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Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

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### Cotillion Dance - Introductory Class

*Tuesday, September 5, 7:30-8:30pm, MPR*

### 6th Grade Advisory Popsicle Social

*Wednesday, September 6, 1:20-1:40pm, Hugh Center Court*

### Club Fair

*Friday, September 8, 12:20-1pm, Hugh Center Court*

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## JORDAN CALENDAR SUMMARY

### September

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## NEW! Last Days of PiE Challenge Grant

The PiE 2017-2018 fundraising campaign is happening now. Please help in making a difference in the education of all kids in our community. The funds go to every PAUSD school and help principals to staff programs that deliver a well-rounded education. PiE's funding provides enr

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Sign up for one (or many) that fit your interest and/or skill set. Sign up online.

[UptoUs Jordan Middle School](#)

Questions? Email  
jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com.



and support in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering Math), the Arts, and Wellness and Support. PiE-funded staff make positive impact on our kids every day. Take two minutes to see (<http://papie.org/video/>) how the enriched education we want for c only possible with PiE.

Every gift counts. Gifts and pledges made by Sept 5 will be match \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant. Please donate today <http://papie.org/donate/>.



## JORDAN NEWS

### NEW! Noon Angels Wanted

We need Noon Angels! Noon Angels help keep our students safe during lunchtime. Our assistant principal, Magdalena Fittoria, invites you to come to a Noon Angels orientation scheduled for Tuesday September 12, 11:30-12:15 in room N-1. She will provide us with a purpose, instructions, a tour of the school grounds, as well as Q & A. Your time is valuable and we appreciate your willingness to watch out for the safety of our kids. We could not do this without your commitment! To sign up for the orientation and to sign up to volunteer, go to <https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#> Questions? Please contact Sachi Hwangbo [sachi\\_hwangbo@yahoo.com](mailto:sachi_hwangbo@yahoo.com).



### NEW! Attention 8th Grade Parents!

Honor your Jordan graduate with a recognition space in this year's yearbook and commemorate his or her achievement with congratulatory messages and photos. You can pick up order forms in the office or download them at: [www.jordan.pausd.org/parents](http://www.jordan.pausd.org/parents) You can design your own ad online or you can choose to have us design it for you. Ads are available in one-eighth, one-fourth, half and full pages sizes. Prices start at \$10. The deadline is **Friday, October 6, 2017**. If you have questions or need more information please contact the yearbook adviser, Daryl Richard, at [drichard@pausd.org](mailto:drichard@pausd.org)

### NEW! ANNIE Jr. AUDITIONS 9/5 & 9/6

Auditions for the fall musical, *Annie jr.*, will be on Sept. 5th at 3:15 and Sept. 6th at 2:00 in the MPR. Auditions are open to all Jordan students and everyone who auditions gets a role! There are lots of great roles for students. Plan on attending both audition days. We will also be recruiting students interesting in being in the stage or tech crew. Pick up an Audition Packet in B-3 or in the front office. Audition forms for cast & crew are on Sept. 5th in the MPR. For more information contact Ms. Gray at [lgray@pausd.org](mailto:lgray@pausd.org) or visit the Drama Department website.

### NEW! You're Invited! Jordan's "Just Parties" Big Kick-Off Event is coming up!

Please click [here](#) to RSVP

Join your fellow Jordan parents on **October 12 from 7pm - 10pm** to socialize, reconnect, and make some friends - all to help out our school! Appetizers on us and a no-host bar at the University Club in Palo Alto. Enjoying the evening, you will have the opportunity to sign up for PARTIES and other fun gatherings that are hosted by Jordan parents throughout the school year -- so don't forget to bring your checkbook or credit card and your calendar!

**CALLING ALL PARTY HOSTS!** We need more parties! Please get together with a friend (or three) to plan and host a party! It could be a small intimate gathering or a blowout; your choice! Bring your creativity and invite your friends to bring you the guests! Sample ideas for parties: Cinco de Mayo party, Night at the Oscars, How to Cook Chinese Dumpling Making Party, 6th grade Mom/Daughter Spa/Manicure. For more party ideas or to reserve your party (by October 4,) please contact one of the following "Just Parties" coordinators:

Julie O'Grady: [Julie@ogradyc.com](mailto:Julie@ogradyc.com)

Susan Scheel: [susanischeel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanischeel@sbcglobal.net)

Wendie Karel: [wendiekarel@hotmail.com](mailto:wendiekarel@hotmail.com)

## Jordan Clubs

The amazing array of Jordan Clubs is about to begin! There will be a Club Fair on **Friday, September 8** during lunch, for the kids to check out all the great clubs that are offered.

