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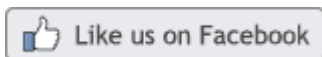
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| Book Fair, 901, Dance Room Tues Aug 29, 8 AM- 3:30 PM |
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| Back to School Pizza Dinner, JLS Cafetorium Wed Aug 30, 6 PM- 8 PM |
| Book Fair, 901, Dance Room Thurs Aug 31, 8 AM- 3:30 PM |
| Book Fair, 901, Dance Room Friday, Sept 1, 8 AM- 10:30 Am |
| JLS Minimum Day Friday, Sept 1, Dismissal 12:25 PM |

PiE Announces Challenge Grant

PiE has just launched its 2017-2018 fundraising campaign. Please join us and help make a difference in the education of all kids in our community. PiE funds go to every Palo

Alto district school and help principals staff programs that deliver a well-rounded education. In all Palo Alto schools, PiE's funding provides enrichment and support in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), the Arts, and Wellness and Support. PiE-funded staff make a positive impact on our kids every day. Double your impact. Between now and September 5, gifts and pledges will be matched by a \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant. Please donate today at <http://papie.org/donate/>



JLS BOOK FAIR HAS RETURNED!

[JLS Book Fair](#) is here! JLS is partnering with Books, Inc. to offer a great variety of books to students to purchase for their Fall reading. Parents - please support our JLS English teachers by purchasing a book they have selected for their classroom library. Proceeds from sales will benefit our JLS school library to expand its print collection, giving all students greater access to books.

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| Mon Aug 28 | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM |
| Tue Aug 29 | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM |
| Wed Aug 30 | 8:00 AM - 2:15 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM (Back to School Pizza Night)! |
| Thu Aug 31 | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM |
| Fri Sep 1 | 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM |

JLS BACK TO SCHOOL PIZZA DINNER!

Wed Aug 30, 6 to 8 PM

Join us at the JLS Cafetorium for pizza, salad, and dessert! PiE will be providing popcorn. See old friends and make new ones at this casual, fun kick-off to the school year. This event is FREE!

Be Green - bring your own plate, utensils, and your own filled water bottle or other beverage (non-alcoholic).

We still need volunteers to help run the hydration station, serve food and other tasks. Volunteers help make these large events run smoothly. Sign up [here](#).

JLS UpToUs!

Dear JLS Parents:

Looking to connect with an old friend, or a new parent you just met?

JLS PTA is using [UpToUs](#) for its electronic Directory and community messaging (via grade-specific parent networks). [UpToUs](#) is password protected and you have control over the information you want viewable by others. You may change your information, preferences or privacy settings at anytime. Additional features include the 6th, 7th and 8th grade parent networks, volunteer signups and events. When registering your student this year, you indicated via Infinite Campus your preference to be included in emails from the PTA or in the school Directory. Subsequently, PAUSD has only given us your information if you answered "YES". So, these are the only names in our directory.

- If you are not getting any communications from PTA, cannot sign into the directory or still want to participate, let us know.
- If you want to check or change information seen in the directory, then sign in to hide/delete/update what's associated with your account. Those who already indicated "No Directory" have been hidden.
- Any emails sent via [UpToUs](#) always include the option to "Opt Out" at the bottom.

To sign in to the JLS eDirectory (optional):

1. Go to www.uptous.com
2. Login using the email address provided to PAUSD (the same one you use for Infinite Campus)
3. Password:
 - For existing [UpToUs](#) members - No change in password
 - For new [UpToUs](#) members - Click the "Forgot Password" option and Reset Password
4. If something goes wrong, send an email to support@uptous.com

eDirectory information is replaced each year, so any modifications you make are not shared with PAUSD's database. To make permanent changes to your information or preferences, please change it by logging in to Infinite Campus and making changes there. The volunteers who produced the directory have made every attempt to ensure the data are accurate, reliable, timely and authorized to be published. Information in the directory is available to families and staff of JLS Middle School and may only be used for school related activities. It may not be used for commercial, political or marketing purposes or otherwise distributed/shared.

In addition, [UpToUs](#) has smart phone apps:

iPhone: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/uptous-for-iphone/id434277330?mt=8>

Android phones: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.uptous&hl=en>

What about eNews? JLS PTA will continue to use eNews to push out school information, district and community news. UpToUs will serve as our eDirectory and (moderated) platform for our grade-level parent networks.

If you have any concerns or comments, send an email to jlsptaemail@gmail.com.

Lili Nova-Roessig
JLS PTA President/Directory Administrator

Clare Kirner
JLS PTA VP of Communications

COMMUNITY

Critical CA Legislation Needs Your Voice This Week!

Advocacy is core to PTA's mission to positively impact the lives of all children and families. Several critical bills are before the California Legislature this session, and PTAC has an easy way for you to speak up - with just a click of a button! The CA legislature is back in session will be voting any day now - this August only - on CA education bills through August 31:

PTAC has partnered with local organization ClickMyCause to provide a FREE iPhone app to receive Palo Alto PTA Council mobile alerts. When you receive your alert:

- Click 1: open your alert
- Click 2: email Sacramento

These bills are up for vote in the coming days: pupil suicide prevention, mental health services, special education services, protecting our immigrant students, banning guns in school zones and helping our homeless students. Please help amplify PTA's advocacy by lending your voice to these important initiatives.

