



## JLS PTA eNews

November 29, 2020

### JLS News

#### Important Dates in November- December

- Dec 2- Principal Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM
- Dec 9- 7th Grade Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM
- Dec 11- Materials Distribution Day
- Dec 14- Site Council Meeting, 3:45 PM
- Dec 16- 8th Grade Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM | Community Forum (Schematic Design) 5 PM
- Dec 16- 6th-8th Grade (Virtual) Choir Concert, 7 PM
- Dec 17- 6th-8th Grade Band Concert
- Dec 18- All Schools Minimum Day End of 1st Semester
- Dec 21- Jan 6- No School, Winter Break
- Jan 7- First Day of School



#### Principal Parent Coffee Chat Wednesday, December 2 , 8:30 am- 9:20 am

Principal Grierson will share updated information with the JLS community regarding reopening plans.

Zoom link: (<https://pausd.zoom.us/j/93873524167>)

#### Relationship in Tight Quarters Parent Resources from School Connect for Module 7

This series of lessons about “Navigating Relationships in Tight Quarters” was inspired by the significant adjustments families have gone through since COVID-19 struck in March 2020. Suddenly, most families were thrust into sheltering in place and schooling from home. For some families, this was a relatively smooth transition; for others, it’s been traumatic. Now, months later, most are feeling weathered and weary from the isolation, uncertainty, and financial hardship of 2020. These lessons are designed to be a helpful “tune-up” for family dynamics and relationships.

Please click [here](#) for the handout.

#### JLS Middle School

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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**

### **\*\*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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### **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**

**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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## PTAC Community News will Return After the Thanksgiving Break

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