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Important Dates This Week

February 17, 18- No School - President's Day Holiday

February 20- Homework Habitat



Commuters' Corner

Important Safety Reminder

We would like to remind students that although it connects directly to JLS, **biking along Waverley is not recommended** school route due to the narrow street width and congestion along the route. It is recommended that students instead use the Bryant/EI Verano/Cowper route for their school commute, due to the presence of a signalized intersection at Cowper/E. Meadow and additional bike and pedestrian friendly signage encouraging all users to safely share the road.

Also, as a general rule, bicyclists have the same duties and responsibilities as vehicle drivers. People riding bicycles are required to stop at stop signs and red lights just like all other vehicles (CVC 21200). Over the next few weeks the Palo Alto Police Department Traffic Team may be monitoring bicycle traffic along Waverley, in order to encourage safer driving and riding behaviors. Students running stop signs may be subject to tickets and fines. Please remember to practice courtesy in sharing the road safely, ie. stopping at stop signs, wearing a helmet, and making eye contact with drivers when crossing an intersection by bike. Additional resources, including the JLS [Walk and Roll Suggested Route Map](#) and [safety tips](#) are available on the [Safe Routes to School website](#).

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

PAUSD News

Each Friday! Superintendent’s Weekly Board Update

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

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**Coronavirus Update**

PAUSD and PTA Council is continuing to closely monitor guidance from the Santa Clara County Department of Education and the Santa Clara County Public Health Department as this is an ongoing and evolving situation. If you have any questions, you may email health@paloaltopta.org With holidays coming up, please read the following links:

[US Department of State - Travel Advisory](#)
[CDC - How to TRAVEL Safely](#)
[CDC - Washing Hands](#)
[PAUSD - Coronavirus](#)
[Santa Clara County Office of Education - Coronavirus](#)
[Santa Clara County Public Health Department - Coronavirus](#)
[CDC - Coronavirus](#)

****NEW**"Motherload" screening on family cargo biking**

Sun, Mar 1, 2-4:30P Greendell School, 4120 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto.

"Motherload" is an award-winning, crowdsourced documentary about the increasing isolation and disconnection of the digital age, its planetary impact, and how cargo bikes could be an antidote. The \$5 ticket price will be donated to Silicon Valley Bike Exchange. A small showcase of family cargo bikes will be onsite. Registration required - limited seating available. Sponsored by Safe Routes to School, PTAC, and PAUSD. <http://wheelkids.com/palo-alto/motherload/>

****NEW**PTAC Invites Students to Apply for Grant Funding \$\$ - Now Available**

The City of Palo Alto's ThinkFund grant program is a unique opportunity for high school students, either living in Palo Alto or attending school in Palo Alto, to receive a microgrant for their project or idea. In addition to funding, students will also receive mentorship and support in order to turn their vision for a project into reality. For more information on how to apply please visit [City of Palo Alto, CA - Think Fund](#).

****NEW**PTAC Anti-Vaping Committee / 2020 Convention Resolution Update**

The Palo Alto PTA Council is bringing forward a 2020 Convention Resolution on Teen Vaping. California State PTA's Board of Managers will soon be reviewing our submission and making its recommendations. Up-to-date resource materials (CDC & FDA) and Parent Guides also available upon request. For more, visit our website: www.paloaltopta.org or email us at advocacy@paloaltopta.org.

****NEW**PTAC Invites Parents of Teens to a Teen Vape Talk By Teens - Palo Alto Youth Council (PAYC)**

Thu Apr 2, 7:30-9p Mitchell Park Community Center

PTAC invite all parents with students transitioning to middle and high schools to attend this talk on vaping by the students themselves. Hear from the teens directly so you can understand better how to talk with your students. For more info, please contact Ms. Ganesan of Palo Alto Youth Council at 21dganesan@castilleja.org.

****NEW**PTA Council seeks Officers and Committee Volunteers**

Are you interested in being a part of the PTA council nomination committee? The charge of the nominating committee is to recognize and recruit the most qualified people available for elected a member of the PTA Council Executive Board and Collaborative Committees for the 2020-21 school year. As we are forming this nom-committee, we are looking for community members who have a passion for improving the educational experience of all students and preferably have experience on their school PTA or site council. We are currently seeking both nominations and expressions of interest from individuals in the community who would like to learn more about becoming a member of the PTA Council. Talk to us about stepping into a leadership role or how you can participate on a committee. Contact us at: parliamentarian@paloaltopta.org

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 then Board Bond Advisory Committee (BBAC) being advertised below. Although both committees concern the bond measure, COC meets 4 times a year. BBAC meets monthly.

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 \(BBAC\)](#)

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

Community News

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

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