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JLS PTA eNews

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JLS News

Important Dates in August

August 17- 6th grade to 12 grade, First Day of School

August 19- New to PAUSD Families

August 26- Back to School Night

From Principal Grierson

We hope you are excited about the start of our school year. We can't wait to see the students at 10:00 AM on Monday!! [Here's our special schedule for Day One.](#)

If your student has not already done so, please have your child login into their Rapid ID account in the next day to make sure they can access their courses on Schoology.

Directions to login:

1. Type into the web browser: id.pausd.org
2. User Name: Student ID Number
3. Password (this is the default one, your child may have changed theirs): (first initial)(last initial)(!)(birthday month)(birthday day)(last 2 digits of their birthday year)
4. Password Example: John Smith, Birthday: March 2, 2009 would be - js!030209
5. If you have problems logging in, please submit a [Let's Talk help ticket](#) and someone from our team will respond as soon as possible.

Once logged in, students can access their Schoology Account and see all of their courses. On Monday, August 17 at 10:00 AM, school will start with students joining their WIP/Advisory Course. This course may be labeled as WIP 6 (for 6th Graders), WIP 7 (for 7th Graders), or WIP 8 (for 8th Graders). Once students are in that WIP/Advisory Course, they will follow the directions to join their first Zoom meeting of the day.

Starting on Tuesday, August 18, we will follow [this schedule.](#)

Special Note for 6th Grade Parents:

Please be aware of how PE and Music fit into your student's schedule. You will notice that both classes fall on the same period line, (either 4th or 5th period). You will see either class have a number 1 or 2 next to it. These numbers indicate the order of which class to start with first, before moving onto the other class. Even though a class with a number 2 might appear above the class with a number 1, your student is to follow the number 1 first and then move onto the number 2 class. Students will change classes midway through the period. See example below:

If you have any questions, please reach out to the following members of our team:

Arvind Arya, 6th Grade Counselor - aarya@pausd.org

Amy Sheward, 6th Grade Assistant Principal - asheward@pausd.org

Ko Vue, 7th Grade Counselor - kvue@pausd.org

Adam Nelson, 7th Grade Counselor - anelson@pausd.org

Ellie Messinger-Adams, 8th Grade Counselor - emessingeradams@pausd.org

Hanisi Accetta, 8th Grade Dean of Students - haccetta@pausd.org

Here's to a happy and smooth first day of school!

Thank you,

Chris Grierson, JLS Principal - cgrierson@pausd.org

Back to School Packets and PTA Membership

JLS Back to School packet is live. Please click [here](#) for this year's back to school packet. Our volunteers are working to update our website, including creating more opportunities for feedback, virtual club interest surveys and parent resources.

JLS PTA wants you!! Your membership in JLS PTA supports programs and projects, your vote brings positive changes for our students, and your voice strengthens the PTA advocacy work in education, health, and welfare of our children, youth, and families.

The cost of membership is **only \$6 per person**. (Note: PTA Membership is not tax deductible.). To join: click [HERE](#) or scan **the QR code** given below.
(Note -- This will take you to a new window and TOTEM, which is the free application that manages PTA membership. You will need to create a new username and password for TOTEM. This is a simple one time process and saves many, many volunteer hours in our PTA administration. We appreciate your help!)



PTA Communication at JLS

There are two sources of JLS PTA Communication.

1) **Uptous** is used to provide grade specific or JLS PTA related communication and also serves as a directory. When you completed the PAUSD Annual Data Update (ADA) or registered as a new family you were asked if you would share your contact information with the PTA. If you clicked "Yes", you are added to the UpToUs directory and your child's grade. Once you login to your uptous account you have access to the directory and are on the mailing list.

If you did not allow the district to share your information, you will not receive uptous notifications or included in the directory. However, you may still opt-in to uptous by sending an email to jlsptaemail@gmail.com. To be included in the uptous mailing list, please provide your first and last name, the email address you use to login to infinite campus and your child's first and last name and current grade at JLS.

