JLS PTA eNews
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Important Dates in September

September 21- JLS Site Council Meeting
September 23- 6th Grade Parent Coffee | Connections 8th Grade ROPES Parent Night
September 24- Connections Parent Coffee
September 25- Materials Distribution Day
September 30- 7th Grade Parent Coffee

6th Grade Parent Network Coffee

The next 6th grade Parent Network Coffee will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 8:30 AM-9:20 AM. Please watch your inbox for an email with the zoom link. Please contact Amy Sheward with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Students are invited to join the JLS Virtual Club Fair

When: At lunch this Wednesday the 23rd from 11:40-12:10
Where: Click on the link on the JLS website or on your Grade Level Schoology Page
What: Learn how to join a bunch of fun clubs including: Calligraphy, Marvel & Star Wars, JLS Computer, Jr. Thespians, Gender Sexuality Awareness(GSA), Photography, Youth Community Service, School Newspaper (Paw Print), Debate, Hamilton, Current Events, Debate, Bookworms, Knowledge Bowl, and much more!
Questions: Any questions please Schoology message Ms. Accetta or Ms. Lee

Materials Distribution and School Photos pickup – Friday, September 25, 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM

We are planning a third distribution day this Friday, September 25th to distribute:
- 6th grade Wheel materials (new 5-week period starting Monday, September 28th)
- 6th grade Science materials for hands-on activities
- 6th-8th Miscellaneous items from subject area teachers.
- 6th-8th School Photos

There will be a specific schedule coming out later in the week to parents from the Principal, and also to students via Schoology from their grade level administrator and teachers.

To help us control the number of people on campus, families should send one representative during the time slot associated with their student’s last name. If you are unable to come to campus during your assigned time, please contact our data secretary, Mr. Esteban Zacarias, at ezacarias@pausd.org to arrange an alternate appointment.
PIE Needs Your Support
We still need your participation! Your contribution will support over 250 staff positions in wellness/support, the arts, and STEM at all PAUSD schools, whether distance-learning or in-person. We can't do it without you! Every dollar makes a difference. Donate or pledge today.

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.

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**UPDATED** SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUMS

Thurs. Sept 24 7pm - 8:30 pm. School Board forum on Secondary Education - middle & high schools. Live stream: https://youtu.be/qoHDNY4FG7Y
Use this google form to collect questions in advance. Moderated by students from the Paly and Gunn Speech and Debate Clubs. Questions: council@paloaltopta.org

Thurs. Oct. 8, 6:30pm - 8:30 pm. School Board Forum co-hosted with the League of Women Voters. Zoom link for the League-sponsored candidate forum. It’s posted on our Candidate Forum web page or School Board Forum link

Sat. Oct 17 3pm - 5pm. School Board Candidate Forum on Educational Equity & Access: the Achievement Gap and Special Education The event is jointly sponsored by PTA Council (PTAC), Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC), the Latino Parent Network (LPN), and Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS). For questions, contact paloaltocac@gmail.com or council@paloaltopta.org

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VOTE TO SUPPORT MEASURE O

PTA Council Executive Board supports Yes On O! Our Palo Alto schools are among the best in the state and nation, thanks to dedicated teachers, high-quality academics, and rich and varied programs to support and enrich our children’s growth. For almost 20 years, our local parcel tax has generated over $15 million in locally-controlled funding to keep our schools strong. This essential local funding is set to expire. If we don’t renew our local parcel tax, our budget would be cut and our teachers, staff and programs could face devastating losses. Vote YES on Measure O, a parcel tax renewal measure that has been placed on the November 2020 ballot to ensure our schools continue receiving this critical funding. For more information please visit the website or email info@SupportPaloAltoSchools.org

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
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

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