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### JLS News

#### Important Dates This Week

**September 23** - Homework Habitat

**September 24** -Picture Make up Day |Homework Habitat

**September 25** - Registration for Middle School Athletics

**September 25** - JLS PTA organized Parent Ed Event- The Vaping Phenomenon

**September 26** - Homework Habitat

#### Picture Make-up Day is Tuesday, Sept. 24

Every student who had their picture taken on August 22 got a packet of pictures (if you ordered them) or a sample of the picture (if you did not order them). If you ordered pictures and want a re-take, the original packet must be returned at the time the new picture is taken.

If you like the sample and want to order that picture, you can do so online at the address listed below.

If your student did not have their picture taken on picture day you can go online and order a packet ahead of time or have your student stop by the Guidance Office and pick up an order form. This form must be given to the photographer at the time the picture is taken.

We want to photograph all students for their student body card and the yearbook. (Students must show a student body card to purchase a dance ticket and to be admitted to the dance.)

Order online? [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) Picture day ID: BY419006Q1

#### JLS PTA Organized Parent Ed Event : The Vaping Phenomenon: What it is, why it happened and what we can do about it"- Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher

*Wed, Sept 25 at 7pm, JLS Cafetorium*

Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, PhD, Stanford Professor in the Division of Adolescent Medicine, will present key data and facts on the Vaping Epidemic and educate parents on what we can do about it. Learn about e-cigarettes and the effects of nicotine on the adolescent brain; a child's/teen's vulnerability to addiction; adverse health effects of using new pod-based devices like JUUL; and why young people are vaping. Please click [Stanford Tobacco Prevention Toolkit](#) to self/educate and talk with your kids. Student Resource Officer Bradley Young will be

This event is open to the community.



**Middle School Athletics, Winter Sports Registration**

The City of Palo Alto's Recreation Department welcome's you and your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade child to the Middle School Athletics Program for JLS Middle School. JLS' winter sports registration will begin on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 am. You can either go online to [www.cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy), and create an enjoy account before September 25<sup>th</sup>, or you can come in person to Mitchell Park Community Center, on September 25<sup>th</sup>, the day of JLS' registration process to sign up. We are not accepting registration forms before September 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the Middle School Athletic Coordinator at [MSA@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:MSA@cityofpaloalto.org)

**Commuters' Corner**

Over 700 JLS kids walk and bike to school every day. With all of these children on the road, [it is imperative that we share our roads safely](#).

The intersection at Waverley and East Meadow Drive is "**No Right Turn on Red when Children are Present**". Please do not turn right on red, especially into the JLS driveway during school drop off and pick up hours when our kids are waiting to cross.



**WESTBOUND MOTORISTS ON EAST MEADOW** - If you must enter the JLS driveway at Waverley, avoid making a left turn during drop off and pick up hours. Otherwise, you may tie up traffic in the intersection and cars may illegally pass you, encroaching into the bike lane, endangering cyclists and pedestrians. Please go through the intersection, make a right on South Court, and make your next right and then right on Waverley for the straight-in approach.

Many dangerous situations arise when drivers are rushed or distracted. Many kids cannot judge car speed and do not always look both ways. Please take your time, slow down and respect the laws. Together we can all work to keep our kids safe. For more information on transportation to JLS, please refer to pages 30-33 in the [JLS Parent Handbook](#).

*If you are involved in a collision with a minor, do not leave the scene until the police or a parent has been called and help arrives.* Do not take the word of a child that he or she is "OK." To reach the police, you can call 9-1-1 or the [24-hour Dispatch Center at 650-329-2413](tel:650-329-2413).

**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](#).

**Palo Alto PTA Council News**

**\*\*NEW\*\*PTAC - Stanford General Use Permit (GUP) - Getting to the Finish Line**

Tues Oct 22 6P Palo Alto City Hall 250 Hamilton Ave

Please mark your calendars Tuesday, 10/22 for the final public hearing in Palo Alto on the 2019 Stanford GUP. Final decision will be made. We hope Stanford will come through with their promise to our schools and kids for FULL MITIGATION. All 17 PAUSD school PTAs and all PAUSD Board of Ed Members plan to attend this meeting. Let your voice be heard. Palo Alto City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.) For more: [www.paloaltopta.org](http://www.paloaltopta.org).

