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## Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

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**6th Grade Ice Skating Party**  
*Wednesday, November 8, 5:30-7:30pm*

**Parent Visitation Day**  
*Thursday, November 9*

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#### Jordan Ice Skating Party for 6th Graders

*Wednesday November 8th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Winter Lodge 3009 Middlefield Road*

Hey 6th Grade families, **last chance** to sign up online for the 6th Grade Jordan Ice Skating Party! Your child will not want to miss out on this opportunity to hang with their friends at the Winter Lodge skating rink!

Skate rental, slice of pizza, cookie, and cocoa included with admission ticket. \$25/skater if you sign up by Nov 6th,

[Amazon Smile](#)

## 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](mailto:jordanptavolunteer@gmail.com).



\$27/skater after Nov 6th.  
(Tickets will also be available at the door)

**PURCHASE TICKETS:** Tickets can be purchased [HERE!](#)  
**IMPORTANT:** No child will be allowed entry without a completed

**waiver form.** Fill out the waiver here: <https://jordanptaweb.wordpress.com/ice-skating-party/>

See you there!

Questions: [jordaniceskatingparty@gmail.com](mailto:jordaniceskatingparty@gmail.com)

## JORDAN NEWS

### **NEW!** The Library and the Library Club need your help!

We are collecting prizes for our annual reading celebration and trivia contest, the Battle of the Books, and would like to offer some premium prizes to our participants who demonstrate exceptional dedication to reading. If you would like to donate a prize, you can find our wish list here:

<http://a.co/bz0M9T2>. Thank you for supporting literacy and the love of reading at Jordan Middle School!

### **UPDATED!** Jordan Parent Visitation Day

*Thursday, November 9*

Parents are welcome to visit classrooms and see all aspects of the school. We ask that you follow these guidelines:

- First come to the office to sign in, get a name tag, map, bell schedule and teaching schedule.
- Please do not let your visit interrupt the teaching and learning process.
- Please do not talk to the teacher, students, or other parents in the classroom (unless the teacher invites you to do so).
- When you have finished your visit, please return to the office to sign out.
- Details

For detailed Visitation Day guidelines and procedures, please go to

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2\\_--fAYx7jKRHVkNUhmTWVzazA/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2_--fAYx7jKRHVkNUhmTWVzazA/view?usp=sharing)

### **NEW!** ATTENTION 7th/8th Grade Jordan Parents - Palo Alto Parent Education Series: Devorah Heitner, PhD (Raising Digital Natives)

[Empathy is the App: Raising Thoughtful Kids in the Digital Age](#)

*Wed, November 8, 7:00-8:30pm, Performing Arts Center, Palo Alto High School*  
Palo Alto Parent Education Parents Series kicks off with nationally acclaimed author of "[Screenwise](#)" and TED Talk "[Raising a Digital Native](#)," Dr. Devorah Heitner. Parents worry their teens are addicted, detached or distracted because of digital devices. According to Heitner, our concern should go far beyond what kids are doing today. Tech-savvy Digital Natives need mentorship to thrive, develop social skills and succeed in a future where they will likely find a job, meet their spouse and build their reputations. Parents, students, faculty/staff, and community members welcome! Spanish/Mandarin interpretation available. Free admission. **Register now:** [Reserve tickets here!](#)

Palo Alto Parent Education Series events are sponsored by the **Palo Alto High School PTSA and the Gunn High School PTSA**

### **Jordan PTA - November 2017 Executive Board ONLY Meeting**

*Thursday, November 9, 8:30 am*

Thank you to all parents for all your financial contributions to Jordan PTA. We also notice many Parent volunteers at all Jordan PTA events. We are very encouraged by your time and attendance at all Jordan PTA events this year. Principal Valerie is also very thankful and grateful for all of our support to her and her Staff. We had a great first Quarter and will be concluding the Fall Semester with the final PTA Executive Board Meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 8:30 a.m. in the Jordan Library. This is a **closed** meeting for Executive Board Members **only**. The next Jordan PTA General Association Meeting will be on **January 11, 2018**. How time flies...If you have an agenda item, please email [jordanptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:jordanptapresident@gmail.com).

