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JLS PTA eNews

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JLS News

Important Dates in September

September 1- JLS PTA Executive Board Meeting

September 2- New to PAUSD Families

September 4- Districtwide Minimum Day

September 7- No School, Labor Day Holiday

September 8- JLS PTA Association Meeting

September 9- Principal- Parent Coffee

September 10- Connections Coffee



- **JLS PTA Membership Meeting**, Tuesday, September 8, 8:30-9:30 am,
- **Principal's Parent Coffee**, Wednesday, September 9, 8:30-9:30 am

Please watch your inboxes for zoom links to these events.



[JLS PTA Back to School Packet](#)

Have you looked through the [JLS Back To School Online Packet](#) yet? You'll find important information about the school, including school forms that require signatures, the JLS PTA, and PiE. We encourage you to join our PTA and support the PTA with any donation amount that is appropriate to your family.

Everyone is invited to our general PTA meeting on Tuesday, Sept 8 from 8:30-9:30am where we will vote on the budget. Any PTA Donations this week will determine the programs and items we can support this year; we are currently at approximately 40% of our income goal.

[From Principal Grierson](#)

Back to School Materials are available now through Sunday for parents to view on Schoology. Please be sure to view each of your student's courses to "meet" our teachers and learn about the year ahead. (Students were given [these directions](#) to help you!) Please contact any JLS staff member with any questions you may have after learning about your student's classes.

This week's **Materials Distribution** included items from several classes, laptops and tech support, and also covered make-up pictures in the afternoon. If your student still needs to pick up materials for their classes, please make an appointment with their counselor or administrator. (Contact information is below!)

When contacting the JLS Attendance Office, please email jlsattendance@pausd.org or call 650-856-5179. This information is also available on our [school website](#).

Optional Counseling Survey:

The JLS Counseling Team has created an optional confidential survey for parents to inform counselors of any concerns regarding their student's social-emotional health and well being. We understand that the pandemic and remote schooling has added stress to families and children, and how this impacts children

can vary from one child to another. We hope that you will take a moment to complete this survey to help support our counseling team's understanding of students' needs.

- [English Counseling Support Survey](#).
- [Spanish Counseling Support Survey](#).
- [Mandarin Counseling Support Survey](#).

In addition, if you would like to schedule an appointment with your grade level counselor, please indicate that on the bottom of the survey, or contact them using the email addresses listed below.

- Arvind Arya, 6th Grade Counselor, aarya@pausd.org
- Ko Vue, 7th Grade Counselor, kvue@pausd.org
- Ellie Messinger-Adams, 8th Grade Counselor, emessingeradams@pausd.org

Please click below for

[Principal Grierson's Weekly messages](#)



PiE Challenge Grant: Double Your Donation

Your PiE donations are essential to ensure our students receive the academic and social-emotional support they need during COVID and beyond. [Double your donation](#) by donating or pledging by September 8.

Last year's donations allowed PiE to provide \$541,004 to JLS for the 2020-2021 school year, funding:

Student Guidance: One guidance counselor per grade that loops with each class allowing students to have the same counselor for 3 years.

Classroom Support: Technology mentor and support for the universal, systematic practice for teaching writing throughout the curriculum.

Electives: Wider array of electives and smaller classroom sizes in the areas of music, technology, creative writing, and art.

[Donate today to double your impact!](#)



CITY OF
**PALO
ALTO**
this Fall.

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 this Fall.

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WATCH: Dr. Austin in MidPen Media's School Superintendents Video Exchange

Midpen Media gathered four local district superintendents to discuss distance learning and opening schools under COVID-19 guidelines. Watch the hour-long edited version on the Midpen Media YouTube Channel here [to view the discussion](#). The district leaders discuss achievement gap, student welfare, and what it's like to make decisions in these unprecedented times. The superintendents include PAUSD's Dr.

Don Austin, Gina Sudaria of the Ravenswood City School District, Erik Burmeister of the Menlo Park City School District, and Dr. Mary Streshly of the Sequoia Union High School District.

Palo Alto PTA Council News

****NEW**CENSUS For All Families and Community Stakeholders**

2020 is an important year for all Californians. It's the once-per-decade time that every person in America is counted in the U.S. Census. The census asks questions that provide a snapshot of our community, state and the nation. The census affects Federal funding, and much more. [Learn more!](#) You have the power to shape the future for the children of California. If you haven't yet been counted, please do it right away and please tell your friends, family, and neighbors. Questions? advocacy@paloaltopta.org

ELECTION ALERT FOR PARENTS (and everyone else too)

Every registered voter will receive a ballot in the mail in early Oct. Voting begins when ballots arrive. Election day is Tue Nov 3. Please pay attention to your *ENTIRE* ballot! Don't miss:

- PAUSD Parcel Tax (Measure "O")
- School Board & City Council Elections
- 11 Propositions. [[State PTA positions](#)]

Watch your eNews for info about Candidate Forums, etc. REGISTER, INFORM YOURSELF, and VOTE!!! Vote early! Questions? Erwin Morton, advocacy@paloaltopta.org.

PTA SUPPORTS PROPS 15 & 16 ON NOVEMBER BALLOT.

As an advocacy organization, PTA often takes positions on legislation & ballot measures; it does not support or oppose candidates for office. California State PTA SUPPORTS Prop 15, which would provide billions of extra dollars for our schools & local government services. State PTA also SUPPORTS Prop 16, which would restore affirmative action in California.

Please register, inform yourself, and don't forget to vote! Election day is Tue Nov 3. Vote early if you can! Prop 15 & 16 info: <https://capta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/state-ballot-measures/>
Questions? Erwin Morton, advocacy@paloaltopta.org.

California PTA Covid Resources for Parents and Families

<https://capta.org/news-publications/covid-19/covid-19-resources-for-parents-and-families/>

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