

# Panther Tracks

## JLS PTA eNews

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### JLS News

#### Important Dates in September

**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.

#### Library Book Circulation Program Begins

This coming Wednesday, September 9, from 8:00 - 9:00 am we will begin GRAB 'N GO, the library's print book circulation operation that allows students to request books from the school library and pick them up on campus. Please know that your child should go to pick up or return book(s) ONLY IF they have received an email confirmation from the library with a specific date and time. Once on campus, students should expect to wait up to 15 minutes to get their book(s). Therefore, they should plan their visit in such a way that they will return home with sufficient time to begin their 1st Period class via distance learning. See [this link](#) for more information. Send questions, comments or special requests to: [mambrose@pausd.org](mailto:mambrose@pausd.org) or [sfrancofewell@pausd.org](mailto:sfrancofewell@pausd.org).

#### From Principal Grierson

##### **JLS 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.

#### **NEW - PAUSD Distance Learning Survey:**

PAUSD's first survey is available for parents and secondary students. The survey process will evolve over time and will narrow when necessary. This is our first attempt and expect to receive some information to inform future decisions about our program. The district survey can be accessed [here](#).

#### **Student Attendance:**

Attendance procedures are the same as pre-COVID-19, and all classes begin synchronously with live instruction. Teachers will be taking mandatory attendance every class period. They will also be marking tardies if your student is late to sign into their class. The district auto-dialer will begin calling home for absences on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

If you are going to miss a class for any reason, contact: [jsattendance@pausd.org](mailto:jsattendance@pausd.org) (preferred) or 650-856-5179.

When contacting the Attendance Office, please provide the following information (if leaving a voicemail message, please speak slowly and clearly and spell the first and last name of the student):

- First and last name of the student
- The grade level of the student
- Your name and your relationship to the student.
- The reason for the absence and the days/periods missed (if no reason is given, it will be unexcused).
- Please only call OR email. Doing both is unnecessary.
- Parents/Guardians have 72 hours to excuse an absence. After 72 hours, documentation is required to excuse the absence.

[Principal Grierson's Weekly messages](#)



#### **Don't Delay - Last days of PiE Challenge Grant**

Join our community in supporting PiE today! Your donations make a difference in the education and wellbeing of all of our students. PiE funds go to every PAUSD school and help principals to staff programs in wellness and counseling, the arts, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Learn how PiE dollars support

your child's school: <https://papie.org/schools-of-pausd/>

Donate or pledge now to double your impact. Gifts and pledges made by Sept 8 will be matched by a \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant. Donate today at <http://papie.org/donate/>.

## **PAUSD News**

[Superintendent's Weekly Board Update](#)

[Return to Learn Fall 2020 page](#)

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#### **Second LCP (Learning Continuity Plan) Community Meeting Thursday, September 10, 5 pm, Zoom**

PAUSD - Dr. Judy Argumedo, Director of Academic Supports will hold the second LCP (Learning Continuity Plan) Virtual Community Meeting on Thursday, September 10th at 5:00 pm. The meeting agenda includes: Information on LCP, Stakeholder questions, Feedback

La Senora Judy Argumedo llevara a cabo la segunda reunion comunitaria el nieces, 10 de septiembre, 5:00-6:30pm. La agenda es - informacion sobre el plan de LCP -preguntas

All Stakeholders Invited: Join Zoom Meeting LCP Community Meeting  
Meeting ID: 955 6228 9480

PAUSD-學術支持總監Judy Argumedo博士將於9月10日（星期四）下午5:00舉行第二次LCP（學習連續性計劃）虛擬社區會議。會議議程包括：有關LCP的信息，利益相關方的問題，反饋

加入Zoom Meeting  
LCP社區會議  
會議ID：955 6228 9480

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

## Community News

### **\*\*NEW\*\*Let's Go EV! Electric Vehicle Workshop Wednesday, Sept 9 @ 10:30 am (online event) RSVP**

Want to love the planet AND your car? This workshop will cover the many benefits of EV ownership that make EVs more fun to drive, better for the environment, and cheaper to own than gas-powered cars. Topics to be covered include: charging basics, government rebates, leasing versus buying, available makes and models, and what's in store for the future.

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