**\*\*NEW\*\* Oppose Cuts to School Meals for Low-income students**

Oppose proposed federal cuts to school meals for our low-income students. 10% of PAUSD students, and 2 million students statewide, qualify for free and reduced cost meals. iPhone users: oppose these cuts with just two taps on your phone ([Tap 1 - "act now"](#), [Tap 2 - "send message"](#)) in the free [Click My Cause app](#) (select Palo Alto PTA Council). Android users: email the U.S. Dept of Agriculture at [SNAPPDBRules@usda.gov](mailto:SNAPPDBRules@usda.gov); this MUST be your email subject line: "FNS-2018-0037: Revision of Categorical Eligibility in SNAP." Deadline to oppose these cuts is September 23, 2019

**\*\*NEW\*\*Deej: Film Screening and Q&A with Producer & Star DJ**

*Thu, Oct 10, 6:30P, Haymarket Theater, Paly, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto*

All Palo Alto community members are invited to a free screening of the award-winning documentary *Deej*, which follows the journey of DJ Savarese, a gifted young writer and advocate for nonspeaking autistics. A 2017 graduate of Oberlin College, DJ will be on hand for Q&A. [RSVP](#) to attend and be transformed by this young man's journey as well as his vision for inclusion of and equal access for all neurodiverse people. Brought to you by PAUSD, PAEA, PTAC, CAC, REEL, and the Magical Bridge Foundation. Learn more about the film at [www.Deejmovie.com](http://www.Deejmovie.com).

**ANGST the Movie: Parent Ed by your PTAs**

*Wed Oct 16 6:45-8:15P in the Fletcher Middle School Gym*

The Fletcher PTA will be screening "[Angst](#)," a film that explores anxiety, its causes, effects and what we can do about it. The [filmmakers'](#) goal is to raise awareness around anxiety. Angst features candid interviews with kids and young adults who suffer from anxiety and what they've learned about it. The film includes discussions with [mental health experts](#), as well as [help, resources and tools](#)

**\*\*Updated Location\*\*Workshop on IEP( Individual Education Plan ) for Special Education & 504 Plan**

*Sat, Oct 5th, 9A - 12P, JLS Middle School Room 730 , 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto*

FREE. This workshop covers the basics of the IEP/ 504 plan including some common problems, complications, solutions and suggestions. There will be a discussion about common accommodations and parental rights, and a Q & A session during this workshop. Organized by Palo Alto CAC ([cacpaloalto.org](http://cacpaloalto.org)), presented by H.E.A.L. ([Hospital Educational Advocacy Liaisons Program from Stanford Children's Health](#)), and co-sponsored by PTAC. Please [use this form](#) to let us know if you are coming, especially if you would like childcare or Spanish translation.

Taller sobre IEP (Plan de Educación Individual) de Educación Especial & Plan 504

*Sábado, Oct 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Habitación 730 JLS Middle School, 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto*

GRATIS. Este taller cubre los conceptos básicos del plan IEP / 504, incluidos algunos problemas / complicaciones comunes y soluciones / sugerencias. Incluye adaptaciones comunes y derechos parentales. Habrá una sesión de preguntas y respuestas durante este taller. Organizado por CAC Palo Alto ([cacpaloalto.org](http://cacpaloalto.org)), presentado por H.E.A.L. (Programa de Stanford Children's Health), y co-patrocinado por PTAC. Por favor utilice [este formulario](#) para dejarnos saber si asistirá, especialmente si necesita ayuda con su hijo o un traductor al español

