

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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ELL Family Night

Monday, Oct 30, 6 PM

This Monday is our annual ELL Fall Family Night! It's one of the most anticipated events of the year at which the English Learner families get together for food, games, and a Halloween costume contest!

Halloween Day Parade

On October 31st there will be a Halloween Day Parade at Lunch, you may wear costumes to school. Remember, the JLS dress code still applies on all days! Please see page 13 of the Binder Reminder for more details on dress code.

JLS Junior Thespian's Haunted House

Lots of thrills are in store for those brave enough to explore the JLS Jr. Thespians' 3rd Annual Haunted House in the JLS Cafetorium! Admission is \$3 and \$1 for 8th grade students and younger. The scares begin Saturday 10/28 from 5pm to 9pm, Sunday, 5pm to 8pm, and Tuesday, Halloween, from 3:30 to 6pm.

Tickets will also be sold for games, activities, face painting, and snacks. All tickets may be purchased at the door. Be there, but beware!

PTA Latte Cart for Staff!

Thursday, November 2, 7:15-9:30am, Room 40

The PTA hosts a monthly LATTE CART at JLS, where coffee and morning treats are served to our wonderful JLS staff as a thank you for all they do. To make these mornings a success, we ask our parents to contribute the breakfast foods. Now that it's November, pumpkin and fall inspired flavors welcome!

Please bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway) the Latte Cart morning between 7:15 - 9:30 AM. Non-perishable items may be brought the day before to the Main Office. Please sign up [here](#)

Please contact our Latte Cart Coordinator with any questions:
[Josette Domokos](#)

JLS STUDENT DIRECTORY

Printed Directories have arrived! Please drop by the JLS office to get your copy.

Fall and Winter Traffic Safety Tips

With colder weather and the rainy season upon us, we are seeing an increase in car traffic during drop off and pickup. No matter how we come to school, we need to work together to keep all of our students safe.

We all know traffic on Meadow backs up on bad weather days. Consider avoiding Meadow altogether by entering through the library parking lot on Middlefield and dropping off in Mitchell Park. Go ahead and arrange your rainy day carpool with neighbors or friends so you'll be ready as the weather changes.

Slow down and use extra caution when driving in school zones and along commute routes including the library and park parking lots. Keep your eyes out for pedestrians and cyclists remembering that sometimes visibility is impaired by sun or fog.

As the hours of daylight decrease, please equip your bicycles with lights and reflectors on the front and the back. Lights are very inexpensive and easy to attach. At night a white headlight visible from the front and attached to the bicycle or the bicyclist is required by California Law. Even if it is light enough for you to see where you are going, you still may not be visible to drivers. Get a light and use it! See and be seen!

Questions: jls-safe-routes@googlegroups.com



Parent Ed Event at Terman

Guiding Teens to Safe Choices, Connected Relationships, and a Love of Learning"

Sign up for the Nov 1st Parent Ed Night at Terman with Donovan Somera Yisrael:

When: Wed Nov 1st 6:45-8:30pm

Where: Terman Cafe 655 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto CA 94306

Donovan Somera Yisreal will be giving a talk about how to guide your teen to safe choices. Donovan is an inspiring TEDxPaloAltoHighscho II Speaker and is the manager of the Emotional and Sexual Health programs for the Vaden Health Center at Stanford University. He brings a deep passion for positive psychology and teaches practices for Emotional Intelligence and personal growth. **This event is sponsored by the Terman PTA, and parents from JLS and Jordan are invited to attend.

Send your [Questions to Donovan Yisrael](#) before the talk (click SUBMIT).

Support JLS by Shopping Online

Dear JLS parents,

Did you know that you can do your normal shopping and help fundraise for JLS at the same time?

Here's how:

EScrip

Please take a moment to update your information at www.eScrip.com and verify that your contributions are going to JLS (Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School, Group ID # 130315138). If you are new to eScrip, sign-up can be done online or at eScrip @ 1-800-400-7878. Urge your friends and relatives to sign up eScrip and make JLS their supporter group. You can support up to three schools.

Amazon.com

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, and same service.

Shop at the link

<https://smile.amazon.com/>, sign in to your amazon account, choose "Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle PTA " as your charity to support, Amazon donates 0.5% of your online purchases to JLS PTA.

Kepler's Books

Shop at Kepler's JLS page:

<http://www.keplers.com/jls-shopping-page>, at the end of your online order, make sure to write inside "order Comments" a note for supporting JLS , then Kepler's Donates back 6% to JLS on any purchase you make! You can also support JLS by purchasing Kepler's Gift Cards. They NEVER expire and can be used at the JLS book fair OR at Kepler's book store any time. They make terrific gifts for teachers and friends!

You can go to school website at <https://jls.pausd.org/contribute/donate> or at the PTA page <http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/> to get more detailed information on how to support JLS by shopping online. Thanks a lot for your supporting to JLS !

