



JLS PTA eNews

December 20, 2020

JLS News

Important Dates

- Dec 21- Jan 6- No School, Winter Break
- Jan 7- First Day of School

From the JLS PTA

Thank you for your participation and support this semester. Here are a few ideas to consider as you enjoy your Winter Break with your families. We will see you in the new year, on Thursday, Jan 7, 2021.

JLS Holiday Giving Tree (VIRTUAL):

In a normal year, we would collect presents for the Family Giving Tree and have an opportunity to volunteering in the warehouse, but this year the gift drive will be VIRTUAL only.

Click [here](https://vtree.fgt.org/JaneLathropStanfordMiddleSchool/): <https://vtree.fgt.org/JaneLathropStanfordMiddleSchool/>.

You'll find specific gifts you and your JLS student could select -- the gifts will be sent directly to the Giving Tree warehouse and will be distributed.

Green Holiday Activities and Ideas:

Our Green Team has started a padlet (an app where you post pictures and notes, think of it like virtual post-its) with ideas around Green activities over Winter Break. Take a look -- and add some of your ideas, too! Click [here](https://padlet.com/promiserani/m2xze961itls3oe6): <https://padlet.com/promiserani/m2xze961itls3oe6>

Free Activities to Do:

Family Escape Rooms

Local Light Displays; locations [here](#) and [here](#) (and of course, Palo Alto's Christmas Tree Lane on Fulton Ave

Palo Alto City Events, including Public Art Scavenger Hunt and Holiday Decorations (more info [here](#))

Visit Open Space Preserves

Palo Alto Open Space Preserves [here](#)

Hikes and Trails in Peninsula, info [here](#)

City Resources to Assist

Resources listed [here](#)

JLS PTA Enews will resume in the first week of January. Happy Holidays to all!

From Principal Grierson

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Palo Alto PTA Council News

****NEW** Help Local Families Financially Impacted by COVID-19**

The [Palo Alto Community Fund \(PACF\)](#) is supporting the urgent need in our nearby community, including PAUSD families. The most recent shelter-in-place order will bring additional financial needs to many families. PACF is working with school district staff to identify and support families of students attending PAUSD schools who are struggling to meet basic life needs. As PACF's fund grows, so will the support to the community. Please [donate](#) if you are able to support this local effort.

Health and Wellness: Santa Clara County Announces Expanded Testing Options and Self-Administered Testing - Free COVID-19 Testing Sites

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/pages/covid19-testing.aspx>

By-appointment testing will be available at the Palo Alto Art Center on Friday, December 18. [Go here for more information and to sign up](#) for an appointment starting 7 days in advance of the testing date.

Latest COVID-19 Updates for Santa Clara County

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/home.aspx>

****NEW** Mandatory Directive on Holiday Travel**

The new Travel Directive by the Santa Clara County Department of Health contains information about how to slow the transmission of COVID-19. Directive on Travel will require people to quarantine for 14 days upon return to the County from travel of more than 150 miles. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)

Community News



Recycled Art Challenge Palo Alto Art Center Teen Leadership Group.

Calling all teen artists! Submit your work to the Art Center Teen Leadership's Recycled Art Challenge, running through December 1 through January 4. Accepted artworks will be featured in a zine, curated by the ACT Leadership team. Create a piece of artwork using any kind of recycled material! Scan the QR code to learn more, check-out inspiration photos, and submit.

The Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto

"Family to Family" For 64 years, the Christmas Bureau of Palo Alto has continued to serve those in our community who struggle financially. During the holiday season, funds contributed last year by many generous donors were distributed in small checks to over 636 low-income families. Overall, we helped 2500 individuals. All recipients are referred by local agencies who serve these families with children, single adults, and seniors with limited funds! Please visit our website and help us make a difference and spread holiday cheer!

www.christmasbureauofpaloalto.org

The Christmas Bureau is a non-profit [501(c)(3)], non-sectarian, all volunteer organization.

If you have already contributed to our 2020 Campaign,

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