Important dates:

**9/8:** Club Fair during lunch, Hugh Center Court

**9/11:** Clubs Start

## Jordan International Night - Planning Underway

*"Building A Vibrant & Diverse School Community"*

Planning is now underway to celebrate Jordan diverse cultures at the Jordan International Night on **September 27, Wednesday**. We have over 100+ countries represented by our student body! Come celebrate our school's heritage with music, dance, fun, food, and prizes. Jordan Spanish, French, and Mandarin Class students are invited to give presentations in the languages they are studying.

We are excited to announce our new co-chair for this event, **Kathleen Hart** at [hart.kathleen@yahoo.com](mailto:hart.kathleen@yahoo.com). Think about giving a performance of music, dance or other formats? Plan to sponsor a country table? Sign up now! The slots do go fast. For all inquiries, please email: [jordaninternationalfair@gmail.com](mailto:jordaninternationalfair@gmail.com).

## Jordan PTA 2017-2018 School Year - First Meetings

Jordan PTA 2017-2018 Executive board met for the first time on Friday, August 11. The first GENERAL meeting will be held on **September 14 @ 8:30 am** in Library to vote on PTA budget and discuss other important items. PAUSD Board Member Melissa Baten-Caswell is Jordan's Board Liaison. She will be here to give a report and answer any community questions. Immediately following the PTA General Association meeting, the PTA Executive Board continues from ~9:30 am to 10:15 am. Latte Guy will be here to provide complimentary coffee.

Agenda Items? Budget? Questions? Email: [jordanptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:jordanptapresident@gmail.com).

## Bike to Jordan - Lock Your Bikes - Deter Theft

Parents please remind your student to lock his or her bike inside the bike cages. Although many bikes are registered and are parked in locked bike cages during the school day, the bike cage is opened and re-opened on weekends and after school hours. Student should be locking their bikes to the bike racks or something permanently affixed to the ground. This is to deter bike theft. For any bike cage questions, please email Lubbe at [jlubbe@pausd.org](mailto:jlubbe@pausd.org). For Safe Routes To School maps and tips, please email Deborah Bennett at [degb.alumni.rice.edu](mailto:RoutesToSchoolChampion@degb.alumni.rice.edu).

## City of Palo Alto Police Department

This is a friendly reminder to Jordan school community. Please do NOT park your vehicle along any curbs with a RED color. You will be ticketed. This space is reserved for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and

ambulances. Thank you for your cooperation. Let's all do our part to keep Jordan a safe space for all our children.

## Recommending New Name for Our School - Application Extension Now Due Friday

Dr. Max McGee is looking to fill the Jordan School Naming Committee to recommend a new name for our School. If you are a student, parent, staff, alumni, or even community members, you are encouraged to apply. Please note the application due date has been extended due to summer break and folks traveling schedules. Please thoughtfully consider applying to be a member of this committee because we need 6th and 7th grade student representation. If you are a 6th or 7th grade parent, this will be of special interest to you. Don't miss this is a link to the application.

- Until Sept 1, 2017: Applications for Advisory Committee Accepted
- Sept 11, 2017: Advisory Committee selected
- December 2017: Committee recommends new names for Board consideration
- January 2018: Board holds public hearing
- February 2018: Board approves names for the middle schools

We are more than happy to assist you in fill out the application or answer questions you may have. Visit us at Jordan 101 and pick up an application. Questions? Email: [jordanptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:jordanptapresident@gmail.com).

## Science Fridays! Science, Engineering and Technology Fair Evaluators and Volunteers

Two of the most fun things at Jordan: Science Fridays! And the Science, Engineering and Technology Fair and Science Expo in January.

