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JLS PTA eNews

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JLS News

Important Dates This Week

- January 27-** Homework Habitat
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- January 29-** MSA Registration for Spring Sports
- January 29-** Gunn Parent Night For Rising 9th Graders, Spangenberg Theater
- January 29-** Paly Parent Night for Rising 9th Graders, PAC
- January 30-** Homework Habitat
- January 31-** Chinese New Year Staff Lunch

Are you Interested in Serving on the 2020-21 Executive Board?

The JLS PTA Nominating Committee is seeking both nominations and expressions of interest from individuals in the community who would like to learn more about serving on the PTA Executive Board and Key Volunteer Committees for the 2020/2021 school year. Community members with a strong desire to support and improve the educational experience of all students, parents and staff are encouraged to apply. Previous leadership experience with the PTA or other volunteer organizations is favorable.

To learn about the executive board and key volunteers see our website:

<https://jlswp.paloaltopta.org/index.php/execbd/>

Contact the Nominating Committee to learn about open positions:

parliamentarian.jls@gmail.com

The Second Dance of the School Year is Here! Chaperones Needed

Friday, February 7, 2020

7:00pm-9:00pm for 6th&7th graders

7:00pm-9:30pm for 8th graders

Adult chaperones are needed for the upcoming JLS dance, in order to ensure the event is safe, fun and runs smoothly for all our students.

Use click on the [link](#) to sign up to help!

Volunteers, please arrive at 6:45pm for a short orientation with leadership class teacher Mr. Harris, and to receive your volunteer badge and assignment

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 jlsserviceday@gmail.com.

Parent Ed Events

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>

Paly Robotics Summer Camp 2020

Jul 20 - Jul 24 and Jul 27 - Jul 31, 9am-3pm at the Palo Alto High School Robotics Lab

Sessions: Robot Design & Hardware, Programming, Entrepreneurship & Website Design, Animation & Graphic Design

This year, Paly Robotics will be offering two weeks of our annual summer camp for middle school students (incoming 6th - 9th graders). Paly Robotics hopes to spark interest and start future high school students on a path in science, technology, engineering, art or mathematics (STEAM). Registration will open on January 20 at 12 PM. Campers will be able to sign up for one of four sessions per week. To sign up or to get more information, go to palyrobotics.com/summercamp. If you have any further questions, please email summercamp@palyrobotics.com.



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](#).

PAUSD News

Each Friday! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update

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

****NEW** Transition planning for students with IEPs**

Tues Feb 11, 6-7:30P, Paly MAC (Media Arts Center), 50 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto

The PAUSD Special Education leadership team and Palo Alto CAC are providing an informational night for secondary and post-secondary transition planning and services for students with IEPs. There will be three separate breakout sessions for parents of students who will be entering 6th grade, 9th grade, and the post-secondary program. Spanish and Chinese translation available on request. For questions, or to request translation, contact paloaltocac@gmail.com

****NEW** SAVE THE DATE**

PAUSD 2nd Annual Family Leadership Summit

Sat Feb 22, 8:30A -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", and includes a full day of learning from high-quality presenters who will share powerful practices and strategies that will help parents become leaders and partners in their children's education. We also welcome our Keynote Speaker, Jonathan Mooney. Childcare, continental breakfast, and lunch provided. [Register Today!](#)

Palo Alto PTA Council News****NEW**PTAC: 2020 U.S. Census - Be Counted**

As a public information, the Palo Alto PTA Council is reminding you that the 2020 Census is happening soon. Be Counted! Here is a webinar that you can hop on and listen in to learn about local economic data from the U.S. Census. The Palo Alto PTA Council does not take any position on the Census except as a public announcement. For more information go here <https://2020census.gov>

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. 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.

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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