Community

Community M

Paly Math Club's AMC 8 Workshop
Sun, Nov 5, 1 - 4 PM, Palo Alto High School, Room TBA

This workshop offers individually paced training and one-on-one teaching, with rigorous curriculum taught by former USAMO/USAJMO and AIME qualifiers as well as a math teacher, all from Palo Alto High School. The AMC 8 is a middle school mathematics competition designed to promote the development of problem-solving skills. The workshop provides an opportunity for middle school students to develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. Students will apply classroom skills to unique problem-solving challenges in a low-stress and friendly environment.

Register: <https://goo.gl/forms/5PUR5sBD9NY732gC3> Contact palmathclub@gmail.com for any questions.

Community E, M, H

Orchestra Chamber Music Concert, Congregation Beth Am
26790 Arastradero Rd, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
Tuesday, October 24 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

This concert is featuring Juniors and Seniors from F and G period Orchestras performing in small groups. Music ranges from Baroque to 20th century. A reception to follow the performances. Free admission.

Fall Jazz Concert
Palo Alto High School Haymarket Theater
Friday, October 27 at 7:30 PM

Featuring Gunn Jazz Band II and Big Band Jazz Ensemble performing the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Thad Jones and more. Booster members free admission (family of 4) or \$5 at the door.

Gunn Theatre Fall Play: Tickets Now Available!

Hungry for comedy?

Award-winning Gunn Theatre is proud to present *Servant of Two Masters*, a re-imagined production of Carlo Goldoni's 1746 romantic comedy. Based on Commedia dell'arte-a classic

form of Italian theatre combining stock characters, music, and improvised comedy-this play follows two pairs of young lovers as they navigate romance, missed messages, and revenge alongside their clever, conniving (and hungry!) servants. Bon appétit!

Servant of Two Masters, directed by Palo Alto Tall Tree Award-winner James Shelby.

November 2 nd to November 12 th , 2017 in Gunn's Studio Theatre.

Tickets available at:

<http://www.gunntheatre.org/about-2017-2018/tickets-at-gunn-studio-theatre-2017-2018/>

****NEW**Paly Theatre performs "Heaven Can Wait"****Dates & Times available at <https://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/>, Palo Alto High School Performance Arts Center**

A romantic comedy and delightful fantasy rolled into one. Joe Pendleton, an aspiring young boxer, is taken to heaven before his time and then forced to switch bodies in order to live out his destiny back on earth, where he finds true love. You're invited to laugh, sympathize, cheer, and celebrate as murder, ambition and greed meet their match in lighthearted and unexpected ways. Tickets can be purchased at palytheatre.com or at the door. \$15 adults, \$10 students/senior.

****NEW**Jordan Drama presents Annie Jr.****Thu, Oct 26 & Fri, Oct 27 @ 7PM, Sat, Oct 28 @ 2:30PM, Jordan Middle School Multi-Purpose Room**

Set in the depression era of the 1930s, this story follows the adventures of a tenacious young orphan who dreams of finding her parents. Will Annie ever find the family she's always dreamed of? Come see this endearing musical which includes songs like Tomorrow, It's a Hard Knock Life, and You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile. Great fun for the whole family! \$5 for Student/Child and \$10 for Adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

****NEW**PreSchool Family Fun Day: Family Friendly Neighborhood Event
Sat, Oct 28, 9:30am-2:00pm, 4120 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto**

PreSchool Family and Young Fives hosts its 34th annual Family Fun Day. All ages are welcome. Event includes Raffle, Train Rides, Carnival Games, Magic Shows, Live Music by Asheba, Food and Bake Sale, Used Book Sale, and more! Free admission; For more information, contact: 650-856-0833.

Cantabile Chorus Registration and Auditions (Grade K-9)

Cantabile is a community-based children's chorus serving the greater Silicon Valley area, striving to bring the highest quality musical education in a choral setting to young singers from ages 4 years to 18. Singers in grades 3-9 should call 650-424-1410 immediately to arrange an audition, while singers in grades K-2 may register for a class beginning November 15. To audition or to learn more about the chorus levels and the upcoming semester, contact info@cantabile.org or 650.424.1410

**Play Palooza - The Children's Theatre Ten Minute Playwriting Contest
Submission Deadline: Fri, Dec 22 @ 12AM**

The Children's Theatre is pleased announce the 2017-18 Play Palooza Ten Minute Playwriting contest. Play Palooza gives young writers an excellent opportunity to showcase their talents. Students can submit original work in three categories: Elementary School (3rd-5th grade), Middle School (6th-8th grade), and High School (9th-12th grade).