On Science Fridays we have scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, professors, Paly/Gunn students come and talk about their work and research. Our past topics have ranged from black holes, Google glass technology, sports medicine, wearables, finance, chemistry blowups...just pure fun! Would you like to come and talk to students? Please send us an email. Oindrila Ray: [odray@pacbell.net](mailto:odray@pacbell.net), Sara Woodham Johnson: [sawoodham@gmail.com](mailto:sawoodham@gmail.com) and Joo Chia: [joochia@gmail.com](mailto:joochia@gmail.com)

We need many evaluators for our science fair projects. The students get to have one on one time with an evaluator and often find the experience enriching. As evaluators ourselves, we have been blown away by the work and imagination of our students. So much creativity and energy!! Sign up to volunteer!

[https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?\\_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#](https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#)

And then the science fair night...we have always had a huge turnout and for the past few years...liquid nitrogen ice cream!!! Nothing like the drama of seeing your ice cream emerging from the clouds of nitrogen. Delicious! Hoping to have it again this year. Though the best part is the student posters and talking to the students and of course the expo!

We need volunteers to pull it off and make a success of it! Please volunteer:

[https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?\\_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#](https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#)

## Upcoming Parent Ed Program: "Talking to Our Daughters About Sex!"

If you squirm at reading this subject line, you are not alone! We know how hard it is to broach this difficult and that's why we are excited to offer a new parent education program aimed at helping mothers navigate conversations with your daughters about SEX.

"Talking to Our Daughters About Sex" is a four-week program for mothers of girls ages 10-13 years old and will be offered:

Wednesday mornings, September 27th-October 18th, 9:30-11:30 in Palo Alto. Please plan to attend all classes. Please Register **by 9/24**.

To register and for more information please contact: Laura Prentiss, MSW at: [lnprentiss@gmail.com](mailto:lnprentiss@gmail.com) or Baskind, M.S., MFT at: [lizabaskind@gmail.com](mailto:lizabaskind@gmail.com)

## 2017-18 PTA Volunteering Opportunities at Jordan

Now is the time to get involved! Jordan and your middle school student need you! Jordan has some grant executive and non-executive Board positions still available for 2017-18. Please consider volunteering!

and GET involved / STAY involved at Jordan! See a position below that you like? Please contact one of our volunteers listed below. Additionally, if you want to get involved but don't see a match, please still contact us, we can help you find the right fit! Go JORDAN!

### **Parliamentarian**

Executive Board Position. Provide advice regarding parliamentary procedures and by-laws. Attend monthly Executive Board meetings and Association meetings. Convenes Nominating Committee in Spring for next year. Revise by-laws every 2 years.

### **International Fair Coordinators (3-5)**

International Fair Coordinators meet in August and September to plan for the annual International Fair. Tables (food and cultural displays), evening program (dances, music, art display) and raffle prize giveaways are the program's major components. This is a great way to work with a small group of parents to plan out this popular and highly anticipated Jordan Wednesday evening community building event that celebrates our school's diversity. Event Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 5:30 pm - 7 pm.

### **PTA Website Administrator**

### **Co-Science Fair Chair**

### **Family Buddies Coordinator**

### **Meals on Wheels Coordinator**

### **Service Day Coordinator**

### **VTP Co-coordinator**

If interested, please contact

Ann Balva: [ann@balva.com](mailto:ann@balva.com)

Monica Davison: [monicaandwill@yahoo.com](mailto:monicaandwill@yahoo.com)

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Sumita Vasudeva: [sumita.vasudeva@gmail.com](mailto:sumita.vasudeva@gmail.com)

### **Shop at Amazon.com and Benefit Jordan**

Amazon is giving 0.5% out of every purchase to schools!

By shopping on [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) your shopping experience and prices are exactly the same. The only difference is that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Jordan. Use [this link](#) to start giving back to our school! Click on the image below to start shopping.

Don't forget to go to start [here](#) every time you shop on Amazon. Your small and large purchases make a difference!




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## **PAUSD NEWS**

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### **PAUSD Now Hiring Student Attendants for Special Education**

PAUSD Classified Human Resources is recruiting staff to work with special education students in elementary and secondary schools. The hired Student Attendants will provide support to students with specialized learning needs 15-30 hours per week. If interested, apply with an EDJOIN application <http://www.edjoin.org/Home/JobPosting/869936>

For additional information, please contact [Classhr@pausd.org](mailto:Classhr@pausd.org), (650)3295950

### **Coaches Needed for Middle School Fall Sports**

The City of Palo Alto is looking for additional coaches for after school flag football and girls' volleyball at Jordan and JLS. Currently not all interested students can play these sports because of a shortage of coaches. If you have the time and like the sport, please consider coaching so that more kids can play!