### **Jordan 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting**

*November 17, 8:30am, Jordan Library*

Are you curious about study abroad/foreign exchange/service trip programs for your kid(s), but don't know where to start? Join us for our next monthly meeting where we'll have guest speakers present various abroad programs that are available for our kids in middle/high school, including: Neighbors Abroad of Palo Alto (middle/high school exchange programs), Dream Volunteers (middle/high school summer service trips), and AFS (high school study abroad). Hear the enriching benefits of these programs, and keep them in mind as possible opportunities for our kids next summer or in high school.

-Your 8th Grade Parent Network Coordinators: Nerissa ([nerissaw@gmail.com](mailto:nerissaw@gmail.com)), Amy ([amyewardwell@yahoo.com](mailto:amyewardwell@yahoo.com)), Shannon ([shannon@colton.net](mailto:shannon@colton.net)), Lina ([lina.liu@gmail.com](mailto:lina.liu@gmail.com)), Asma ([asma.rabbani@gmail.com](mailto:asma.rabbani@gmail.com))

### **NEW! It's a Wonderful Nutcracker! December 8-10 & 15-17, 2017**

Blended with the storyline of the classic film "It's a Wonderful Life", Menlowe Ballet's production is set in the 1940's and boasts all the magical trimmings of a traditional Nutcracker.. You and your family will experience surprising twists on both stories and a heartfelt message that while giving and receiving 'presents' is just part of what makes the holidays wonderful. This production stresses the importance of physical presence in the lives of those who mean something to us. This season we also added a storyline illustrating how the power of connection and generosity can overcome greed and divisiveness. This is a holiday production that you and your family will want to see!

**Congratulations to Jordan's own Ryan Hudacek who appears in this production!**

Performances will be held at the Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center on December 8-10 & 15-17. Tickets are available at [www.menloweballet.org](http://www.menloweballet.org).



## Buddies4Math

Volunteer at **\*\* Buddies4Math\*\***. An award winning after school program to teach elementary students Math through games and play! A wonderful volunteering opportunity for Jordan students to work closely with 2nd-5th graders on improving and building Math fluency and take on leadership roles. Volunteer hours count towards community service.

Interested? Sign up [HERE](#)

**WHERE:** Mariano Castro Elementary School (505 Escuela Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040) and

Edith Landels Elementary School (115 W Dana St, Mountain View, CA 9404)

Monta Loma Elementary School (460 Thomson Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043)

**DATES:** Oct (13, 20 & 27); Nov (17); Dec (1)

**TIME:** Two sessions- 4:00- 5:00 pm. and 5:00- 6:00 p.m.

**CONTACT:** buddies4math@gmail.com

**INFORMATION:** www.buddies4math.org

## The JAWS Center is Open!

We are excited to announce that our Jaguar Academics and Wellness Support (JAWS) Center for the 2017-18 school year is now open! Our doors are open from 3:05 - 4:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Once students are checked-in, they are able to utilize all of our library resources including computer use and textbook/library book check out/check in.

As we open this year, you may notice some differences from last year. This year our coordination team, who will be overseeing our JAWS services on their designated days, consists of Ms. Jennifer Pequegnat on Mondays, Mr. Keith Clarke on Tuesdays, and Mr. Garth Rogers on Thursdays.

### Student Sign in:

Students must arrive in the library **no later than 3:15pm**. If a student will arrive later than 3:15, he/she/they must come with a pass from a staff member in their binder reminder marked on that particular date. Students are NOT permitted to leave campus then return for JAWS. **Binder Reminders are students' tickets into JAWS. It must already be filled out by the student with assignments to work on for the day.** Staff members will come around to check in with students using their binder reminders.

### Snacks:

During the JAWS session, once all students have been signed in/checked in, snacks will be provided to students. Please notify our coordinators of any food allergies upon arrival at JAWS.

### Cell phones:

While we understand the need for students to have a cell phone after school hours, please respect the students and staff working in the JAWS Center. Cell phones should not be visible or audible (please turn it on silent). If a student needs to make or receive a call, please use courtesy, notify/indicate to an adult and then step out of the library to use the phone.

### Behavior expectations:

The JAWS Center is a place for students to have a safe and comfortable environment to work on their academic needs. All behavior expectations during the school day apply during this after school program. Any students who habitually disturb or disrupt the learning environment will be asked to leave JAWS and a parent will be notified.

### **Student dismissal/ sign out:**

JAWS ends at 4:30pm, clean up will begin at approximately 4:20pm. If any students complete their work early or need to check out early for appointments, please use the JAWS iPads to sign out. Once students have signed out, they must leave campus immediately.