For more information, see <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/click-my-cause/>. Download the app here: <https://clickmycause.com/download/>.

Spectra Art Teacher Wanted

Duveneck Elementary (which has a dedicated art room), for Grade 2 - three classes every other Friday. 16 art sessions per school year TBD with classroom teacher. Classified position, credential not required. Artist with teaching experience preferred. Paid training available. Sept start time \$30.95/hour, plus 1 hour paid prep time for each 3 hours of teaching time Contact- PAUSD Art Coordinator Li Ezzell lezzell@pausd.org 650-329-3939

**Boy Scout Troop 50 Welcome Back Barbecue
August 27, 2017 at the Redwood Picnic Area, Mitchell Park, Palo Alto**

Palo Alto Boy Scout Troop 50 is having a barbecue on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 11 am to 2:30 pm. Troop 50 is inviting kids interested in scouting and their parents. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about Troop 50. The free barbecue will be at the Redwood Picnic Area of Mitchell Park, 600 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto 94303. For more information about Troop 50, please see the web site <https://sites.google.com/view/patroop50/home> .

****NEW**Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions
Mon-Fri, Aug 28-Sept 1 by appointment, Palo Alto**

Auditions for the 2017-2018 season are held at the choir's rehearsal location near downtown Palo Alto (600 Homer Ave). Open to 2nd-5th grade boys in the fall. High school and middle school boys with choir 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 Stanford University, West Bay Opera, Schola Cantorum of Mountain View, and singing the national anthem at sporting events.
Email info@svboychoir.org or visit <http://svboychoir.org>

Classic Math School Open House

Thu Aug 24, 7PM, Rm: N5, Jordan Middle School, 750 N. California Av. Palo Alto

We would like to invite parents with students (K-10) to our annual Classic Math School Open House. This is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, learn firsthand about Classic Math School overall teaching philosophy, methods, and principles. Your questions will be answered, while your students will be offered a Free Interactive Placement Test. Light refreshment will be served. For more information, please visit www.classicmath.org or 650-224-4226

Beginning Sanskrit Classes

St. Marks Episcopal church, 600 Colorado Ave. Palo Alto CA 94306

Sanskrita Bharati Palo Alto is organizing Sanskrit Classes for children (K-3rd grade) and adults for the school year 2017-18. Beginners are welcome. Classes will begin Sunday, September 10th at 3pm.

For more info: <http://www.sanskritabharatieastbay.org/en/>

**Palo Alto Chinese School is Accepting New Enrollment for 2017-2018
School year starts on Fri Aug 18, at JLS Middle School**

Palo Alto Chinese School has been serving the community in Chinese language instructions for 54 years, and is still accepting new enrollment. Class meets every Friday 7-9 PM at JLS Middle School. There are two tracks. The Mandarin track is offered from

Preschool to Grade 12, for students from heritage families. The Chinese as a Second Language (CSL) track is offered from intro, beginning, intermedia to advanced level for students with various exposure to Chinese language. Please join us for a school open house and classroom visit on 8/18, and 8/25. For more info, check <http://www.paloaltochin.eseschool.org/> or email contact@paloaltochineseschool.org.

Enjoy! Palo Alto Photo Contest Now until Aug 31, 2017 (Please note new earlier deadline)

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, theatres 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>

Effective Discipline with Your Strong-Willed Child (2 Sessions) Thu, Sept 7 & Sept 14, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto 94301

Strong-willed children want to cooperate, yet they need to be approached differently than easygoing children. Rather than ending up in power struggles, break this cycle and learn how to win cooperation effectively. You can bring out the best in yourself and your children. With Cynthia Klein, BA. Fee:\$90 for 2 sessions Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/effective-discipline-with-your-strong-willed-child-elementarymiddle-2-sessions-registration-35886929773>

13 Conversations About "13 Reasons Why" Wed, Sept 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto 94301

The Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" is an unflinching look at suicide, teen cruelty, rape culture, and adolescent emotional turmoil and trauma. Teens and tweens are entrenched in a world of social media that may give the illusion of connectivity, but can just as easily be isolating. Although the series advocates for communication and basic human decency, it doesn't explore the role of depression and other underlying mental

health concerns. Join us for an important discussion about how to talk with your teen or tween about these topics in a way that is approachable, informed, and open. With Havi Hall. Fee: \$45 Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/13-conversations-about-13-reasons-why-middlehigh-school-registration-36449330930>

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE FOR 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 [Lili Nova-Roessig](#), JLS PTA President 2017-2018

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

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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: Gerrie Phillips, Hue Tran, Suman Rangaswany

7th grade coordinators: Anjani Sarma , Mei-Hsia Tan

8th grade coordinators: Claire Kirner, Valerie Sabbag

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