Paid and volunteer positions are available. Pay depends on experience and ranges from \$12.00 - \$18.00 per hour. Coaches must be at least 16 years old and have at least one year of coaching experience, or two years of playing experience, in the particular sport.

Practices begin the **last week of August** and run through the end of October, with NO weekend practices.

Girls' volleyball practice times are Monday -Thursday at either 3-4:30, 4:30-5:45 or 5:45-7 pm, with Friday practices if needed.

Flag football practices are Monday-Friday 3:15-4:30 pm.

If interested in more information, please contact Chase Hartmann, City of Palo Alto Middle School Athletic Coordinator, at [chase.hartmann@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:chase.hartmann@cityofpaloalto.org)

## ONSITE AFTER SCHOOL

### **NEW! Wizbots - After school at Jordan**

Wizbots is THE premier place for girls and boys to learn the art and science of robotics. Using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® and Java coding, our labs are a great way for kids to dabble in robotics programming design for the first time or build on skills they have already developed. Exercising both creativity and problem solving, students learn engineering, programming, math, and physics through our unique, gamified curriculum in a hands-on, collaborative way guided by experienced and caring mentors. Parents can experience all this with student project videos posted online to see and share! We offer affordable year-round after school programs. Visit [www.wizbots.com/afterschool](http://www.wizbots.com/afterschool) to enroll at Jordan Middle School.

### **Gurus Education is Back with Personal Finance and Public Speaking & Debate Classes** **Public Speaking & Debate Combo Series: 6th - 8th grade**

Mondays 3:15 - 4:15 pm

09/25/2017 - 05/14/2018 (No class 11/20, 12/25, 01/1, 01/8, 01/15, 02/19, 03/12, 04/2)

Number of Classes: 26

Single Payment Option: \$495

Installments: \$75

Room Number: TBD

### **Personal Finance Series : 6th - 8th grade**

Wednesdays 2 - 3 pm

10/04/2017 - 04/25/2018 (No class 11/22, 12/27, 01/3, 04/4)

Number of Classes: 26

Single Payment Option: \$495

Installments: \$75

Room Number: TBD

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **NEW! Volunteer Opportunity for Parents & Grandparents at Palo Alto Art Center!**

*Palo Alto Art Center (1313 Newell Road), September 2017*

The Palo Alto Art Center is excited to announce that we will be holding new docent training sessions this September. Training will take place September 5, 8, and 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Docents help lead tours for the Project Look program. Project Look serves K - 8th graders and includes an interactive tour of galleries and hands-on art activities. Our docent community is a vibrant one, committed to lifelong learning and inspiring a love of art in all children. This is a great volunteer opportunity for parents, especially art lovers.

those that enjoy working with children! Please see the attached flyer for more information and contact C Abusharkh, Director of Volunteer Engagement, at [grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org) for more information sign up.

### **NEW! Let's Talk, A SELPA 1 CAC Support Group**

*Mon Sep 11, 10AM-12PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos*

A chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome, participants must respect confider more information, see [www.selpa1cac.org](http://www.selpa1cac.org).

### **NEW! Parent Chat, Mental Health Subcommittee SELPA 1 CAC event**

*Tue Sep 12, 7-8:30 PM, Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos*

Are you concerned about the emotional well being of your child? Come to Parent Chat, peer to peer su parents of teens. Hosted by the Mental Health Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC.

### **NEW! Challenges of Dyslexia, SELPA 1 CAC Parent Education Event**

*Wed Sep 20, 7-9 PM, Santa Rita Elementary, Los Altos*

Join Lindamood-Bell Center Director, Leila MacCurrach, for a conversation about how intensive instruct builds the imagery-language foundation can enable students of all backgrounds and prior diagnoses to read and comprehend to their potential. Lindamood-Bell's intensive, one-to- one, process-based instruc been used to strengthen the sensory-cognitive functions needed for reading and comprehension. The r been proven successful for individuals with learning challenges, including dyslexia, hyperlexia, ADHD, a

### **NEW! Family Date Night - PLAY! Fort Building**

*Fri, Sept 22, 7:00-8:15 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.*

Join your friends and neighbors at the library for an evening of fort building fun. In collaboration with Th Center's PLAY! exhibit. Please register each family member separately. Sponsored by the Friends of th Library