Any students found wandering campus in unsupervised activities may warrant disciplinary action/consequences. A late bus is available to students who ride the school bus. Students must wait in the N. California bus loop immediately after JAWS dismissal to ride the bus.

## **Jordan Club**

*Monday, September 11 t hru Friday, December 15th*

Anyone is welcome to join a club at anytime during the semester-just show up to a meeting!

### **Monday**

Bookworms (Library), Game (F-10), Hype(H-3), Meditation(C-1), Meet New Friends (C-10), Robotics (E-6), Spook it! Horse (N-6), Superhero (G-6)

### **Tuesday**

Harry Potter(A-4), History(F-10), Learn to Animate(E-6), Library (Library), Programming(E-6), Spelling Bee(H-4),

After School: GIFT-Intro to Programming(G-5), FUSE(G-3)

### **Wednesday**

Boba(P-5), Chess(P-6), Clash Royale(F-5), Doctor Who(F-8), Drama(B-3), Lunch Bunch(H-7), Writers(F-3), Web Game(N-7)

### **Thursday**

Art(F-10), Chinese Traditional Culture(P-1), Fantasy Football(E-6), Gay-Straight Alliance(B-6), Jordan Literary Magazine(P-3), Magic the Gathering(Library), Mavel&DC Recap(P-4), Star Wars(G-6), Youth Community Service(B-5), Movie(H-5),

After School: Codiatic(H-5), Debate(H-3), Jordan Science Olympiad(G-6), Math(N-5)

### **Friday**

Dungeons&Dragons(B-4), Jordan Origami(F-3), Subnautica(G-6), Super Mario Logan(P-4), You're Not Alone(B-8), Yummy Dummys(A-4)

## **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 great executive and non-executive Board positions still available for 2017-18.

Please consider volunteering for one and GET involved / STAY involved at Jordan! See a position below that you like? Please contact one of the PTA volunteers listed below.

Additionally, if you want to get involved but don't see a match, please still contact us and 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 following year. Revise by-laws every 2 years.

### **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 Davisson: [monicaandwill@yahoo.com](mailto:monicaandwill@yahoo.com)

Lisa Daly: [lisamariadaly@gmail.com](mailto:lisamariadaly@gmail.com)

Lucy Lee: [lucyleemd@gmail.com](mailto:lucyleemd@gmail.com)

Joleen Roach: [jroach@pausd.org](mailto:jroach@pausd.org)

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](http://Smile.Amazon.com) 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 big difference!



## Upcoming Just Parties

### November

8: Autumn Soup Party

9: 6th Grade Mom's Night Out

### December

9: Mother/Daughter Mani/Pedi

**You can still sign up for parties! Click [HERE](#) to view the parties and sign up!**

## PAUSD NEWS

### Superintendent's Message from Friday October 27

We will re-post Ms. Hendrick's weekly communication here each week, in case you missed it on her Infinite Campus email to you. Visit <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-%E2%80%93-oct-27-2017>

### PAUSD Board of Education Begins Superintendent Search Process PAUSD BoE Invites Six Search Firms to Submit Proposals

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Terry Godfrey, President, PAUSD Board of Education

The Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) Board of Education has begun the search process to select a new district superintendent and has agreed to the following search firm selection and process next steps after a discussion at their October 24 regular meeting.

Next steps include:

- October 27, 2017 - Board issues a request for proposal to six search firms
- November 8, 2017 - Search firm proposal deadline
- Superintendent Search webpage on PAUSD website goes live
- November 16, 2017 - Special Meeting (open session) to review firms' proposals and choose three to four for in-person interviews (8:00-10:00 a.m. at PAUSD Offices 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto)

- November 17, 2017 - Issue invitations to three to four firms for in-person interviews
- November 28, 2017 - Special Meeting (open session) for search firm candidate presentations and selection (5:00-10:00 p.m. at PAUSD Offices 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto)
- November 29, 2017 - Community announcement: Search firm selection results and next steps

## PTAC NEWS

### **ALL of the Palo Alto PTA Council (CA PTA approved) bills on the Click My Cause app were signed into law by the Governor:**

- Protected - immigrant students (AB 699). An important step to ensuring no child fears coming to school. School campuses are no places to conduct raids or investigate children.
- Banned - guns in school zones (AB 424)
- Fed - school meals for low income students (SB 138). Hungry children can't learn.

