



## JLS PTA eNews

January 31, 2021

### JLS News

#### Important Dates in February

- **February 3-** JLS Parent Ed: Developing Social Skills While Social Distancing, 7:30 PM
- **February 5-** Materials Distribution Day
- **February 8-** Connections Information Night, 6 PM
- **February 10-** Principal Coffee, Transitions, 8:30 AM | 8th Grade High School Course Selection Workshop Gunn & Paly, 6:30 PM
- **February 11-** Connections Board Meeting
- **February 15-** President's Day No School
- **February 19-** 8th Grade, Course Selection Forms Due
- **February 22-** Site Council Meeting, 3:45 PM
- **February 24-** Principal Coffee, AIB Literacy Assessment, 8:30 AM | Choice Applications Due
- **February 25-** Connections Parent Coffee

#### JLS Parent Ed Event: "Developing Social Skills While Social Distancing," Wednesday, February 3rd, 7-8:30pm

Please join us for a JLS parent event, a talk by Susan Stone (plus Q&A) on "Developing Social Skills While Social Distancing." The talk will be February 3rd, 7-8:30pm at [this zoom link](https://www.familycoachandspeaker.com/about/). Susan Stone (<https://www.familycoachandspeaker.com/about/>) is a parenting coach and expert, and her talk will be aimed at middle school parents, as to how to help their children develop social relationships during this time. We hope you join us!

#### Distribution Day Friday, Feb. 5th

We are planning a fifth distribution day this Friday, Feb. 5th to distribute:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Wheel materials (for their next wheel)
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science notebook/workbook
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade novels, and elective materials

There will be a specific schedule coming out later in the week to parents from the Principal, and also to students via *Schoology* from their grade level administrator and teachers. **Please bring the Student Distribution Checklist for your child.**

To help us control the number of people on campus, families should send one representative during the time slot associated with their student's last name. If you are unable to come to campus during your assigned time, please contact our data secretary, Mr. Esteban Zacarias, at [ezacarias@pausd.org](mailto:ezacarias@pausd.org) to arrange an alternate appointment.



#### Principal Parent Coffee, Transition to 2021-22 School Year Wednesday, February 10, 8:30 AM

Please use the following zoom link  
<https://pausd.zoom.us/j/99873767585>

#### Upcoming Principal Parent Coffee Chats

- Wednesday, February 24: AIB Literacy Assessment

Principal Chats are archived on the JLS Website [here](#).

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**8th Grade Gunn and Paly High School Course Information Selection  
Wednesday, February 10, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

Gunn Webinar Link: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/94210349720>

Paly Webinar Link: <https://pausd.zoom.us/j/97504355684>

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**A Little Time = Great Results!**

Become a PiE volunteer and help make a big difference. Next year, coming back from COVID, we'll want to build an even greater connection on campus. Join our team! It's fun and you get to meet new people. Grab a friend and volunteer together!

Interested? Email [info@papie.org](mailto:info@papie.org)!

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**\*\*NEW UPDATE\*\*: PTA Parent Series: Parenting in a Pandemic**

Free online webinars for parenting in a pandemic, organized by 6th District PTA. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register for any of the talks below: Next workshops:

ESPAÑOL - Estrés y El Bienestar de nuestra Salud Mental Miércoles, 3 de febrero de 2021, 7pm

Improving Family Life While Working at Home Thursday, February 11, 2021, 7pm

Parenting During the Pandemic: First, Adjust Your Own N95 Mask! Creating Happiness for You and Your Family Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 7pm

Supporting Children in our Changing World Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7pm

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**Walking and Biking Safely**

Even during winter months, walking and biking to school, or other alternative learning arrangements, are a great way to get healthy exercise, talk with your kids, and ensure they have a healthy start to the school day. [here](#) for winter biking safety tips concerning lighting conditions, riding on wet leaves, blind turns and sunblind drivers. Please also remember or remind students to call the Palo Alto Police Department non-emergency number at 650-329-2413 any time a collision involving a student, regardless of severity, occurs. All involved parties should remain at the

scene until help arrives.

Bike thefts are up 64% in Palo Alto. Keep your bike safe by [reviewing the following tips](#). Please report bikes stolen on school campuses to the school administration. A police report can also be filed by calling the Palo Alto Police Department 24-hour Dispatch Center at 650-329-2413 or by using the [online reporting system](#). If your child's bike is registered with [Bike Index](#), you should log in and mark the bike as lost or stolen.

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**From Principal Grierson**

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## Palo Alto PTA Council News

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### **\*\*NEW\*\*2021 Annual CAC Sweetheart Awards - Call for Nominations**

Is there a bus driver, friend, teacher, administrator, neighbor, aide, crossing guard, coach, fellow student, therapist, physician, volunteer or relative that has done something for your special needs child with an IEP or 504? Honor that person by nominating him or her for a CAC Sweetheart Award. Submit [Nomination Form](#) before 2/19. The Awards Ceremony will be on Saturday, February 27, from 10am to noon on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed to nominators and nominees directly to retain privacy. For info or questions contact [sweethearts.award@gmail.com](mailto:sweethearts.award@gmail.com) or go to [www.cacpalalto.org](http://www.cacpalalto.org).

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### **California PTA - "Listening Sessions" on Race & Racism**

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of California State PTA is excited to host three Zoom "listening sessions" this month around race, racism and PTA. We aim to listen to your authentic voices to help guide us in making all our members feel included, valued, and respected. Each session will be a safe, confidential space for members of that particular group to honestly share, without the burden of code-switching\* while participating. If you or someone in your PTA is interested, please [click here](#) for further information.

January 25, 6:00-7:00 pm: For Black/African American/multi-racial Black persons, facilitated by a Black/African American person.

January 26, 6:00-7:00 pm: For those Indigenous to California lands or multi-racial Indigenous, facilitated by a person Indigenous to California.

January 28, 6:00-7:00 pm: For non-Indigenous, non-Black persons of color or non-Black non-Indigenous multi-racial persons, facilitated by a non-Indigenous, non-Black person of color.

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### **HEALTH & WELLNESS - New**

California State PTA COVID-19 Resources: <https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/coronavirus-information>

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### **Palo Alto PTA Council Invites You to Policy Setting Sessions on Teen Vaping & Youth Health. Feb 4, 23, and 25**

The Palo Alto PTA Council successfully championed a 2020 CAPTA Resolution on Vaping: [Resolution A](#). The Santa Clara County Health Department is holding policy setting sessions specific to PTA advocacy. If you have elementary and middle school aged children, please consider attending one of these sessions. Register here: [eventbrite/PTA Advocacy Sessions](#). These sessions are for those in leadership positions interested in advocacy at their school (Health & Wellness Representatives, VP Advocacy, VP Community Outreach). Press Release: [PTA Announces Support for Measures That Prohibit E-Cigarette](#). Questions? Please contact Jade Chao at [president\\_19\\_20@palaltopta.org](mailto:president_19_20@palaltopta.org)

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