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Panther Tracks**JLS PTA eNews****December 15, 2019****JLS News****Important Dates This Week****December 16-December 19-** Lost and Found Items on Display near Office**December 16-** Homework Habitat**December 17-** Homework Habitat**December 19 -** Homework Habitat**December 20 -** End of 1st Semester | District Wide Minimum Day**December 23-January 6-** Winter Break No School**January 7-** Teacher Work Day**January 8-** Students Return to School**JLS Student Directory**

Printed 2019-2020 JLS directories have arrived! Please drop by the JLS office to get your copy.

Lost and Found Items will be Donated

Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, etc. They will be on display till Thursday 12/19. Please feel free to stop by and also remind your student to check for any missing items. All remaining clothing will be donated at the end of this week.

**Schedule Announcement**

Friday December 20 is a districtwide minimum day. JLS students will be dismissed at 12:25 pm. Winter break starts on Monday December 23. Tuesday January 7 is a Teacher Work Day and JLS students return to school on Wednesday, January 8.

Dine out at Tacolicious - Mondays All Month

This month, our school's favorite taco place at [532 Emerson Street - Tacolicious](#) - will donate 15% of Monday's proceeds all month to our PTA and one other elementary school in Palo Alto. Just dine in or order "Pick-Up" directly and our school will benefit. Last year Tacolicious presented checks to all our schools for at least \$1000K or more! as part of the [School Project](#). Spread the word and tell your friends! If you have any large catering orders that you can place on Mondays, those count too! Contact our PTA for more details on how to include large orders in the program.

Save the Date: Common Sense Media Moderated Teen Panel

On Wednesday, January 29th at 9 am please join Common Sense for a moderated teen panel discussion on the good, the bad, and the realities of the social media landscape in middle and high school. Hear firsthand from teens about their experiences with social media and their hard-earned advice for parents of younger kids. Learn why kids love social media, where they can run into trouble, and how parents can help them manage.



Commuters' Corner

No Right Turn on Red at the E Meadow Waverley Intersection When Children Are Present

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 or are already in the crosswalk.

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](#).

Be Safe Be Seen During Autumn/Winter Commutes

At times near sunrise and sunset, drivers may be blinded temporarily by the brightness of the sun low on the horizon. This can be a particularly dangerous situation during morning and evening commute time when many people are sharing the road. Please review the Safe Routes to School winter [Sun Glare Safety Tips for Bicyclists & Drivers](#) flyer. Help us get the word out about this important safety issue by sharing this link with others.

If you're not confident that your children have the necessary skills or equipment to safely ride through winter weather, you may want to participate in a Safe and Confident Winter Biking class offered at Stanford. Details about the event can be found [here](#). This is not a learn to ride class, and is open only to parents, as well as high school students and middle schoolers accompanied by their parents. Register [Here](#). If you must drop off your children in a vehicle, please ensure that they exit the car on the passenger side, in the lane closest to the curb. Never double park, block access to ramps, drop off in the passing lane or stop where prohibited, as these are ticketable offenses.

Bike lights are required by law for riding after dusk.

With shorter days, students are bike commuting after dusk when headlights and reflectors are required by law. Visibility begins to decline at dusk, so bicyclists should turn on their lights as soon as light begins to

fade. A handlebar headlight makes a bicycle visible to others and illuminates the road so the rider can see. Higher powered lights do a better job, though they can be a little more expensive. Tail lights and reflectors should be mounted where they won't be obscured by bags, panniers or other gear on the bike. Lights are superior to reflectors, so a red tail light is recommended for maximum visibility. Outfitting student bikes for a safe and legal ride is a smart investment. For information about safe bicycling, visit <https://saferoutes.paloaltopta.org/getting-to-school/bike-safety/>. Local bicycle shops have a wide variety of lights, both rechargeable and battery-powered, please visit one and get a set of lights for your ride!

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).

The JLS PTA Wishes You and Your Family a Very Happy Holiday Season.

Enews Will Resume After the Winter Break.



PAUSD News

Each Friday! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update

****NEW**** Superintendent's [Newsletter](#) and [PAUSD News](#)

****NEW**2020 PAUSD Leadership Summit**

Sat Jan 25, 8:30-2P Gunn High School

This parent-centered conference will empower and engage you as we deepen parents' learning around important topics that affect your child at school and home. The theme of this year's event is "Opening Doors to Student Wellbeing and Success." We also welcome our Keynote Speaker, Jonathan Mooney. Childcare, continental breakfast, and lunch provided. [Register Here](#).

Palo Alto PTA Council News

Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto - a PTAC Sponsored organization

Help us spread holiday cheer to low-income families and individuals within the PAUSD. The Christmas Bureau is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization. Donate Online at: www.christmasbureauofpaloalto.org
Send checks to: Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto, P.O. Box 51874, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Tax ID: 23-7135890 All donations are tax deductible. Donor and recipient lists are strictly confidential. Thank you for helping us spread joy.

Teen Vaping

Advocacy Against Teen Vaping: 2020 Convention Resolution

PTAC Anti-Vaping Committee is drafting a resolution - due Jan 2, 2020. If you are interested in receiving an advanced copy and you are a current PTA member, please email: Erwin Morton

at: advocacy@paloaptpta.org

PTAC - Honorary Service Awards April 23, 2020. Please save-the-date.

Community News

Please click [here](#) for community news

Register for winter break camps on ActivityHero to raise money for our PTA

Winter break camps are available for 1, 2 or a full week between Dec 23 - Jan 3. See schedules on ActivityHero and our PTA earns a % of your purchase when you book online with this link. [Find Summer Camps & Classes for Kids](#) Financial aid is available by applying here: <https://www.activityhero.com/go/scholarships>

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