## ONSITE AFTER SCHOOL

### **Rose Debate Institute Returns Monday, September 25th**

Once per week on **Mondays** from **3:10pm - 4:40pm** for 11 weeks. Establishes a firm foundation for communication. Our *Public Speaking 1* course prepares students for every public speaking situation. The course includes *confidence building*, *interactive oratory*, *body language*, and much more. For seven years Rose Debate has shared the world of speech and debate with middle and high school students in Silicon Valley. We are committed to growing our students in three important areas: **CONFIDENCE**- Public Speaking is one of the most prevalent fears in the United States. PS1 grows students in the confidence they need to overcome this fear. **COMMUNICATION** - As internet use has increased, practice in non-verbal communication has decreased. We create an environment where students can grow as communicators with their peers. **LEADERSHIP** - Strong introductions, meaningful conversations, and persuasive speaking are the building blocks of good leadership. Registration is \$395 per student & covers all course materials. For a full list of dates, and to register, visit our website at [www.rosedebate.com/jordan](http://www.rosedebate.com/jordan).

### **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 and 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 the fun too with student project videos posted online to see and share! We offer affordable year-round after school sessions. Visit [www.wizbots.com/afterschool](http://www.wizbots.com/afterschool) to enroll at Jordan Middle School.

### **Gurus Education is Back with Personal Finance ad 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**

### **Basketball Coaches Needed**

The City of Palo Alto is looking for basketball coaches for the 7th and 8th grade season.

Practices are Monday-Thursday, with Friday's being optional. Practices run for 90 minutes and can fall between the hours of 3:15-7:30pm. Games for B teams are all played in Palo Alto at our 3 middle schools, while the A teams play games from Palo Alto to Half Moon Bay. Pay is negotiable depending on experience, and volunteers are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated. The City of Palo Alto is looking for coaches who can commit to their practice and game schedule, and who are dedicated to advancing these athletes skills on and off the court. If you are, or know anybody who would be interested, please email [Patrick.Rode@CityofPaloAlto.org](mailto:Patrick.Rode@CityofPaloAlto.org) to begin the hiring process.

### **NEW! Gunn Choir Fall Concert**

*Sun, Nov 5, 7pm, First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St. Palo Alto*

Join the award-winning Gunn Choirs, under the direction of William Liberatore, for a festive evening of song featuring the Treble Choir, Concert Choir, and Chamber Singers. The diverse repertoire includes selections from South Africa, Brazil, Canada, Ukraine and India, as well as American folk songs and spirituals. Tickets are \$7 (\$5 for students in high school or younger) and are available from choir members or at the door.

### **NEW! Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) Fall Concerts**

Join us for PACO's 52nd season opening concert on Nov. 4 followed by two more concerts this fall. From classical favorites to blues, orchestral and chamber, you'll be impressed with the wide-ranging repertoire performed by talented young musicians. All concerts are admission FREE and for the entire family to enjoy.

Sat, Nov 4, 7:30PM, Cubberley Theatre (with special guest stars Ragazzi Boys Chorus)

Sun, Nov 5, 3PM, Cubberley Theatre

Sun, Nov 19, 3PM, Palo Alto Arts Center

For more information about PACO, please visit [www.pacomusic.org](http://www.pacomusic.org) or email [info@pacomusic.org](mailto:info@pacomusic.org)

### **NEW! Come watch 'Twas the Night Before Christmas!**

*Sun Dec 3 & 10, 1PM & 4PM; Sat Dec 9, 3PM, Woodside Performing Arts Center*

Dancers Repertory Theatre presents 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, a delightful dance-theatre event that will enchant audiences of all ages. Based on the Clement C. Moore poem, the show includes Santa and his magical sleigh, prancing reindeer, dancing mice,



twirling toys and a cast of over 80 children and adults. For Tickets and more information please visit our website: <http://www.twasthenight.org> or visit our Facebook page at Dancers Repertory Theatre.

### **Paly Theatre performs "Heaven Can Wait"**

*Dates & Times available at <https://www.palytheatre.com/tickets/>, Palo Alto High School Performance Arts Center*

A romantic comedy and delightful fantasy rolled into one. Joe Pendleton, an aspiring young boxer, is taken to heaven before his time and then forced to switch bodies in order to live out his destiny back on earth, where he finds true love. You're invited to laugh, sympathize, cheer, and celebrate as murder, ambition and greed meet their match in lighthearted and unexpected ways. Tickets can be purchased at [palytheatre.com](http://palytheatre.com) or at the door. \$15 adults, \$10 students/senior.