Winning plays receive a staged reading at the Children's Theatre, and winning playwrights receive prizes donated by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. Submissions can be submitted electronically to christopher.luciani@cityofpaloalto.org

Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions Fri, Nov 3, 10, and 17 by appointment, Palo Alto

Auditions for the January semester will be held at the choir's rehearsal location near downtown Palo Alto (600 Homer Ave). Open to 2nd-5th grade boys. High school and middle school boys with choral experience may audition for upper levels. SVB provides a personalized approach to teaching singing, music theory, and sight-reading, while providing flexible scheduling for busy families. In addition to their own winter and spring concerts, SVB performs for local events including appearances with Stanford University Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra, 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>

Stanford's Center for Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences Research (CIBSR) Social Skills Study

CIBSR is recruiting for a Social Skills study and is looking for boys aged 8-18 with a developmental or intellectual disability to take part in a research study investigating the effect of behavioral training methods on duration of social gaze. Participation includes a visit to Stanford for 3-4 days, cognitive testing, two optional MRI scans, and social skills training with a behaviorist. For more information, please go to: www.is.gd/StanfordSocialSkills

Shop for school holiday camps on ActivityHero to raise money for Palo Alto PTA

A reminder that PAUSD is off for Veterans Day and the full week of Thanksgiving this year. Our winter break is Dec 22 - Jan 7. High schools also have Jan 8 off. You can find holiday camps on ActivityHero and when you book online with this link, the PTA earns a % of your purchase. <https://www.activityhero.com/go/paloaltopta>

Basketball Coaches Needed

The City of Palo Alto is looking for basketball coaches for the 7th and 8th grade season. Practices are Monday-Thursday, with Friday's being optional. Practices run for 90 minutes and can fall between the hours of 3:15-7:30pm. Games for B teams are all played in Palo Alto at our 3 middle schools, while the A teams play games from Palo Alto to Half Moon Bay. Pay is negotiable depending on experience, and volunteers are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated. The City of Palo Alto is looking for coaches who can commit to their practice and game schedule, and who are dedicated to advancing these athletes skills on and off the court. If you are, or know anybody who would be interested, please email Patrick.Rode@CityofPaloAlto.org to begin the hiring process.

Festival of Lights: A Diwali Celebration

Sun, Oct 29, 12-5PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd, Embarcadero Room

Come celebrate Diwali at the Palo Alto City Library! We'll have music, dancing, henna, crafts and lots more for the whole family to enjoy! Join us at the Rinconada Library on Sunday, October 29 as we celebrate the cultures of our community. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights celebrated every autumn in the northern hemisphere. This free event starts at 12PM and features a variety of performances and activities that reflect the celebration!

Project Cornerstone - for parents and caregivers!

Mon Oct 30, 8.05 - 9.35AM, Hoover Elementary School, Palo Alto

The Palo Alto Unified School District is offering a free series of parent meetings open to all parents and caregivers. Join Project Cornerstone's engaging workshop - Take It Personally, starting Monday, October 30th from 8:05 to 9:35 AM at Hoover Elementary School. You do not need to be a parent from Hoover, just an adult who cares about all kids.

Whole Foods (downtown Palo Alto) Nickels for Non-Profits

Oct 15 to Jan 15th

Each time you shop at the Whole Foods Market downtown PA between Oct 15 to Jan 15 and bring in your own bags, Whole Foods will donate 5 cents per bag to our Palo Alto PTA Council. The PTAC will be able to use these funds for more programs and events for our PAUSD students, staff, and parents!

Community M, H

City of Palo Alto International Games Day

Thu, Nov 2, 4-6 PM, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Center & El Palo Alto Room

Play or compete with others on console game systems, Ping-Pong tables, air hockey, pool, card games, board games, mini golf and more! Grades 6-12.

Empathy is the App: Raising Thoughtful Kids in the Digital Age

Wed, Nov 8, 7-9:00 PM, Performing Arts Center, Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto

The 2017-18 Palo Alto Parent Education Parents Series kicks off with nationally acclaimed author of "Screenwise" (<https://www.raisingdigitalnatives.com/>) and TED Talk "Raising a Digital Native" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRQdAOrqvGg&feature=youtu.be>) Dr. Devorah Heitner. Parents worry their teens are addicted, detached or distracted because of digital devices. According to Heitner, our concern should go far beyond what kids are doing today. Tech-savvy Digital Natives need mentorship to thrive, develop social skills and succeed in a future where they will likely find a job, meet their spouse and build their reputations online. Parents, students, faculty/staff and community members welcome! Spanish/Mandarin interpretation will be available. Free admission. Tickets available beginning October 8 (via <https://heitner2017paly.eventbrite.com>).

Palo Alto Library Teen Read Week
Month of October, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Zone

Share your favorite YA book, and get some reading suggestions from teens for Teen Read Week! Check out the whiteboard in the Teen Zone and let us know your favorite YA books. Grades 6-12.

How to foster the Essential Skills Adolescents Need to Thrive in College and Life
Sun, Oct 29. 10AM-4PM. Stanford University, Lathrop Library, Room 299.

This workshop focuses on the key emotional skills that parents must foster in middle-school and high-school students to prepare them for the challenges they will face when they leave home. Enrollment limited to 25 parents. Fee: \$245. Taught by child & adolescent psychiatrists Bina Patel, MD and Sujata Patel, MD, from Stanford University's Counseling & Psychological Services.

Visit <https://continuingstudies.stanford.edu>, course # WSP 323, for further information.

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 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: 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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your employer to
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