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## JLS PTA eNews

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### JLS News

#### Important Dates This Week

**January 20-** No School MLK Day  
**January 21-** PTA General Association Meeting | Homework Habitat  
**January 21-** The Correlation Between Consent, Healthy Relationship and Student Performance  
**January 22-** 6th Grade Choir Event, Spangenberg Theater, Gunn HS  
**January 23-** Homework Habitat

#### **PTA General Association Meeting** **Tuesday January 21, 8:30 am, Rm 40**

The PTA is holding its membership meeting on January 21 at 8:30 in Rm 40 to provide updates on budget expenditures, vote in the Nominating Committee. Please join us for some coffee. All are welcome! Please click [here](#) for the agenda (subject to changes)

#### **Parent Discussion on Consent, Relationships and Student Performance** **January 21, 7 pm, District Office Board Room**

Please plan to join PAUSD staff and subject matter expert, Anea Bogue, for an important parent discussion and Q&A session, on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Board Room. The topic will be: THE CORRELATION BETWEEN CONSENT, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-event-consent-healthy-relationships-and-student-performance-tickets-88753316559>

During the 2019-20 school year, we have moved toward deepening our work with students through a smaller workshop format. Our foundational goals are focused on shared learning around building healthy relationships and creating a culture of consent. Both are important components of an environment in which students can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Growing research indicates strong correlations between healthy relationships and a person's ability to perform at their highest potential. Consent is a key component of healthy relationships.

The content of this event is specifically designed to address middle and high school matters, but all interested parents and community members are invited to attend.

#### **Author Visit** **JLS Cafetorium, January 23**

Nyxia author [Scott Reintgen](#) will visit Thursday, January 23, in the JLS Cafetorium to talk about his new book [Ashlords](#). Your child's English class may be signed up to attend. Even if they are not able to attend Mr. Reintgen's presentation they can buy [Ashlords](#) through Books, Inc.. Just [go to this link to order Ashlords](#) and get it the day of his visit. We will take it the classroom if your child is not present at the author visit.

#### **Save the Date for the 2020 JLS Service Day**

Our annual JLS Service Day will be held on **Wednesday, March 18 from 12-5pm**. Mark your calendars now! The sign-up sheet and permission slips will be sent via Enews in mid February.

This year, we have space for more than 200 JLS students to volunteer in community service projects for local organizations alongside JLS staff and parents. Students volunteering off-campus will leave during lunch by bus; students volunteering on campus or within walking distance will begin after school. All projects will be finished by 4:30. For a sampling of some of the organizations we will work with, click [here](#). Parents, if you have questions or would like to volunteer to chaperone, please email [jlserveday@gmail.com](mailto:jlserveday@gmail.com).

### Parent Ed Events

#### Refugee Youth Event with Author Katherine Applegate Jan 22

Can you imagine leaving your family and moving to a new country all by yourself? Learn about refugee youth resettled in the Bay Area with bestselling author Katherine Applegate & Special Speakers

**Wednesday, January 22, 7-8:30 PM, Fletcher Middle School Cafe**  
**More info and RSVP: <https://applegaterefugeeyouth.eventbrite.com>**

Discussing the topic of refugee resettlement will be...

- Katherine Applegate, Newbery MEDALIST (!) and author of *The One and Only Ivan* (2013 Newbery medal), *Wishtree*, and many others including *Home of the Brave* and the Animorphs series which has sold over 35 million copies worldwide!
- Terry Fletcher, daughter of Ellen Fletcher (Holocaust survivor and part of kindertransport)
- A local youth refugee resettled by Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

FREE signed book opportunity! Katherine is donating 200 copies of her book *Home of the Brave* and the first 200 people through the door will get a copy. Katherine will be available to sign books after our event. We will also have lottery prizes of books featuring refugee protagonists!

