



JLS PTA eNews

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Important Dates in March

- **March 3-** Principal Coffee, 8:30 AM
- **March 8-** Deadline for Connections Program Acceptance
- **March 10-** Principal Coffee, 8:30 AM
- **March 11-** Connections Board Meeting
- **March 15-** Local Holiday, No School
- **March 17-** Principal Coffee, 8:30 AM | Band Concert, All grades, 7 PM
- **March 19-** End of 3rd Quarter
- **March 22-** 6th Grade Family Night Q&A, 6:30 PM
- **March 24-** Principal Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM | Incoming 6th Grade Family Q&A, 5:30 PM
- **March 24-** All Grade Choir Concert, 7 PM
- **March 25-** Connections Parent Coffee
- **March 26-** 6th/7th Grade Course Selection Forms Due
- **March 29-** Site Council Meeting, 3:45 PM
- **March 31-** Principal Coffee, 8:30 AM
- **April 2-** All Schools Minimum Day



Principal Parent Coffee, Wednesday, March 3, 8:30 AM

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

Upcoming Principal Coffee Dates
Wednesday, March 10, 17, 24, 31.

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



JLS Service Week, March 22-26: Student signups open!

This year during JLS Service Week, ALL students will be doing digital service projects during their Advisory classes the week of March 22. In addition, students can choose to [sign up](#) for an after-school, parent-led zoom project during which you'll make cat and dog toys for a local animal shelter with materials you can easily find at home. After you do the project, you'll drop it off at a location we give you. For more information on what you'll be making and materials you'll need for your project, go to the [student sign up sheet](#)

[here](#). We have a limited number of available spots.

We could still use more parent volunteers (especially 8th grade parents), so if you would like to host a zoom session to help, [parents please sign up here by March 3](#).

Even if you can't lead a virtual volunteering session, please start saving the following materials so your students can participate:

- old T-shirts
- old tennis balls
- toilet paper/paper towel rolls
- pint sized, clear plastic containers

If you would like to donate extra materials so that students without these items can participate, please email JLSServiceDay@gmail.com for donation instructions.

Questions? Email JLSServiceDay@gmail.com

Sixth Grade Game Night

Fri March 12, and March 26 7:00-8:30PM on Zoom

The Palo Alto Youth Council is hosting a series of Sixth Grade Game Nights open to sixth graders from all local middle schools. These virtual events will take place over Zoom on February 26th, March 12th, and March 26 from 7 pm-8:30 pm. Tournament each night with the chance to win gift cards for Teaspoon, Pizza My Heart, and more. First three game night activities will be Among Us, Skribbl.io (a game similar to Pictionary), and an online escape room. Register for free at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sixth-grade-game-nights-tickets-139794554275> or email officialpayc@gmail.com with questions. The Palo Alto Youth Council is a government agency teen group.

Need Volunteers for Movie Night!

We are planning to run movie nights for the different grades on an upcoming Friday night. Kids will watch a movie together via zoom and talk and chat during the movie! We need volunteers to make it happen, so if you can do so, please email robyn.reiss@gmail.com, and we will plan it! Thanks!

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:

- Parenting During the Pandemic: First, Adjust Your Own N95 Mask! Creating Happiness for You and Your Family, *Wednesday, February 24 7:00 PM*
 - Supporting Children in our Changing World., *Wed March 3 7:00 PM*
 - Tackling Technology, *Wed March 10 6:00 PM*
 - Well-Balanced Student, *Thu March 18 7:00 PM*
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Celebrating Women in Sports

Stanford Athletics recently launched CardinalW, a series of five, free virtual events, featuring powerhouse Stanford alumnae, student-athletes and coaches. Attendance is completely free – you just have to register online and in-advance at GoStanford.com/CardinalW to receive the webinar links.

The goal of CardinalW is to inspire girls and women to play and participate in sport, and if your school and students can benefit from this free programming.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out -- and don't forget to register at GoStanford.com/CardinalW!

From Principal Grierson

[Principal Grierson's Weekly messages](#)

PAUSD News

A parenting support series offered by Palo Alto Unified School District Wellness & Support Services and AACI Beginning March 2

[Register Here](#). Parenting can be very challenging during the Pandemic for a lot of parents. Please join us for a free, 1.5-hour webinar every week starting from 3/2/2020 for ten weeks. You do not have to attend every single session but pick the topics that you are interested in. The workshop series will cover a wide range of parenting topics, addressing important questions such as internet overuse, build connect with teens, Teen's mental health, cross-cultural conflicts, de-escalate children's emotions. By the end of the

series, you will be equipped with better understanding, presence, calmness, and the skills needed to be able to communicate with your children. Hope to see you in one of the sessions!

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Palo Alto PTA Council News

****NEW** PTA Council Seeks Volunteers**

The PTA Council Nominating Committee is currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals in the community who would like to learn more about becoming a member of the PTA Council Executive Board for the 2021-22 school year. We are looking for community members who have a passion for improving the educational experience of all students and preferably have experience on their school PTA or site council. Talk to us about stepping into a leadership role or how you can participate on a committee. Contact the Nominating Committee at : parliamentarian@paloaltopta.org

****NEW** March 4, 2021 Priority Setting Meeting County Wide - Teen Health & E-Cig.**

Good News Teen e-Cig rates of use in middle/high schools have dropped during the COVID pandemic. In anticipation of school reopening, the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health has been holding priority setting community of excellence workshops on tobacco prevention. The final meeting March 4, 2021, where State/Local nonprofit and youth teen grant funding opportunities through 2025 will be discussed. Please attend this zoom meeting if you are a school parent, PTA leader, student council, or community nonprofit youth group leader interested in funding innovative ideas such as social platforms, etc.. Have Questions? Contact Jade Chao at president_19_20@paloaltopta.org.

Health Wellness

Free COVID-19 Testing in Palo Alto

https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/public_safety/plans_and_information/coronavirus/testing.asp

Family Resources here: [Health Wellness Resources](#)

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