### **NEW! 5th Annual Fiery Arts Fall Glass Sale at Palo Alto High School**

*Fri Sep 15, 3-6 PM, Palo Alto High School Between Old and New Theatres*

*Sat Sep 16, 11 AM - 4 PM, Palo Alto High School Next to the Performing Arts Center.*

Come see exquisite new glass designs hand-blown by instructors, alumni and students. Over 1000 uni pieces - pumpkins, pears, seashells, elephants, acorns, vases and more on sale to benefit Paly's Fiery , program. Come learn about the craft with live glass blowing demonstrations. Fall Sale flyer. For more information, contact [PalyFieryArts@gmail.com](mailto:PalyFieryArts@gmail.com) or go to <http://tinyurl.com/PaloAltoHighGlass>

### **NEW! Free Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Sponsored by Project Safety Net Santa Clara County Suicide Prevention Program**

*Wed, Sept 13, 8:30 am- 4:30 pm, Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto*

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing s mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social or self-help materials will be provided. Space is limited, so please register at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc\\_PFMr51Yo7G7pxbxL\\_h0h8d6kd123Tlps0BrLm1IWocfKn](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_PFMr51Yo7G7pxbxL_h0h8d6kd123Tlps0BrLm1IWocfKn)

### **Spectra Art Teacher Wanted**

Duveneck Elementary (which has a dedicated art room), for Grade 2 - three classes every other Friday. sessions per school year TBD with classroom teacher. Classified position, credential not required. Artis teaching experience preferred. Paid training available. Sept start time

\$30.95/hour, plus 1 hour paid prep time for each 3 hours of teaching time

Contact- PAUSD Art Coordinator Li Ezzell [lezzell@pausd.org](mailto:lezzell@pausd.org) 650-329-3939

## Beginning Sanskrit Classes

St. Marks Episcopal church, 600 Colorado Ave. Palo Alto CA 94306

Sanskrita Bharati Palo Alto is organizing Sanskrit Classes for children (K-3rd grade) and adults for the 2017-18. Beginners are welcome. Classes will begin Sunday, September 10th at 3pm.

For more info: <http://www.sanskritabharatieastbay.org/en/>

## NEW! Society of Bookworms - The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher by Dana L

*Wed, Sept 20, 4:00-5:00 PM, Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St.*

Discuss a great book with your friends at the library! Grades 4-6. Sponsored by The Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

## Effective Discipline with Your Strong-Willed Child (2 Sessions)

*Thu, Sept 7 & Sept 14, 7 - 9 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto 94301*

Strong-willed children want to cooperate, yet they need to be approached differently than easygoing children. Rather than ending up in power struggles, break this cycle and learn how to win cooperation effectively. Bring out the best in yourself and your children. With Cynthia Klein, BA. Fee:\$90 for 2 sessions. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/effective-discipline-with-your-strong-willed-child-elementary-middle-2-sessions-registration-35886929773>

## NEW! Blind Banned Books

*Month of September, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Teen Zone*

Banned Books Week in the Teen Zone! YA books wrapped in black paper on display in the Teen Zone that have been banned or challenged. Celebrate your freedom to read by checking out banned or challenged books, and bring them home to rate your blind date for chances to win prizes. Grades 6-12.

## NEW! Banned Book to Teen Movie

*Tue, Sept 26, 4:30-6:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd, Midtown Room*

Celebrate Banned Books Week with a movie and snacks! We will be watching a movie based on a banned book. Bring your friends. Registration Required. Grades 6-12.

## NEW! Palo Alto Library Teen Maker Tuesday @MP

*Tues, Sept 19, 4:30-5:30 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.*

An interactive program for teens featuring different Maker related projects. Registration Required. For information, go to: <http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

## NEW! Classes for middle and high school students

*Saturdays, Sep 9 - Dec 2, Gunn High School*

Outstanding high school students are teaching classes to raise funds for the Ravenswood City School in East Palo Alto. For the fifth session, Silicon Valley Youth is offering classes in Business and Entrepreneurship, Competition Speech, AMC 8/Mathcounts, Game Design, and iOS App Development classes on Saturdays at Gunn High School. Sign up starting now online at <http://siliconvalleyyouth.com/classes/>. Contact: [svyouth1@siliconvalleyyouth.com](mailto:svyouth1@siliconvalleyyouth.com)