## Community News

**\*\*NEW\*\*FREE COMMUNITY EVENT: CITY-WIDE PALO ALTO POTLUCK**

*Sat Sept. 21, 6-8P Mitchell Park Community Center 3700 Middlefield Rd.*

Palo Alto Adult School joins other local organizations in sponsoring the final Welcome Week activity - an international potluck dinner. Everyone in [Palo Alto](#) is welcome - families, friends, and neighbors! All you have to do to participate is bring a covered dish to share representing your culture! Enjoy an evening of food and storytelling related to your culture. It will be a great chance to try fabulous dishes and meet some new neighbors! [RSVP \(optional\)](#);

**\*\*NEW\*\*GSYO Auditions for Youth Orchestra Musicians**

*Throughout September at Fletcher Middle School, 655 Arastradero Rd.,*

Palo Alto-based Golden State Youth Orchestra invites young musicians to audition for the 2019-20 Season. GSYO offers six orchestras/ensembles for students at all levels of musical ability. There are openings at all levels for violin, viola, and double bass. Limited spaces for cello, clarinet, trumpet, and French horn. For a complete list of openings and to apply for an audition visit [www.gsyomusic.org/how-to-join](http://www.gsyomusic.org/how-to-join) Questions? Call 650-665-9046 or email Lori B. at [lori@gsyomusic.org](mailto:lori@gsyomusic.org)

**Gunn PTSA Parent Ed Event: Separating Fact from Fiction in College Admissions**

**Paul Kanarek**

**Thursday, October 24 Gunn Spangenburg Auditorium 6:30 pm**

Tickets at <https://factfromfiction.eventbrite.com>

The mythology that surrounds admissions is both pervasive and frequently painfully wrong. The good news is that it's incorrect in a way that is fundamentally good news for families. This session led by our guest presenter – Paul Kanarek – will discuss both the accuracies and inaccuracies that lead to erroneous assumptions about college affordability and admissibility. Mr. Kanarek will also substantiate the rumors about admissions in 2019 and beyond that are, in fact, correct. As he showed last year when he was part of our college event, Mr. Kanarek is an informed, articulate and entertaining speaker who possesses both knowledge and insight around this subject, a set of skills that he developed first as the co-founder of The Princeton Review in California and then as the CEO of Collegewise.

**Paul Kanarek**

Jueves 24 de octubre Auditorio Gunn Spangenburg 6:30 pm

**Separando el hecho de la ficción en las admisiones a la universidad**

Entradas en <https://factfromfiction.eventbrite.com>

Los Mitos alrededor de las admisiones son extensivas y frecuentemente erróneas. La buena noticia es que muchos de los mitos son incorrectos en beneficio de las familias. Esta sesión liderada por el presentador invitado- Paul Kanarek – hablara sobre las exactitudes e inexactitudes que le llevan las asunciones erróneas sobre la asequibilidad y admisibilidad al colegio o universidad. El Sr. Kanarek hablar sobre los rumores sustanciales que son correctas de las admisiones en 2019 y más allá. Así como lo mostro pasado año cuando él fue parte de nuestro evento de colegios, el Sr. Kanarek está informado, y es un orador articulado y entretenido que también posee el conocimiento y percepción sobre este tema, un set de herramientas que creo primero como cofundador de The Princeton Review en California y luego como Jefe Ejecutivo de Collegewise.

El Sr. Paul Kanarek comenzó como uno de cinco fundadores del Princeton Review. Después de más de 30 años en área de preparación exámenes, él se convirtió en el Jefe Ejecutivo de Collegewise, la compañía de consulta en admisiones a universidades mas grande de la nación. En los últimos 36 años, el Sr. Kanarek ha ofrecido miles de discursos por todo el mundo a cientos de miles de personas sobre las examinaciones y admisiones a la universidad. El Sr. Kanarek nació en Inglaterra, paso sus primeros años en África y se mudo a los Estado Unidos antes de asistir a la universidad de UCLA.

Traducción disponible bajo petición.