If you have an uptous account and are not receiving messages, please follow the directions below to edit your account notification preferences.

To login:

- i. Go to www.uptous.com
- ii. Login using the email address you provided to the district at time of registration
- iii. Password

Existing UpToUs members – No password change

New UpToUs members – Click the "Forgot Password" link to set your password

After you establish your login and password, you can also download the UpToUs mobile Apps for iPhone and Android.

For questions about uptous directory or parent networks please contact jlsptaemail@gmail.com. If your concern is more of a technical issue (password, etc.), please contact support@uptous.com

2) **The JLS PTA enews** is sent out every week and contains announcements and event information from JLS Middle School, JLS PTA, PAUSD, Palo alto PTA Council, Palo Alto Middle School Athletics and the Palo Alto Community. If you allowed the district to share your information with the PTA you have been added to the enews mailing list. You can unsubscribe from the enews mailing list anytime by clicking on the unsubscribe link found at the bottom of the weekly enews. For questions about the enews please contact jlsenews@gmail.com

Support Our Students and Teachers - Pledge to PiE Today
The 2020-21 PiE fundraising campaign is underway — check your Back to School packet for details! Pledge your contribution early and check it off your list. Palo Alto students and the staff who support them depend on our community, through PiE. From our classroom



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Middle School Athletics Fall Programs: JLS Middle School

City of Palo Alto will be providing some after school sports programs this fall. Offerings will be heavily modified and located in neighborhood parks. City of Palo Alto will take all the proper steps to ensure the safety of all of our participants, and our staff are working hard on creating activities that follow the Santa Clara County's Guidelines. The middle school athletics activities will be available to view on the City of Palo Alto's Recreation page at: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/palo-alto-ca/catalog>. Registration for JLS Middle School will begin on Wednesday, August 19 at 8:30 am and we will only be offering online registration. If you have any questions, please feel free contact our general email at: MSA@cityofpaloalto.org. We look forward to working with your child

PAUSD News

[Superintendent's Weekly Board Update](#)
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PAUSD School Meal Pickup

Parents can drive thru to pick up meals starting August 17, 2020 at:

JLS, Gunn and Greene
Monday 10:45 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday - Friday 10:30 am - 12:10 pm

- Students do not need to be present.
- Please have student ID number(s) ready. Email tpoon@pausd.org for student ID numbers.
- Breakfast and lunch will be picked up at the same time.
- Students will be charged according to their eligibility status

Free students - \$0.00 for breakfast and lunch

Reduced price students - \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch

Paid students - \$3.00 for breakfast and \$5.00 for lunch

- We will accept cash. Exact cash will be most helpful.
- If you are interested in having meals delivered to your home, please email
- Miguel Fittoria at mifittoria@pausd.org
- lease email tpoon@pausd.org for more information.

You may view our menus at:

<https://www.pausd.org/school-life/food-services/menu>

Palo Alto PTA Council News

Community News

****NEW**Help Students Who Need You Most Virtually**

You can make a difference in the life of a student. Over 80% of East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park students in the Ravenswood City School District are performing below grade level in reading and math. As a virtual classroom volunteer, you will work with the same teacher and students for one hour, every week during the full school year. It's an opportunity to build a relationship with students and impact their lives. All Students Matter provides training and coordinates logistics with you and your schedule in mind. Learn more about us or sign up to volunteer at www.allstudentsmatter.org

****NEW**Teaching Cooperation without Stickers or Snacks**

Mon Aug 24, 7:30 - 9PM - Online workshop

Learn how to encourage cooperation at home without rewards or consequences. We will also look at how to use encouragement and praise to motivate your child to behave and cooperate. Learn how to encourage cooperation without stickers, snacks, or bribes during the pandemic.

Cost is \$45. Donations are appreciated but not required.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/107749605972> Any Questions? Email: Tiffany at tiffanyl@jfcs.org

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