

Subject: JLS Middle School PTA Newsletter for 2017-2018

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PANTHER TRACKS – JLS PTA eNews Sun, Dec 17



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

Homework Habitat Monday, Dec 18, 3:15 PM, Library
PTA Holiday Cookie Exchange (Staff Appreciation) Tuesday, Dec 19, 10 AM- 2 PM, Rm 40
Homework Habitat Tuesday, Dec 19, 3:15 PM, Library
District Wide Minimum Day Thursday, December 21
Winter Break Friday, December 22- Friday January 5
School Resumes Monday, January 8, 2018
MLK Day, No School Monday, January 15
PTA General Meeting Thursday, January 18
Incoming 7th Grade Parent Information Night Wednesday, January 24, 7 PM, Cafetorium

Winter Break

Winter break is December 22, 2017 through January 5, 2018. Thursday, December 21st is a minimum day with a 12:25 PM release time. School resumes on Monday, January 8, 2018.

Lost and Found

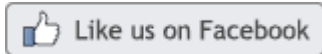
We have Lost and Found articles piling up again. Beginning Monday, 12/18, until school gets out on Thursday, 12/21, all items will be displayed on tables outside the front office. Anything remaining will be donated to a local agency.

Online Shopping and JLS

You can do your normal shopping and help raise funds for JLS at the same time. Learn more by visiting the JLS PTA website at: <http://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/index.php/finances/>

Bike and Traffic Safety- Roundabout on E Meadow Drive and Ross Road

The Neighborhood Traffic Safety and Bicycle Boulevard Project is preparing to install a new roundabout at E Meadow Drive and Ross Road beginning the week of December 18th. Minor work on the roundabout will begin on the 18th, while all major work will begin once the school's holiday break begins. The work hours of this project are Monday- Friday, 9:00am- 4:00pm. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we intend to have most of the work on the roundabout completed when school begins again in January. It is really important that school staff, parents, and students review the educational materials on how to use the new infrastructure, which you can find here <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55236>. Also, Stanford University recently installed a roundabout and put together a website that includes more information, which may be beneficial to review and can be found here <https://transportation-forms.stanford.edu/roundabout/>. During construction, access by all road users will be maintained to the extent possible. It is very important for everyone to be patient and extra careful in these construction zones and to obey flaggers when present. We thank you for your patience and we appreciate your cooperation during the construction process. For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Community Relations Manager for the project, Sarah Ratliff, at sarah.ratliff@gcinc.com or by calling (669) 225-1617. Additional information is available on the project website <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/bikepedsafety>.



PAUSD/PTAC

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****NEW**Superintendent's Weekly Message from Friday Dec 8**

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

"I'd like to start this introduction with the quote above, pulled from the paper of a senior in college. First of all, I love.....Continue reading at: <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-%E2%80%93-december-8-2017>

PTAC E, M, H

2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair (Mar 4, 2018)

Poster Competition: The organizers of the above event are calling all PAUSD students for a Poster Competition to design a brochure cover for the 2018 PA CNY Fair. Posters must be between 8.5" x 11" and 12" x 18" on unlined paper and any media (crayons, markers, paint, etc.) are accepted. Include "2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair" and the theme "Year of Dog " on the poster, and write your name, grade, school and an email contact on the back. Please submit entries to the front desk of Mitchell Park Library by Jan 12, 2018. E-mail cheri161@yahoo.com for more information. Entries may be displayed at the Fair, which is organized by Palo Alto Chinese Parent Club, a non-profit organization that serves the Palo Alto community, and co-sponsored by PTA Council.

Community

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Palo Alto Girls Softball Registration is now open!

Girls ages 5-15 with all skill levels are welcome to join our spring 2018 recreational season. Registered players can participate in numerous clinics that serve beginners and experienced players alike. Teams will be formed in January with practices starting in February and games through May. It's recreational which means "fun" is the most important part!

Click here to register by Jan. 15 ... <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/66760/signups/new>
For more information, visit <http://www.paloaltogirlssoftball.org> or contact us at info@paloaltogirlssoftball.org

Community E, M, H

****NEW** Sensory Sensitive performance of a Holiday production of "Around the World in 80 Days"**

Wed, Dec 27 7:30 PM, Lucie Stern Theatre, Palo Alto

TheatreWorks is having a sensory sensitive performance of the Holiday production of "Around the World in 80 Days" for children and families with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other sensory and social sensitivities. The ticket price for this performance is \$35. Questions? Contact boxoffice@theatreworks.org or 650-463-1960.

9 Simple Tips for Biking In The Rain

As the days get shorter and colder fewer students are riding, leading to increased traffic congestion around schools. Check out these helpful safety tips and videos on riding safely all season long. "9 Simple Tips for Biking In The Rain".