**\*\*NEW\*\*Palo Alto High School Cheer and Dance Teams Fundraiser-Gizdich Ranch Pies!**

The best part of the holidays is sharing amazing meals and desserts with friends & family. This holiday season, the Paly Dance & Cheer teams are selling farm-fresh pies from Gizdich Ranch in Watsonville. The Apple, Two Berry, and/or Pumpkin pies are \$20 each, or 3 for \$55. They will be available for pickup in person outside of the Tower Building at Paly on Monday, December 9th from 3-7pm, or we are happy to deliver them to you that day for an extra \$5. Pies arrive frozen and baking instructions are included, so order several and enjoy them throughout the season!

Download and print order form: [Pie Order Form](#)

Deadline to order is Friday, November 15th, so please put your orders in early. Thank you in advance for your support to help pay for our team expenses-we really appreciate it! Please contact [awilliamson@pausd.org](mailto:awilliamson@pausd.org) for more information.

**\*\*NEW\*\*PALY Theatre presents The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**

*Sept 26 at 4pm; Sept 27, 28 at 7pm; Sept 28, 29 at 2pm Paly High, 50 Embarcadero Rd.*

Premiering in the NEW Palo Alto High School PAC Black Box Theatre, F-U-N at *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee!* An eclectic group of six students vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime,

spelling their way through a series of words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing "ding" of the bell that signals a mistake. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a delightful den of comedic genius coming soon! Tickets are \$10 Student/Senior, \$15 Adults. Info and Tix at [www.palytheatre.com](http://www.palytheatre.com)

**\*\*NEW\*\*League of Women Voters of Palo Alto's Fall Kickoff Event**

*Thu, Sept 26, 7-8:30 P at First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road, PaloAlto. .*

"Goodbye Precincts, Hello Easy Voting: The Voter's Choice Act." Rachel H. Jung, from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office, will explain the Voter's Choice Act (VCA), which goes into effect with the March 2020 primary. Learn about the new options that VCA will give you for casting your ballot. No child care provided. Questions, contact Liz Jensen [elizjen@comcast.net](mailto:elizjen@comcast.net)

\*Free and open to all\* Please register here <https://lvvpvafallkickoff.eventbrite.com>

**\*\*NEW\*\*Special Needs Resource Fair**

*Sat, Oct 5, 10A-1P 1400 Parkmoor Ave # 100, San Jose, CA 95126*

Connect with more than 60 organizations, companies, and providers that focus on the needs of school-age children with special needs! The 2nd Annual Special Needs Resource Fair at Parents Helping Parents, presented by PHP and Special Needs Professionals of Silicon Valley, Free to attend! No need to register. More info at: <https://www.php.com/>

**Bike Palo Alto**

*Sunday, September 29, 1-3pm, Fairmeadow Elementary, 500 East Meadow Drive*

10th annual, family-friendly event encourages everyone to bike more places more often, and kicks off Walk & Roll to School Week. Choose one of three bike-friendly routes and explore. Enjoy free treats and activities along the way! Routes and treat stops are open until 4pm. Start at Fairmeadow and find helmet fitting, quick bike checkups, Safe Routes to School info, and more! All riders need a waiver, so if your student is riding without you, [please print out](#), sign, and send one with him/her. Details at [bikepaloalto.org](http://bikepaloalto.org).

**Speech and Debate Club at Greene Middle School**

You have the chance to be part of a team that works together in a fun, exciting & mind blowing academic competition, which will give you essential skills that will last a lifetime and help you Change the World! Explore ethics, learn about the world and discover what you stand for. Get the opportunity to compete at tournaments held at Yale, Stanford, Berkeley, SCU and more!

See why hundreds of parents and kids have called debate "One of the best experiences we have ever had!"

Members have a great time making lasting friendships and learning powerful tools that help with: efficient Learning; taking Leadership roles; acing Interviews; improving Grades; giving effective and persuasive Presentations & Speeches; High School and University admittance. Debate develops: critical thinking, grit, creativity, writing, confidence and more.

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