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JLS PTA eNews

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JLS News

Important Dates This Week

February 10- Homework Habitat | Site Council Meeting

February 11- Homework Habitat

February 12- Connections Coffee | Gunn 8th Grade Parent Q&A

February 13- No School, Staff Development Day

February **14,17,18** : No School, President's Day Holiday

Join the PAUSD Community for a Day of Learning!

The 2nd Annual PAUSD Parent Leadership Summit is just around the block! Join us for a day filled with learning. This year, our slogan is "Opening Doors to Student Success and Wellbeing," and we aim to do just that! We have over 50 sessions to choose from, everything from "10 Tech Tips for Parents," "From Anxiety to Resiliency: Family Solutions," to "How to use Executive Functioning Strategies with your students to complete homework." This year, our 60+ presenters come from local organizations like the Children's Health Council, Stanford Medicine, REEL, Social Thinking, CAC, PTAC, PAUSD in many forms, and more!

Saturday, February 22nd, 8:30-2 at Gunn High School

Check-in starts at 8:30 am, with breakfast and coffee.

Keynote Speaker Jonathan Mooney, author of "Normal Sucks" will begin at 9 am

Session 1: 10-10:45am

Session 2: 11-11:45am

Full Lunch provided: 11:45-12:15pm

Session 3: 12:15-1pm

Session 4: 1:15-2pm

[Register Today!](#) And check out the [Sched for more sessions](#)

We also need volunteers, if interested [Sign-Up Here!](#)

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

Gunn PTSA Wants You!

Are you the parent of an 8th grader who will be attending Gunn High School next year? Are you interested in connecting with other Gunn parents and making a positive impact on our school and community?

Then we welcome you to join the Gunn PTSA! We have a terrific PTSA Exec Board and a variety of available PTSA roles. Whatever your interests and whatever time you have to give, we'll find a role for you. Email Jen Schultz at jen.h.schultz@gmail.com if interested.



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](#). 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](#).

2020 Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp

Palo Alto High School, June 8-12 and June 15-19, Speech from 9A-12P and Debate from 1P-4P
Registration for the sixteenth annual 2020 Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp (PASDC) is open. Year after year, elementary and middle schoolers leave PASDC with improved public speaking, research skills, critical thinking abilities, and self-confidence. Taught by Palo Alto's nationally ranked high school Speech and Debate team, our unmatched 4:1 student-to-counselor ratio provides students with individualized attention and support. PASDC's basic and advanced programs offer customized curriculum for campers of all experience levels and prepare students for high school level competition. Please visit our website or contact palyspeechanddebate@gmail.com to learn more about the program

PAUSD News

Each Friday! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update

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

****NEW**** [Superintendent's Message regarding Corona Virus](#) and please see updated information about the Corona virus

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****NEW**2020 Annual CAC Sweetheart Awards - Call for Nominations**

Nomination Deadline: Thu Feb 13

Is there a bus driver, friend, teacher, administrator, neighbor, aide, crossing guard, coach, fellow student, therapist, physician, volunteer or relative that has done something for your special needs child with an IEP or 504? Honor that person by nominating him or her for a CAC Sweetheart Award. Submit [Nomination Form](#) before 2/13. The Awards Ceremony will be on Wed 2/26 from 6-8pm at Nixon

Elementary School. Info or questions contact sweethearts.award@gmail.com or go to www.cacpaloalto.org

****UPDATED**Informational night on transition planning for students with IEPs**

Tues Feb 11, 6-7:30 pm, 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. District representatives will provide general information about the various programs and services available for secondary and above. There will be three separate breakout sessions for parents of students who will be entering 6th grade, 9th grade, and the post-secondary program. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/qs1t8ak>. Spanish and Chinese translation available on request. For questions, or to request translation, contact paloaltocac@gmail.com

****NEW**SEEKING VOLUNTEER FOR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT FEB 22**

Would you like to volunteer at the Family Leadership Summit? Help with the registration table, food service, presenter's lounge and more! Thank you! Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4AABA62BA5F94-family>.

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**The Bond Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)**

The COC is a seven-member group that meets four times a year to review our two Strong School Bond programs. By statute, the group members have term limits and so we regularly seek replacement members. Questions? Contact Bob Golton rgolton@pausd.org for application and more. Note the COC is different than the Board Bond Advisory Committee (BBAC) being advertised below. Although both committees concern the bond measure, COC meets 4 times a year. BBAC meets monthly.

****NEW**Seeking Parent Volunteers for Board Bond Advisory Committee (BBAC)**

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 [Board Bond Advisory Committee \(BBAC\)](#)

****NEW**PTAC - Seeks PTA Parents to Serve on the School Supervisor's Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)**

PTAC is seeking PTA parent applicant to serve on the School Superintendent's Financial Advisory Committee (FAC). [Click here for fillable application](#). The application's deadline has been extended beyond stated deadline on application. For questions, email: president@paloaltopta.org

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