<https://youtu.be/Derm0w9viac>

**Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's Holiday Extravaganza with Anderson & Roe
Sat, Dec 16, 3PM Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills**

Pianists Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Joy Roe join forces with PACO for high-octane performances of Bach and their original Fantasy on Bizet's Carmen. Program includes Corelli's Christmas Concerto and Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, featuring all five PACO orchestras and the Pacific Ballet Academy. Tickets can be purchased at www.pacomusic.org (\$20 for back orchestra seats and \$30 for front orchestra seats). Group rates available for 10+ tickets. For more information: info@pacomusic.org or (650)856-3848.

**Fiery Arts Glass Workshops at Palo Alto High School
Sat & Sun, Jan 6-7, Feb to Jun 2018 9-3 pm at Palo Alto High School's Glass Studio**

These workshops are open to the public, students and parents. You learn glass blowing technique in this hands-on 2-day weekend workshop. Advanced Sign up is required.

Class limit is 4. Teens and adults. \$425 per person. Proceeds benefit the Palo Alto High School Fiery Arts Boosters. Contact: David Camner, founder of Paly Glass, dcamner@pausd.org, for more information & dates

Discover the Magic of the Annual BayLUG Holiday LEGO® Show
Dec. 8 - Jan 14, 11 AM - 3:45 PM, Frank Livermore Learning Center, 351 Homer Ave.

The Museum of American Heritage (MOAH) is welcoming back the LEGO® User Group's (BayLUG) and Bay Area LEGO® Train Club's (BayLTC) Annual Holiday LEGO® Show Pop-Up Exhibit. BayLUG and BayTLC will be displaying a variety of creative holiday scenes. Browse through the imaginative holiday creations, which include holiday trains, miniature cities and more. The displays are different each year. General admission is \$3 per person; cash only at the door. BayLUG and MOAH members are free. The museum is closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2017.

El Camino Youth Symphony New Member Auditions

Calling all French horn, saxophone, bassoon, cello, and percussion players: The El Camino Youth Symphony is inviting young, motivated musicians with at least one year of private lessons to audition for our preparatory orchestras. ECYS offers after-school music programs for all levels of ability, from our Chamber Players Orchestra, for students just beginning their musical journey, to the Senior Symphony, where players challenge themselves with professional-level repertoire. Auditions will be held in December and early January. The program runs through the spring, and groups meet weekly for rehearsal at Terman Middle School. Contact loribingham@ecys.org to learn about setting up an audition. Visit <http://www.ecys.org> for more information.

Menlowe Ballet Presents: It's a Wonderful Nutcracker!
Dec 15-17, Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center

Blended with the storyline of the classic film "It's a Wonderful Life", Menlowe Ballet's production is set in the 1940's and boasts all the magical trimmings of a traditional Nutcracker. This production stresses the importance of physical presence in the lives of those who mean something to us. This season we also added a storyline illustrating how the power of connection and generosity can overcome greed and divisiveness. This is a holiday production that you and your family will want to see! Information on show times and tickets are available at www.menloweballet.org

Know a Child Who Loves to Sing? Cantabile Youth Singers Invites You to Come Sing With Us!
Registration and auditions for grades K-9 happening now. Registration for our Winter/Spring 2018 semester opens Nov 15, 2017.

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. With our carefully planned and innovative curriculum, we build a foundation in choral musicianship, music literacy, and appreciation, while also fostering a caring and supportive family-atmosphere for friendships to grow for our singers. We offer a number of after-school rehearsal options, each featuring a wide range of musical

activities, including singing, movement, improvisation, instrumental activities, and musicianship. Singers in grades 3-9 should call today to arrange an audition, while singers in grades K-2 may register for a class beginning November 15. Come sing with us, as we embark upon our exciting 2018 spring semester!

To audition, or to learn more about our chorus levels and our upcoming semester, please contact us: info@cantabile.org 650. 424.1410 Classes are conveniently located in Los Altos. Visit cantabile.org

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

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

A reminder that PAUSD is off for winter break from 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>

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 E, M

Society of Bookworms @CH
Wed, Dec 20, 4:00-5:00PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.

Join us in a discussion of the Louis Sachar's thrilling adventure, Fuzzy Mud. A limited number of copies are available for pick-up at Children's Library. Registration Required. Grades 4-6 only.

Community M, H

Special End of Year Teen Writing Club Meeting @ RI
Thurs, Dec 21, 4:00 -5:30PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.

Open to new and existing members! Join us for a special end of year writing club project where we will be making creative keepsakes based on writing prompts and activities. Registration Required. Grades 6-12 only.

Teen Friday Movie @ RI
Fri, Dec 22, 4:00 -6:00PM, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd.

Celebrate the start of winter break with a double screen showing at the library! Audience will vote on the movie the day of the event. Registration Required. Grades 6-12 only.

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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