Important Dates in August

August 10-11 - Staff Development Day, No School
August 12 - 6th Grade Materials Distribution Day, 8am-3pm
August 13 - 7th Grade Materials Distribution Day, 8am-3pm
August 14 - 8th Grade Materials Distribution Day, 8am-3pm
August 12-14 - Teacher Work Day, No School
August 17 - 6th grade to 12 grade, First Day of School

Back to School Grade Level Parent Information Meetings this Week via Zoom

- 6th Grade Parent Network Wednesday, Aug 12, 5:30-6:20PM
- 7th Grade Parent Network Thursday, Aug 13, 5:30-6:20PM
- 8th Grade Parent Network Friday, Aug 1, 5:30-6:20PM

Parents and students are welcome to attend the grade level meetings. Please use this form "Ask a JLS Administrator" if you would like to submit a topic to be addressed by JLS staff, or if you have questions you would like us to answer.

Please watch your inboxes for zoom invitations, provided via Infinite Campus communication, to the grade level meetings.

From Principal Grierson

We hope your excitement is growing as we approach the beginning of our school year! We can’t wait to get started, and we are looking forward to seeing our students soon.

First, you may have received an email message from Lifetouch, the organization who helps our school with student photos. I am happy to confirm that during our Materials Pick Up Days next week, students will be taking their school photo as well as picking up textbooks, laptops and other supplies. With this in mind, please plan for your student to take their school picture during their visit. For more information about school photos, please visit the Lifetouch website and enter the code: EVTCMR2R.

JLS Materials Pick-Up Days:
- 6th Grade - Wednesday, Aug 12 between 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00-3:00PM
- 7th Grade - Thursday, Aug 13 between 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00-3:00PM
- 8th Grade - Friday, Aug 14 between 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00-3:00PM

More info to come! You will receive more detailed information about our Materials Pick Up Days along with an appointment time next Monday, August 10.

Schedules and Supplies:
Second, you may be wondering about class schedules and supply lists. We are working to make sure our schedules are ready for students by Wednesday, August 12. For supplies, at this time, we recommend you consider setting up a clean, quiet space at home for your student to focus on their learning. Students should have access to paper, pens and pencils, and our school will be providing BinderReminders (student planners). While not required, it would be ideal for students to have supplies at home that are similar to the supplies that they would use at school. Here is a Supplies List from 2019-20. I hope it gives you some ideas about the organizational materials and supplies that students would find helpful. Please note, it is likely that we will have a second distribution date in the future. The pick up dates for next week are intended to get our year started with essential supplies.

JLS & PTA Back To School Info Coming Soon!
Our PTA is working hard to organize all of the Back To School information in one easy online location. Please be on the lookout for information from the JLS PTA to come to your inbox soon!

Thank you for your flexibility and patience as we start the year in this new and different way. If you are looking for additional information about our school, please visit the JLS school website.

Have a great weekend,
Chris Grierson, JLS Principal

From the PTA

The first day of school will be Monday, August 17, 2020. PAUSD will open in distance learning for the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Please go to the PAUSD website for the most current updates. Our Back to School packet will be entirely online this year and will be available a week before school starts. Our volunteers are working to update our website, including creating more opportunities for feedback, virtual club interest surveys and parent resources.

Support Our Students and Teachers - Pledge to PIE Today

Partners in Education (PIE) raises money to provide all PAUSD students with an educational experience beyond what is possible with public funding. For all middle schools, PIE funds guidance counselors, CASSY counselors, and electives.

Please check your Back to School packet or see the PIE website for more information about PIE. To join our team of volunteers, email info@papie.org.

Double your donation by giving before September 8th! Donate today at https://papie.org/donate/

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From Student Nutrition Services - PAUSD Student Meal Services

PAUSD will open the 2020-2021 school year in a Distance Learning Format.

Student Nutrition Services will continue to provide meal service in multiple formats (drive thru meal pick up, and delivery directly to Buena Vista Mobile Home Park) - Monday 10:45am-1:00pm/ Tuesday-Friday 10:30am-12:10pm.

Student Nutrition Services will be offering Breakfasts and Lunches, daily Monday-Friday.
Please help us plan quantities and reduce waste by responding to the survey at this link: PAUSD School Opening Meal Delivery Survey.

Best regards,
PAUSD Student Nutrition Services

PAUSD abrirá el año escolar 2020-2021 en un formato de aprendizaje a distancia.

Los Servicios de Nutrición Estudiantil continuarán brindando servicio de comidas en múltiples formatos (conducir a través de la recolección de comida estilo Drive Thru y entregarlo directamente en el parque de casas móviles Buena Vista) – Lunes 10:45am-1:00pm/ Martes a Viernes de 10:30am-12:10pm.

Los Servicios de Nutrición Estudiantil ofrecerán desayunos y almuerzos todos los días de lunes a viernes. Ayúdenos a planificar cantidades y reducir el desperdicio respondiendo a la encuesta en este enlace Encuesta de entrega de comidas de apertura de escuelas de PAUSD.
Atentamente,
**NEW** Town Hall Replays
The Palo Alto Council of PTAs (PTAC), in collaboration with the School PTAs hosted two town halls to address the specific needs for the elementary schools and the secondary schools. Superintendent Dr. Don Austin was our guest speaker along with our district principals and members of his Cabinet Leadership. Both town halls are now available for viewing:
Elementary School Town Hall: https://youtu.be/Kg_uHlE_uGE
Secondary School Town Hall: https://youtu.be/-6q223x9KFU

NOTICIAS Y ACTUALIZACIONES DEL PTAC
El Consejo de PTA de Palo Alto (PTAC), en colaboración con las PTAs de la escuela, llevó a cabo 2 reuniones (Town Hall) para abordar las necesidades específicas de las escuelas primarias y secundarias (Middle School y High School). El superintendente Dr. Don Austin fue nuestro orador invitado junto con nuestros directores de distrito y miembros líderes de su gabinete. Ambas grabaciones de las reuniones están disponibles para verse en:
Escuelas Primarias: https://youtu.be/Kg_uHlE_uGE
Escuelas Secundarias (Middle School y High School): PTAC Secondary Town Hall - August 4, 2020

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