



JLS PTA eNews

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Important Dates in November

November 9- Principal's Coffee, 5:30 PM- 6:20 PM
November 11- Veteran's Day Holiday, No School
November 12- Principal's Coffee, 8:30 AM- 9:20 AM
November 16- Site Council Meeting
November 23- 27- Thanksgiving Break, No School

November 9- 13 Special Holiday Bell Schedule

There is a special bell schedule to honor Veteran's Day. There is no school for PAUSD students or staff on Wednesday November 11, 2020. Please click [here](#) for this week's special bell schedule

Week of November 9-13 (Holiday November 11)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:15 AM Period 1	9:40-10:55 AM Period 5	Holiday - No School	9:00-10:15 AM Period 1	9:40-10:55 AM Period 5
10:25-11:40 AM Period 2	11:05-11:40 AM Advisory	Veterans Day	10:25-11:40 AM Period 2	11:05-11:40 AM Advisory
LUNCH 11:40-12:10 PM	LUNCH 11:40-12:10		LUNCH 11:40-12:10 PM	LUNCH 11:40-12:10
12:20-1:40 PM Period 3*	12:20-1:40 PM Period 6*		12:20-1:40 PM Period 3*	12:20-1:40 PM Period 6*
1:50-3:05 PM Period 4	1:50-3:05 PM Period 7		1:50-3:05 PM Period 4	1:50-3:05 PM Period 7
3:10-3:40 PM Office Hours	3:10-3:40 PM Office Hours		3:10-3:40 PM Office Hours	3:10-3:40 PM Office Hours



Save the Date!

Next week we will be having TWO all-grade level Principal's Coffee Meetings that will include our re-opening plans. We hope you will join us:

Monday, Nov. 9 from 5:30 PM-6:20 PM.

Please use this Zoom link for our gathering: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/94459886451> and

Thursday, Nov. 12 from 8:30 AM-9:20 AM.

Please use this Zoom link for our

gathering: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/94693760090>

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

Reopening Plans for PAUSD Secondary Schools (Revised and Updated)

Reopening plans for PAUSD secondary schools were included in this Friday's [Superintendent's Update and board docs](#), and will be considered for approval during the PAUSD School Board meeting this Tuesday, November 10th. If approved, families will have between November 11th and 18th to indicate their choice.

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.

JLS will be holding 2 "Coffee Chats" with the principal prior to the decision deadline. [The discussions will be live, via Zoom from 5:30-6:20pm on Monday, Nov 9 and from 8:30-9:20 am on 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 instruction. There is currently one proposal for 6th grade, and two proposals for 7th and 8th grades. The Board will vote on these two proposals this Tuesday. To view full details, please visit the [board docs](#).

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 9 and Nov 12 meetings, please use [this survey](#).



****NEW**Challenge Grant: A Second Chance to Double Your Impact!**

Generous donors have offered a second and final challenge grant this year, and will match donations up to \$210,000 through November 16. Every donation at any level will be doubled!

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](#)



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:

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Palo Alto PTAs on Parcel Tax: Measure O

THANK YOU to all PTA volunteers, parents, students, neighbors, and friends. You did it! You helped to pass this parcel tax ****Measure O**** by historical numbers in support for our schools, teachers, staff, bus drivers, and students. During an especially difficult year, Palo Alto came together for our public schools and all families. We are in your debt for your generosity and priority. Thank you!

****NEW** - Rethinking Adulthood: A Neurodiverse Trajectory**

Thu Nov 12, 7-8:30pm

ZOOM info sent the day before the event; please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/RethinkingAdulthood>
What does it mean to be an adult? How is the transition to adulthood addressed in neurodiverse populations? Neurodivergent educator Amy Faigin will explore the social and emotional elements of this transition and how we can better support our students and children through this process. REEL, the Palo Alto CAC and PTA Council are proud to co-host this event for parents and educators. Questions: reeladmin@reelpaloalto.org

****NEW** Literacy and the Science of Reading**

Wed Oct 28

Thank you for joining us on October 28th for the webinar during Dyslexia Awareness Month. If you were unable to attend here is the Youtube *link of the* recording featuring Dr. Jason D. Yeatman and Dr. Rebecca Silverman of Stanford University. Event sponsored by: Palo Alto Council of PTAs (PTAC) and Palo Alto CAC for Special Education.

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](#)

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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