### **Cantabile Chorus Registration and Auditions (Grade K-9)**

Cantabile is a community-based children's chorus serving the greater Silicon Valley area, striving to bring the highest quality musical education in a choral setting to young singers from ages 4 years to 18. Singers in grades 3-9 should call 650-424-1410 immediately to arrange an audition, while singers in grades K-2 may register for a class beginning November 15. To audition or to learn more about the chorus levels and the upcoming semester, contact [info@cantabile.org](mailto:info@cantabile.org) or 650.424.1410

### **Play Palooza - The Children's Theatre Ten Minute Playwriting Contest**

*Submission Deadline: Fri, Dec 22 @ 12AM*

The Children's Theatre is pleased announce the 2017-18 *Play Palooza Ten Minute Playwriting contest*. Play Palooza gives young writers an excellent opportunity to showcase their talents. Students can submit original work in three categories: Elementary School (3rd-5th grade), Middle School (6th-8th grade), and High School (9th-12th grade).

Winning plays receive a staged reading at the Children's Theatre, and winning playwrights receive prizes donated by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. Submissions can be submitted electronically to [christopher.luciani@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:christopher.luciani@cityofpaloalto.org)

### **Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions**

*Fri, Nov 3, 10, and 17 by appointment, Palo Alto*

Auditions for the January semester will be held at the choir's rehearsal location near downtown Palo Alto (600 Homer Ave). Open to 2nd-5th grade boys. High school and middle school boys with choral experience may audition for upper levels. SVB provides a personalized approach to teaching singing, music theory, and sight-reading, while providing flexible scheduling for busy families. In addition to their own winter and spring concerts, SVB performs for local events including appearances with Stanford University Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra, West Bay Opera, Schola Cantorum of Mountain View, and singing the national anthem at sporting events.

Email [info@svboychoir.org](mailto:info@svboychoir.org) or visit <http://svboychoir.org>

### **Shop for school holiday camps on ActivityHero to raise money for Palo Alto PTA**

A reminder that PAUSD is off for Veterans Day and the full week of Thanksgiving this year. Our winter break is Dec 22 - Jan 7. High schools also have Jan 8 off. You can find holiday camps on ActivityHero and when you book online with this link, the PTA earns a % of your purchase. <https://www.activityhero.com/go/paloaltopta>

## Whole Foods (downtown Palo Alto) Nickels for Non-Profits

*Oct 15 to Jan 15th*

Each time you shop at the Whole Foods Market downtown PA between Oct 15 to Jan 15 and bring in your own bags, Whole Foods will donate 5 cents per bag to our Palo Alto PTA Council. The PTAC will be able to use these funds for more programs and events for our PAUSD students, staff, and parents!

## Empathy is the App: Raising Thoughtful Kids in the Digital Age

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Spanish/Mandarin interpretation will be available. Free admission. Tickets available beginning October 8 (via <https://heitner2017paly.eventbrite.com>).

## Paly Math Club's AMC 8 Workshop

*Sun, Nov 5, 1 - 4 PM, Palo Alto High School, Room TBA*

This workshop offers individually paced training and one-on-one teaching, with rigorous curriculum taught by former USAMO/USAJMO and AIME qualifiers as well as a math teacher, all from Palo Alto High School. The AMC 8 is a middle school mathematics competition designed to promote the development of problem-solving skills. The workshop provides an opportunity for middle school students to develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. Students will apply classroom skills to unique problem-solving challenges in a low-stress and friendly environment.

Register: <https://goo.gl/forms/5PUR5sBD9NY732gC3> Contact [palmathclub@gmail.com](mailto:palmathclub@gmail.com) for any questions.

## 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!

### 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#](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

### Palo Alto Council of PTAs Sports Page

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

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

Palo Alto Council of PTAs Sports Page

### SUBMIT AN ITEM TO THE eNEWS

For your Jordan related event, send a blurb including title, location, time and a brief description of your event to [jordanweeklynews@gmail.com](mailto:jordanweeklynews@gmail.com)

For events relevant to the whole PAUSD community, you can also submit to [ptaenews@yahoo.com](mailto:ptaenews@yahoo.com)

Jordan eNews Submission Deadline: **Thursday at 6 pm** for the following Sunday eNews

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Best regards,

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