#### Common Sense Media Moderated Teen Panel

Notes to My Middle School Self  
 Wed Jan 29 9A-10:30A Fletcher Library

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. This event is open to all parents. <https://support.common sense media.org/event/notes-to-my-middle-school-self/e261987>



#### Commuters' Corner

##### Bike Boulevard Feedback Survey

The City of Palo Alto is conducting a survey to gather additional data now that the bike boulevard project is done and in place for some time. The data includes the perception of residents living on the bicycle boulevards as well as roadway users, to determine the perceived effectiveness of the modifications. Please click on the link for the [survey](#).

##### Helmet Enforcement

Let's all work together for a safe school commute in Palo Alto. The Police Department continues to prioritize enforcement on school commute routes, especially during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. Unsafe choices, such as driving in bike lanes, wrong way bike riding, not wearing a helmet, disobeying stop signs and other traffic infractions will result in a citation. Students who receive a bicycle-related citation will have an option to participate in a "bicycle traffic school" class for a reduced fine, as long as it's their first citation. Traffic enforcement concerns can be directed to the Police Department's non-emergency line at 650-329-2413.

##### 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](#). 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](#).

##### Rainy Day School Commutes

Rainy weather steers some pedestrian and bike commuters into cars, increasing traffic congestion at PAUSD schools. 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 or bike lanes, drop off in the passing lane, or stop where prohibited, as these are ticketable offenses. Drivers should slow down and use extra caution in school zones and along commute routes including library and park parking lots. Be mindful of crossings and remember that pedestrians always have the right of way.

No matter how you get to school, plan for extra commute time so you don't feel rushed.

##### 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 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

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

### **\*\*NEW\*\*2020 PAUSD Leadership Summit**

*Sat February 22, 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

### PTAC Teen Vaping Community Leaders' Breakfast

Jan 23, 2020. 8:30A at Palo Alto Medical Foundation. For more email [Health@paloaltopta.org](mailto:Health@paloaltopta.org).

### PTA Council - Next Meeting Jan 22nd

The next PTAC Executive Board Meeting is Wednesday, Jan 22, 2020. The next President's Meeting is Wednesday Jan 29. The next General Association Meeting is Wednesday, Feb 5, 2020. Mark your new 2020 calendar.

### **\*\*NEW\*\*PTAC - BBAC Committee Members**

The BBAC seeks two PTA Representatives, one an elementary school parent, the other a secondary school parent. Please email: [president@paloaltopta.org](mailto:president@paloaltopta.org). BBAC's first meeting is Monday, February 3 in Room A at 25 Churchill, 6-7:30 PM. Committee will meet once or twice a month, always on Monday evenings, until their tasks are completed. See more info of tasks here <https://www.pausd.org/committees-task-forces/board-bond-advisory-committee-bbac>

### CHC's Mini Conference for Parents & Educators

*Sat, Feb 8, 9A-2P at CHC's South Bay Campus, 2280 Kenwood Ave, San Jose*

Please join us for a day of conversation and discussion with expert advice about working with children and youth with learning and attention differences. Choose from sessions for both parents and educators. Go home with new understandings and practical tips for supporting your kids whether at home or in the classroom. Find out more and register for the mini conference [here](#) or email [communityed@chconline.org](mailto:communityed@chconline.org).

## Community News

Please click [here](#) for this week's community news

### After School Spring Coding Class at JLS

**Location: Room 810**

**Time: 1/29~5/6, 2~4pm on Wednesdays**

NEW! Spring coding class is now open at JLS on Wednesdays (Jan 29~ May 6 @ 2~4pm, Classroom 810).

This coding class is designed to empower students to code any app, game, or art their minds can imagine. Students will complete project-based curriculum to create their own web based project (flash card-study app) while learning CSS,HTML and JavaScript programming languages. \*All proceeds will go to Applied Computing Foundation to empower applied computing learning.

**Registration link:** <https://www.wisen.space/?curriculum=5e0996aed4bc5500886b889a>

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