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Important Dates This Week

August 19 - Auditions for All Middle School Musical
August 21 - 6th/7th/8th Grades EL Orientation | Back to School Night
August 22 - PTA Sponsored Staff Latte Cart | School Pictures

Back To School Night is Wednesday, August 21, 7:00-8:30 PM

Join us on Wednesday Night to see your child's classrooms and meet your child's teachers. Students will create their class schedules and give them to parents on Wednesday afternoon, so be sure to come to JLS with your child's schedule at 7:00 PM.

LIKE Movie Screening Follow-Up

All 6th Grade students viewed the [LIKE](#) movie last week, and we had about 100 people join our public screening on Thursday night. Attached is our [handout](#) that was available to attendees. If you have questions about supporting your child with social media, please contact one of our counselors. We are here to help!

Staff Latte Cart

Thursday, August 22, 7:30-9:30 am, 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, homemade or store bought. Come by room 40 to drop off your treat and help fuel our teachers and staff for a successful day of teaching and interaction with our children. After September, we will ask individual grades to be main contributors (but of course any volunteers are welcome!), so keep an eye out for when it will be your grade's opportunity to provide this thank you to our staff. [Please sign up here](#) and bring your breakfast items to room 40 (at the entrance to the breezeway)

the Latte Cart morning between 7:15 and 9:30 am. Non-perishable items may be brought the day before to the Main Office. Questions? Please contact Claire Kirner, August Latte Cart Coordinator at 617-775-5564 (kirnerclaire@gmail.com)

School Picture Day

School Picture Day is coming next Thursday, Aug. 22. School pictures will be taken during PE classes. Order forms will be distributed to all students on Monday, Aug. 19. If parents would like to order online, they may go to mylifetouch.com and enter this Picture Day ID – BY419006Q0.



Double Your PiE Donation - Now thru Sept 3

The PiE 2019-2020 fundraising campaign is happening now. Your support makes a huge difference to our school community. PiE funds go to every PAUSD school and help principals to staff programs that deliver a well-rounded education. 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 Sept 3, gifts and pledges will be matched by a \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant. Please donate today at <http://papie.org/donate/>.

Student Accident Insurance

Student accident insurance brochures are available in the office if you are interested. There are a variety of plans available to parents.

Welcome Back Pizza Party

Join us for our annual Welcome Back Pizza Party!

When: Wednesday August 28, 6-7:30pm

Where: JLS Cafeteria

Who: All JLS students, staff and their families- it's FREE!

Misc: We could still use volunteers to help serve pizza, sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/bguMfbc>



Middle School Science Textbook Pilot

Middle school science classes will be piloting textbook materials. Students in piloting classes will be involved in piloting two textbook materials, one from Amplify and one from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Students and their parents will be asked to complete an evaluation form based on their experiences with the pilot materials. Students in non-piloting classes will address the same learning objectives using existing materials. If you are interested in viewing the pilot textbooks in person, they will be on display after Aug. 23rd in the JLS library, and also in the hallway in front of Room 15 at the PAUSD District Office. There are comment cards available near the textbooks if you would like to provide more feedback after viewing the pilot textbooks. If you have any questions or comments about the textbook pilot, please send an email to the JLS Science Instructional Leader, Linda Luo, gluo@pausd.org.

Middle School Athletics Needs Coaches

The Middle School Athletic season at JLS Middle School is quickly approaching and we need your help! Despite ongoing recruitment efforts there is a shortage of available coaches. The program hopes to find more coaches between now and the start of the fall season so that all interested children have the opportunity to play. Currently there are enough coaches for one team per grade for volleyball, two teams per school for flag football and at least one more coach for cross country is needed. This would result in numerous children not being able to play which the program would like to avoid if at all possible.

If you or someone you know is interested in coaching this season, please feel contact Middle School Athletics Coordinator [Chase Hartmann](mailto:Chase.Hartmann@pausd.org), at the contact information below. The program is currently offering both paid positions and volunteer opportunities.

UpToUs ONLINE DIRECTORY

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). More information about UpToUs can be found here: http://bit.ly/JLS_UpToUs_Info

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.

Commuters' Corner

Register Your Kids' Bikes

Our Safe Routes to School Program and The City of PA have teamed up with Bike Index. Please go to <http://bikeindex.org/> and register your bikes. Please watch this space for information on bike index stickers.



PAUSD News

Each Friday! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update

Read Dr. Don Austin's Weekly Board Update, published new each Friday on the [District website](#).

