



## JLS PTA eNews

November 1, 2020

### JLS News

#### Important Dates in November

November 4- Principal's Coffee  
November 9- Principal's Coffee  
November 11- Veteran's Day Holiday, No School  
November 16- Site Council Meeting  
November 18- Principal's Coffee  
November 23- 27- Thanksgiving Break, No School

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#### Reopening Plans for PAUSD Secondary Schools

Reopening plans for PAUSD secondary schools are rapidly developing and evolving. Parents and students should have received a second (non binding) survey this week about their preferences for a hybrid or full distance approach. Please be sure to respond by Sunday, November 1st at 5pm.

Many aspects of the reopening plans are still being formulated, and information is changing daily. Our Middle School PTAs are working closely with each other and with our site administrators to make sure all families have the most up-to-date, accurate information.

Families will be asked to choose an instructional model for their middle schoolers starting November 11th. JLS will be holding 3 "Coffee Chats" with the principal prior to the decision deadline. The discussions will be live, via Zoom from 8:30-9:30am on Wednesday, Nov 4, Monday, Nov 9 and Thursday, Nov 12. The discussions will focus on the reopening plans and will include time for questions and answers. If you'd like to submit questions for the coffees, please [use this form](#). In addition to these live discussions, we will continue to send out information and details. We will also send out summaries of the discussions for your reference.

The choices are as follows:

**Full Distance Learning (DL) Model** - This is essentially a continuation of the current model, but students may experience a change in the order of their courses and/or they may be assigned different teachers. The start and end times of each day will remain the same. The bell schedule during the day will be the same for Tuesday - Friday; Monday bell schedule is being evaluated. Each week, the DL student will have two 75-minute virtual sessions per course.

**Hybrid (H) Model**- The new Hybrid program offers a combination of In Person (IP) and at home asynchronous instruction. Students who select the Hybrid Program will be assigned into one of two groups, either A or B. Students may experience a change in the order of their courses and/or they may be assigned different teachers. The start and end times of each day will remain the same. The bell schedule during the day will be the same for Tuesday - Friday; Monday bell schedule is being evaluated. Each week, the H student will have one 75-minute In Person class and be assigned 75-minutes of asynchronous work per course.

Please stay tuned for more communication from the district, our school, and our PTA as more details get finalized. Again, if you have specific questions prior to the Nov 4 Coffee Chat, please use [this survey](#).

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**Principal's Coffee**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 8:30 AM- 9:20 AM**

We will be having an all-grade level Parent Network Coffee that will include our re-opening plans. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 8:30 AM-9:20 AM.

Please use this Zoom link for our gathering:

<https://pausd.zoom.us/j/92942966788>

Please contact [Chris Grierson](#), [Amy Sheward](#), [Adam Nelson](#), or [Hanisi Acceta](#) with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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**\*\*NEW\*\* Campaign Countdown: The PiE Challenge Grant Returns!**

If you have been waiting to complete your PiE donation for the year, the time has come. Generous donors have offered up a special Campaign Countdown challenge grant, and will match donations up to \$210,000 through November 16. Support our students by donating to PiE. If you have already given or pledged, thank you so much. Every dollar makes a difference.

[Donate or pledge today, and double your impact](#)

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**Support the [JLS PTA](#)**

JLS PTA works closely with the JLS administration to serve students and their families throughout the year. We are currently at about 50% of our anticipated donations, and encourage you to participate and donate in a way that works for your family. For more details on what the JLS PTA does, the programs we

support and why we need your support, please click [here](#).

Here are the links for your convenience:

[PTA Donations](#): Any amount is encouraged and appreciated

[PTA Membership](#): Join for \$6 (with a \$1 processing fee), and help support our programs & advocacy efforts

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**[From Principal Grierson](#)**

[Principal Grierson's Weekly messages](#)

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## Palo Alto PTA Council News

**Vote Yes on Measure O**

The PTA Council and all 17 PTAs support Yes On O! 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. 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 critical funding.

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### **VOTE - LAST- MINUTE VOTING REMINDERS**

NOT REGISTERED, no ballot, or ballot messed up? You can fix this when you vote in-person. DEADLINE: 8pm, Tue Nov 3. This close to Election Day, official ballot drop boxes are quicker and safer than mail. Drop boxes go directly to the Registrar of Voters, avoiding any mail delays. Vote in the county you live in! LOCATIONS & MORE: [\[Santa Clara County\]](#) [\[San Mateo County\]](#) California State PTA Supports [Prop 15](#) and [Prop 16](#). Thank you for voting!

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### **SAFE USE OF TECHNOLOGY - Children and Distance Learning**

Navigate the challenges of increased and unavoidable digital usage during distance learning: [Click Here](#) to learn a few, easy-to-use tips to safeguard children's health by maintaining safe use of technology at home. Fact sheet, references and research from best practices from children's digital study environments: *American Academy of Pediatrics, Mayo Clinic, Harvard health study, Environmental Health Trust, Parents for Safe Technology, Children's Screen time Action Network, Commonsense Media, Apple and Microsoft Support*. Questions/ Info email: [selearning@paloaltopta.org](mailto:selearning@paloaltopta.org)

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### **Get your FLU SHOTS NOW before they run out of Flu vaccine.**

With two serious respiratory viruses circulating this year it's especially important to protect ourselves and our families as much as we can. Flu shots are now available, *but may be in short supply this year because of the current pandemic and higher demand for flu vaccines this year*, so speak to your family physician or pharmacist about getting your seasonal flu shot now. [CDC message on the Flu Vaccine](#)

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### **Safe Routes to School**

#### ***Walk and Roll to School 2020***

No matter your learning environment, families, neighborhoods, and schools are invited to participate in Walk to School celebrations this year. During the ensuing weeks as more grades open, consider these [20 ideas to help encourage your school to celebrate Walking to School in 2020](#)

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## **Community News**

### **Research Crash Course**

Does your student like science or engineering? Project ROPEs is offering free online classes to guide students through conducting a project for the Synopsys Championship! The Research Crash Course consists of 10 online classes from late-October through March, with check-ins throughout to provide personalized feedback. Register NOW at <https://projectropes.org>!

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