## NEW! How to foster the Essential Skills Adolescents Need to Thrive in College and

*Sun, Oct 29. 10AM-4PM. Stanford University, Lathrop Library, Room 299.*

This workshop focuses on the key emotional skills that parents must foster in middle-school and high-school students to prepare them for the challenges they will face when they leave home. Enrollment limited to 20. Fee: \$245. Taught by child & adolescent psychiatrists Bina Patel, MD and Sujata Patel, MD, from Stanford University's Counseling & Psychological Services.

Visit <https://continuingstudies.stanford.edu>, course # WSP 323, for further information.

## 13 Conversations About "13 Reasons Why"

*Wed, Sept 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave Palo Alto 94301*



The Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" is an unflinching look at suicide, teen cruelty, rape culture, and adolescent emotional turmoil and trauma. Teens and tweens are entrenched in a world of social media that may give an illusion of connectivity, but can just as easily be isolating. Although the series advocates for communicating basic human decency, it doesn't explore the role of depression and other underlying mental health concerns for an important discussion about how to talk with your teen or tween about these topics in a way that is approachable, informed, and open. With Havi Hall. Fee: \$45 Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/conversations-about-13-reasons-why-middlehigh-school-registration-36449330930>

## JORDAN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### Volunteering at Jordan

There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Sign up for one (or many) that fit your interests and/or skill set. Sign up online at UptoUs:

<https://www.uptous.com/communities/JordanMiddleSchool>

### UptoUs login instructions:

**Login:** your email address

**Password:** your existing UptoUs password OR ptavolunteer (if you are new to UptoUs)

- Once logged in, See Jordan Middle School under My Communities
- Under Jordan Middle School Community on the left see the various sub communities requesting volunteers
- Click on a sub community (e.g., PTA Volunteers, Music Volunteers, etc.), to see volunteer opportunities
- Signup sheets are located under "Activities and Signups" for each event

Volunteers are essential to implementing many of the programs and activities at Jordan. Questions? E-mail [jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com).

Thank YOU so much for volunteering!

### NEW! Noon Angels Wanted

We need Noon Angels! Noon Angels help keep our students safe during lunchtime. Our assistant principal Magdalena Fittoria, invites you to come to a Noon Angels orientation scheduled for Tuesday September 12:15 in room N-1. She will provide us with a purpose, instructions, a tour of the school grounds, as well as an A. Your time is valuable and we appreciate your willingness to watch out for the safety of our kids. We do this without your commitment! To sign up for the orientation and to sign up to volunteer, go to

[https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?\\_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#](https://www.uptous.com/uptous.htm?_flowId=main-flow&runRouter=true#)

Questions? Please contact Sachi Hwangbo [sachi\\_hwangbo@yahoo.com](mailto:sachi_hwangbo@yahoo.com).

## SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

### NEW! Jordan girls interested in field hockey wanted! No experience required.

We are trying to put together a Jordan/Paly team for the youth field hockey league at Saratoga High School on Saturday mornings, with 7 v 7 games of mixed divisions. There will be 6 league play days as well as an Hockey Gobble Tournament. These are generally club and school teams at a U14 level, but in the hope that Paly will start a team next year, they are welcoming our Jordan/Paly girls who are interested in field hockey to form a team. Cost is \$80 per player for individual entry to the league. If you are interested, please let me know asap: [wendygwyn5@gmail.com](mailto:wendygwyn5@gmail.com). Please send name, grade and contact details. If you are already playing in a league with a club, please let me know that too.

DATES: 7 Saturdays (Upper Field, Saratoga HS)    TIME: (8:30 - 11:30AM)  
September 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21

November 18--- Hockey Gobble Tournament- (~9 - 3PM)

**LOCATION:**

Saratoga High School

20300 Herriman Ave

Saratoga, CA 95070

\*Parking, bathrooms on site & track open for use.

**Palo Alto Council of PTAs Sports Page**

PAPTAC maintains a web page featuring calendars, clinics, tryouts and camps for Peninsula sports tea  
interest to Jordan Middle School students.

**Web page:** <http://ptac.paloaltopta.org/sports-and-activities/>

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