

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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IN THIS WEEK (<https://jls.pausd.org/calendar>)

Homework Habitat Mon, Nov 6, 3:15 PM, Library
Homework Habitat Tues, Nov 7, 3:15 PM, Library
Connections Coffee Wed, Nov 8, 8:15 AM, Rm 730
JLS Fall Choir Concert Wed, Nov 8, 7 PM
Parent Visitation Day Thurs, Nov 9
No School, Veteran's Day Friday, Nov 10

Important Reminder For Parents

Does your student need to leave school early?
Please call or email the Attendance Office (650-856- 5179 or jlsattendanceoffice@pausd.org) the day before the scheduled appointment or before first period the day of the requested early dismissal. 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.

Lost and Found is piling up.

All items will be out on tables by the front office beginning Monday, November 6, until Thursday, November 9. Anything remaining at the end of the school day on Thursday will be donated.

Please remind your student(s) to check these many tables for belongings. We have lots of sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, water bottles, etc.

Parent Visitation Day

Thursday, November 9 is Parent Visitation Day. Parents are welcome to visit classrooms and see all aspects of the school. We ask that you follow the following guidelines: First come to the office to sign in, get a name tag, map, bell schedule and teaching schedule. Please do not let your visit interrupt the teaching and learning process by talking to the teacher, students, or other parents in the classroom (unless the teacher invites you to do so). Please do not videotape or photograph any students while on campus.

Save the Date

Turkey trot is Friday, November 17th during an extended lunch.

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



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 !

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****NEW**** Superintendent's Weekly Message from Friday Oct 27

We will re-post Karen Hendricks' Weekly communications here each week, in case you missed it on her previous Infinite Campus email to you.

"Happy Friday to all! As another very busy week is winding down, I had the good fortune of judging Paly's Homecoming competitions this afternoon...Continue reading at:

<https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-%E2%80%93-oct-27-2017>

Community

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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 palymathclub@gmail.com for any questions.

Gunn Choir Fall Concert

Sun, Nov 5, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper Street, Palo Alto

JLS families are warmly invited to experience their future music opportunities by joining the award-winning Gunn Choirs, under the direction of William Liberatore, for a festive evening of song featuring the Treble Choir, Concert Choir, and Chamber Singers. The diverse repertoire includes selections from South Africa, Brazil, Canada, Ukraine and India, as well as American folk songs and spirituals. Tickets are \$7 (\$5 for students in high school or younger) and are available from choir members or at the door.

****NEW**Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Fall Concerts**

Join us for PACO's 52nd season opening concert on Nov. 4 followed by two more concerts this fall. From classical favorites to blues, orchestral and chamber, you'll be impressed with the wide-ranging repertoire performed by talented young musicians. All concerts are admission FREE and for the entire family to enjoy.

Sat, Nov 4, 7:30PM, Cubberley Theatre (with special guest stars Ragazzi Boys Chorus)

Sun, Nov 5, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre

Sun, Nov 19, 3PM, Palo Alto Arts Center

For more information about PACO, please visit www.pacomusic.org or email info@pacomusic.org

****NEW**Come watch 'Twas the Night Before Christmas!**

Sun Dec 3 & 10, 1PM & 4PM; Sat Dec 9, 3PM, Woodside Performing Arts Center

Dancers Repertory Theatre presents 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, a delightful dance-theatre event that will enchant audiences of all ages. Based on the Clement C. Moore poem, the show includes Santa and his magical sleigh, prancing reindeer, dancing mice, twirling toys and a cast of over 80 children and adults. For Tickets and more information please visit our website: <http://www.twasthenight.org> or visit our Facebook page at Dancers Repertory Theatre.

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.

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>

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.

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!

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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>).

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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