****NEW**Parent Ed Class at the Palo Alto Adult School for PAUSD Parents**

Mondays & Wednesdays, Sept 4 - Oct 14, 7-8:30P, Greendell School, Room P-4

Palo Alto Adult School is offering a free class, *Engaging in Your Child's Education*, specifically for families with English as a Second Language who have children in the Palo Alto Unified School District. This is an INTERACTIVE class with topics that include: Absence Reporting, Schoology, Infinite Campus (IC) account set-up, conducting parent-teacher/counselor conferences. ****Families with intermediate English proficiency preferred****. Free childcare will be provided to children who are potty trained. Mandatory ESL testing. Please call 650-494-2326 to sign up for testing. Prerequisite: Children must be enrolled at PAUSD.

PTAC News

****NEW**Palo Alto PTA Council (PTAC) Welcomes New & Returning Students & Families to 2019-2020 School Year.**

The 2019-2020 School Year has begun. We are glad you are here. Palo Alto PTA Council, a member of 6th District PTA and California PTA, held its first Executive Board Meeting this week. Welcome all new Executive Board members and Key Volunteers. PTA Council member schools are the 17 PAUSD schools (12 Elementary PTA, 3 Middle School PTAs, and 2 High School PTSA). Join your school's PTA or PTSA and be a well-informed and vibrant part of our school community. Go to: www.paloaltopta.org.

****NEW**PTAC Advocacy: PTA Advocates for FULL MITIGATION on Stanford General Use Permit:**

Update at our General Association Meeting, Aug 28 (Wed) 9 am. PAUSD District Office.

Last year (2018-2019), we successfully advocated for Full Mitigation on Stanford General Use Permit. Over the summer, we continued to monitor the progress of GUP hearings at the County of Santa Clara. Final decisions will be made soon. Any PTA member who would like to learn more, please join us at our first PTA Council General Association Meeting on Aug 28 (Wed) at 9 am. at [25 Churchill Ave. Palo Alto, CA](#).

For more, please visit: www.paloaltopta.org.

****NEW**Palo Alto PTAs Advocates for School Lunches for All Students**

This week, the PTA Council Executive Board voted unanimously to pass a resolution consistent with our State PTA. Same resolution will be voted on at our first General Association Meeting on August 28 (Wed) at 9 am. at [25 Churchill Ave. Palo Alto, CA](#)

For more, please visit: www.paloaltopta.org.

WHEREAS PTA was founded to alleviate childhood hunger (among other critical student issues); WHEREAS the California PTA recognizes that student hunger continues to be a barrier to student learning; WHEREAS the California PTA urges local PTA councils and units to advocate to reduce student hunger; WHEREAS the proposed federal program cuts to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has the potential to harm 2 million children in California, including 111,000 in Santa Clara County, BE IT RESOLVED, the Palo Alto PTA Council opposes the federal proposal to restrict the number of families eligible for SNAP and will advocate consistent with this resolution.

****NEW**Fundraising: PTAC Welcomes New CBO and Continuing Joint Efforts with PiE**

PTA Council welcomes our new PAUSD Chief Business Officer, Ms. Carolyn Chow. Recently, members of PTA and PiE met with Superintendent, Dr. Don Austin, and Ms. Chow, as well as School Principals to discuss ways to clarify the messaging around your donation dollars and your generous giving to your schools via PTA and PiE. We are grateful to a generous community. PTAC will be working with PAUSD and PiE to provide you with more information in the coming weeks. Thank you \$\$\$. For more please visit: www.papie.org.

Community News

****NEW**Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions**

Fri, Aug 16, Sat, Aug 17, Fri, Aug 23, and Sat, Aug 24 by appointment, Palo Alto Auditions for the Fall 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>

****NEW**Scout Troop 50 Welcome Back Barbecue**

Sat Aug 24, 11A – 2P, Redwood Picnic Area, Mitchell Park, Palo Alto

Palo Alto Scout Troop 50 is having a barbecue on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 11am to 2pm Troop 50 invites middle and high school students and their parents interested in scouting. 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>

Buddies4math: Making Math Fun

Tutor Orientation: Fri, Aug 30, 4-6 PM

[Buddies4math](#) is an award winning program run by Gunn Seniors. Come join us to teach elementary students math through games and play! We are opening up our fourth site and are looking for JLS students to take on leadership roles and work closely with second-fifth graders on improving and building math fluency. Volunteer hours count towards community service.

Interested? Fill out this [Google Form](#)

WHERE:

Mariano Castro Elementary School
Edith Landels Elementary School
Monta Loma Elementary School
Theuerkauf Elementary School

WHEN: Two sessions available: 4-5 PM and 5-6 PM

CONTACT: volunteer4buddies4math@gmail.com

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