



## JLS PTA eNews

November 15, 2020

### JLS News

#### Important Dates in November

- **Nov 16**- Site Council Meeting | PTA Live FAQ call 8:30 am (link emailed via uptous)
- **Nov 17** - Special Support Services Parent Network Meeting, 5:30 pm
- **Nov 18**- Principal Parent Coffee, 8:30 am | Deadline for Committing to Hybrid or Distance Learning, 5 pm
- **Nov 23- 27**- Thanksgiving Break, No School



#### Special Support Services Parent Network Meeting Tuesday, November 17, 5:30 PM- 6:20 PM

Next week we will be having a Special Support Services Parent Network Meeting that will include our re-opening plans and questions about Special Education, English Learner, and other support services. We hope you will join us.

Please use this Zoom link for our gathering: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/98108002421>

#### Principal Parent Coffee Chat Wednesday, November 18, 8:30 am (Zoom link to follow)

#### Reopening Message

[Here](#) is a summary of the Reopening Information, as summarized from Principal Grierson's Weekly Message

The PAUSD Board approved the proposal to reopen secondary schools in January, [PAUSD Board Meeting Video](#) . Families have a choice between Distance Learning or Hybrid Learning. PAUSD families received an email on Wed, Nov 11 titled "Learning Model Selection for Parents - Middle and High School. The email has a link for you to commit to either Distance Learning or Hybrid Learning options no later than Wed, November 18 at 5pm.

Additional important information in the Principal's Newsletter

- [Instructional models proposed.](#)
- [Principal Coffee slide deck from Nov 12](#) .
- [PTA FAQ document link](#)
- Questions for upcoming coffees? Please submit them via this [Google form](#)
- [Supporting Learning at Home: Resource for Parents, Guardians and Caregivers](#)
- [Holiday Travel Guide:](#) Thank you for considering the following information as you make potential plans, from the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health.

Please click [here](#) for the full text of the Principal's letter.

### Author Visit with Christopher Swiedler!

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 2 - 3 pm

JLS welcomes [Christopher Swiedler](#) author of [In the Red](#). Watch Christopher Swiedler talk about *In the Red* [here](#)! Your child's 7th period class may be signed up to attend the author visit. Even if your child does not attend, please consider buying a copy of the book for your home library or as a holiday gift. [Order a copy of this excellent book here](#) and support local bookstore Books Inc. at the same time!

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### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*Double Your Impact: PiE Challenge Grant Ends Monday**

Every dollar makes a difference. Gifts and pledges made through Monday, November 16 will be matched by a \$210,000 Challenge Grant offered by generous donors from our community. Support our students by donating to PiE today. If you have already given or pledged, thank you so much. If not, don't delay! [Double your impact by donating or pledging today.](#)

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### **JLS Middle School**



### **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

### **\*\*NEW\*\*The K-12 Opportunity Gap and Its Effect on Equal Access to Higher Education Thu Dec 3 12 - 1:30 pm. Zoom Webinar**

Presented by the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto with Cosponsorship by the Palo Alto Council of PTAs - Guest Speakers: Kristen Clarke, President and Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and Genevieve ("Genzie") Bonadies Torres, Counsel for the Educational Opportunities Project. A high-quality education is among the most potent drivers of opportunity and economic mobility, particularly for historically marginalized students of color and low-income students. Unfortunately, our educational system is too often deepening the racial and socioeconomic divides that persist across California and our country. In this webinar, the Lawyers' Committee's Educational Opportunities Project will provide an overview of the current racial inequities characterizing the K-12 system and their impact on access to higher education and social mobility. The webinar will then highlight important efforts that

are underway in California and across the country to dismantle existing barriers and to ensure education remains a ladder to opportunity for all.

Register [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1_sl3S_tQyevxOJtlqO63Q) [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1\\_sl3S\\_tQyevxOJtlqO63Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1_sl3S_tQyevxOJtlqO63Q)

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### **\*\*NEW\*\*PTA Council Wishes Everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday**

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**

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### **2021 Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp Online, June 7-11 and June 14-18, Speech from 10AM-12PM and Debate from 1PM-3PM**

[Registration](#) for the seventeenth annual **2021 Palo Alto Speech and Debate Camp (PASDC)** will be open on Dec 1st, 2021. Year after year, elementary and middle schoolers leave PASDC with improved public speaking, research skills, critical thinking abilities, and self-confidence. Taught by Palo Alto's nationally ranked high school Speech and Debate team, our unmatched 4:1 student-to-counselor ratio provides students with individualized attention and support. PASDC's basic and advanced programs offer customized curriculum for campers of all experience levels and prepare students for high school level competition. To ensure the safety of our campers, we will be planning for a full virtual camp like the previous year, with counselors who are experienced with the online platform. Please [visit our website](#) or contact [palyspeechanddebate@gmail.com](mailto:palyspeechanddebate@gmail.com) to learn more about the program.

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