mayma Raphael. Jane Dick and Jennifer Sampson helped lead our parent and community volunteers along with JLS staff at the 8th Grade Exit Interviews last week. Ana Perez Hood and many parent volunteers helped run our last staff appreciation lunch. Thanks to Lili Nova-Roessig who headed up our Safe Routes to School event. Thanks to Mary Catherine Williams for heading up our dance chaperones for the final JLS dance. A big thanks to Jenny Schmidt, Mary Beth Stocken, Sharon Tobias, Mridula Charlu, Anamika Agrawal, and dozens of others who helped make our Many Faces of JLS Potluck such a great night to be with our JLS community. Thanks to Grace Downer and Ivan Hom for organizing our many latte carts for the staff this year. Thanks to Ramji Digumathi and Sean Chen for helping to organize our Parent Ed events this year. Thanks to Esmaralda Roell and Carrie Chen for running JLS Student Store. The volunteers at JLS make such a huge difference! Thanks to all who have contributed all year!

BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET STUFFING AND MORE!

We need many hands to start up the new school year! JLS is looking for parent volunteers to help stuff flyers into the Back To School packets, start preparing for Jump Start Day, first day coffee, Back to School Pizza Dinner, etc.... This valuable work is needed to help our JLS events run smoothly while building community.

If you can spare a few hours on July 25 or in early August please sign up [here](#) (and feel free to sign up for as many sessions as you like!).

PAUSD / PTAC News

PAUSD Annual Strategic Plan Survey

PAUSD Research Director Christopher Kolar would like all PAUSD parents and/or guardians to know that the recent email inviting participation in the annual strategic plan survey is from the district. While the reply-to address will either be Chris Kolar or Max McGee, the sender address of noreply@qualtrics-survey.com allows email from our provider to not be marked as spam when delivered. Please fill out the survey and have your voice heard. If you receive a "reminder" email from Chris or Max this weekend you may safely follow the link. Questions? e-mail Chris Kolar (ckolar@pausd.org)

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.

Be a PTA Special Ed/Inclusion Representative

All Schools/For the 2017-18 School Year

The Palo Alto CAC for Special Education and PTA Council are seeking parent volunteers at each school to facilitate parent-to-parent support and networking among parents of students with IEPs, 504 Plans, or special needs. We are especially looking for parents at JLS, Jordan, Addison, Palo Verde, El Carmelo, Duveneck, Briones, Nixon & Greendell. Small time commitment, no experience necessary, training and support provided. To volunteer or get more information please contact paloaltocac@gmail.com.

Join the Palo Alto Special Ed Discuss Group

All Schools/Ongoing

Have a child with an IEP, 504 plan, special need, disability or learning difference? Join the discussion group at <https://tinyurl.com/PaloAltoSpecialEd> The list is a forum for families to share resources and experiences, ask questions, and learn about relevant events. Hosted by the Palo Alto CAC, www.cacpaloalto.org.

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

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.

iSing Auditions for girls in grades 1-12

iSing is hosting auditions throughout the summer. We are specifically hoping to meet girls who love to sing in grades 1-4 but auditions for all ages welcome. iSing is an arts organization committed to the music education of girls in grades 1-12. We believe that singing teaches young people to strive for excellence, to work collaboratively with others, and to become passionate members of their communities. For questions contact info@isingsv.com Details at: <http://isingsv.com/auditions/>

Build a Smart Robot

Sun Jun 4 & Sat Jun 10, 4-6pm, Mitchell Park Library 3700 Middlefield Road

Have you wondered how drones and self-driving cars work? Do you want to try something more advanced than Lego? Join your local award-winning robotics team hosted by Inobotics to create unique, sophisticated robots that solve practical problems. Learn about engineering process, creative design, and competitive robotics in this 2-part free course. Grades 6-8. Registration required. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/lcpor4e>

Design for Superheroes

Sun Jun 4 & Jun 11, 1 - 3PM

Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave, Palo Alto, CA

This workshop by Jeff Riseberg focuses on "Why do things look the way they do? Beginning with some of the first industrial designs, such as for cars and trains from nearly 100 years ago, students discover the continuing influences of design in today's world. We will find that many of today's videogame designs and superhero characters were actually created some 70 years ago! Get ready to work on design challenges for objects such as banks, lunch boxes, bridges, and even secret enemy bases! This class is for students ages 10 and up. Admission is \$30 for members \$40 non-members. Registration is required and can be found at http://www.moah.org/pdf/MOAH_ClassREGISTRATION.pdf. Email: admin@moah.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 palsciencencamp.com for more information, and to sign up!

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

Summer Math Camp provided by Nonprofit Classic Math School

Mon- Fri, June 26 - July 21, 750 N. California Ave, Jordan Middle School, N-Wing
Half-day (8:30AM - 1:30PM academics only)
Full-day (8:30 AM- 4:30PM academics plus recreational sport activities) options

Unique Math centered curriculum with Math, English, Science , Art, and Coding lessons (K-8) is designed to boost each student's Math potential and prepare for the next school year. Geometry, Algebra II Crash courses and SAT I Prep offered to qualified 7-10 grades students. Free interactive Placement Test by appointment.

Free application period ends June 1st. More info: www.classicmath.org , 65 0-224-4226

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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