



JLS PTA eNews

April 11, 2021

JLS News

Important Dates in April

- **April 14-** All Grades Choir Concert, 7 PM
- **April 15-** Connections Board Meeting, 8 AM
- **April 16-** Principal- Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM
- **April 20-** PTA General Meeting, 8:30 AM
- **April 21-** PTA Sponsored Earth Day Activity, 3:05 PM
- **April 22-** Connections Parent Coffee
- **April 23-** PTA Sponsored Earth Day Activity, 3:05 PM
- **April 28-** Principal Parent Coffee, 8:30 AM

Reminders Returning From Spring Break

ParentSquare Information - Please install the ParentSquare App for your convenience on your mobile device. We will be transitioning all JLS messages to the ParentSquare application for ease of translation for all parents.

- A helpful [How-To document and screencast](#) for parents is posted on our PAUSD website.
- You will also find a link to the health screener at the top of [our school website](#) for easy access. The website link will go to the ID Portal login, and when successful, redirect directly to the ParentSquare page.

Take-Home COVID Testing Coming Soon: PAUSD will be launching the take home tests for middle school and high school students after Spring Break, beginning Thursday, April 15, 2021. We anticipate our distribution plan will be finalized soon, and as soon as the plan is ready, we will share it with all of you. Please stay tuned for more information.

April 17 PAUSD Parent Leadership Summit (Sign-Up To Attend!) If you missed the Family Leadership Summit kick-off event from Saturday, March 27th, 2021 don't worry. There will be another date offered on April 17, 2021. See the links above to register. [Here is a preview](#) of what was shared, learned, and discussed at the kick-off event.

A special racial/ethnic affinity listening session will be hosted by PAUSD staff to get feedback from diverse groups on their experiences in PAUSD and hear what teachers, staff, students, and parents need and would like to see to build a more inclusive environment and work towards an equitable and antiracist organization. Although the affinity groups are grouped along racial lines, the experiences of LGBTQ+, students with disabilities, and other diverse groups may be addressed in all breakouts.

Equity for Academic Success: Saturday, April 17, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, with Keynote from Kiran Gaiind. The sessions in this day of the series revolve around the idea of truly teaching every child. The breakdown of sessions on this day will focus on supporting diverse learners, teaching the whole child, bringing culture into the classroom, breaking down cultural barriers and biases, and the pathway towards college and career success.

2020-21 CAASPP Testing. Our dates for these California standardized tests will be Monday, April 19 and Monday, April 26, 2021. Students will practice logging on to the test's secure browser in their Advisory classes after we return from Spring Break. More information to come.

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Principal's Coffee
April 16, 8:30 AM

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

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

From Principal Grierson

[Principal Grierson's Weekly messages](#)

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Palo Alto PTA Council News

****NEW**Supporting the Asian American Community**

The Palo Alto PTA Council joins other councils and units across the country in solidarity and support of Asian Americans and denounces all racial violence in our country. We will continue to work with our community partners to build a safe and supportive environment for all students, families and staff by improving diversity, equity and inclusion throughout our school communities. Please review the the [National PTA Statement on Violence Against Asian Americans](#) - Resource Services [Here](#)

Health & Wellness eNews

[Where to go for Free COVID Vaccines](#)

[Where to go for Free COVID-19 Testing](#)

[California State PTA COVID-19 Resources](#)

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

[Teen Mental Health Resources](#)

[Children's Mental Health Resources](#)

Spanish language forum: "COVID-19 Vaccine: My Wellness, My Community!"

Learn more about important vaccine topics. Pre-recorded in Spanish. [El Foro Comunitario: Vacuna COVID-19](#)

****NEW**6th District Scholarships for Seniors**

High school seniors are encouraged to consider applying for the Barbara Emerich Scholarship through Sixth District PTA. Two scholarships of \$750.00 each are available to support students who are planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college. Applicants must be current high school seniors, members of their high

school PTA/PTSA, and should have a strong record of community service: volunteering in education, counseling, mentoring, tutoring/preschool or with special needs children. Applications are due electronically by Friday, May 7, 2021 at midnight. If you are unable to send your application in electronically please reach out to programs@capta6.org. Information and link to application: <https://capta6.org/scholarship/>

Community News

Paly Music Boosters Board Recruiting

The Palo Alto High School Instrumental Music Boosters Board is looking to add to our Executive Board next year. If your student will be a 9th Grader next year and planning to enroll in band or orchestra, this is your chance to gain more visibility into the music program & PALY as a whole.

Board Members are first in-the-know about exciting upcoming events, build collegiate relationships with teachers & get to form friendships with other parents.

This will be your way of building intimate community within the larger school structure. Join us! We are a fun bunch, the monthly meetings are relaxed, not too early or too late, and the Music Directors are dynamic and entertaining.

Open Positions:

- o Treasurer-in-training/successor
- o eCommerce Coordinator
- o Secretary
- o Flea Market Co-Coordinators (3-4)
- o Parent Volunteer Coordinator(s)
- o Community Outreach Coordinator

Curious and want to know more? Send Jeffrey Willner an email right now and express your interest in joining: jwillner@pausd.org

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