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Jordan Middle School PTA Newsletter

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School Resumes

Monday, January 8

PTA General Associate & Executive Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 8:30am, Library

2nd Semester Club Applications are due

Friday, January 12

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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.

**February**

- 2** 7th Grade Parent Network Meeting
- 5-9** Spring BOGO Book Fair
- 7** Paly Evening for Parents of incoming 9th Gr.
- 8** PTA Association & Exec. Meeting
- 9** 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting
- 27** Challenge Day 2

**NEW! Jordan Clubs**

The 2nd semester of Jordan Clubs is about to begin! The Club Creation forms are available in the main office!

Important dates:

1/8: Applications available in the main office

1/12: Applications are due in the main office

1/19: Club Fair during lunch, Hugh Center Court

1/22: Clubs officially start

JORDAN NEWS

NEW! Jordan PTA Meeting - Thursday, January 11

General Association (8:30am)

Executive Board Members Only (9:35 am)

Come to the first PTA meeting of the year. Latte Guy and Bagels for all in Staff Lounge. Come earlier (after drop off) and just visit with your friends and teachers after the holidays. We will be discussing bylaws amendment and nominating committee to form the next year's PTA Board (2018-2019). If you have a favorite teacher or awesome administrator, nominate them for the district wide Honorary Service Award. Questions? Email: jordanptapresident@gmail.com. See you there.

Challenge Day Volunteers Needed

We need a few more parent volunteers to help make this event a success! The shifts are from 7:40 am - 3:15 pm.

Please email our Assistant Principal, Magdalena Fittoria, at mfittoria@pausd.org to volunteer.

Please note that parents of students participating in Challenge Day CAN help on the day of the event - the facilitators will just make sure they are in a small group *not* with their own child.

Thank you for volunteering!

Jordan Challenge Days - January 18 & February 27, 2018

What is Challenge Day?

A one-day interactive program where students, staff, and community members come together to break down barriers and create connections.

- Using highly interactive and energetic activities, Challenge Day Leaders guide participants through an exploration of the ways and reasons people separate from each other, and model tools for creating connection and building community.
- Each Challenge Day consists of 85 students (7th and 8th grade), 25 adult volunteers, 15 Jordan Student Ambassadors (students who have participated in Challenge Day before), and 2 professional facilitators.

This is the Challenge Day Slide Show our 7th & 8th grade students are seeing in their Advisory Classes. Challenge Day [SLIDE-SHOW LINK](#).

UPDATED! Parent Ed Event: Building Resilient Children in a Fast-Paced, High Pressure Community

Wednesday, January 24, 7pm, Jordan MPR

We will discuss the developmentally unique period that characterizes the middle school years. We will explore ways in which parents can support their students to build resilience, manage anxiety, cope with stress while effectively navigating an increasingly complicated social and technological landscape.

Speaker: Emily Ach, PhD

Assistant Clinical Professor

Stanford University School of Medicine

Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Science

Jordan 8th Grade Parent Network Meeting 01/19 8:30am (Jordan MPR)

All about Paly! Our 8th graders will be selecting their 9th grade Paly courses soon, and they'll be off to Paly before we know it. Get a head's up before the upcoming Paly-hosted parent meetings in Jan/Feb and come hear a panel of experienced Paly parents we've invited to discuss all things Paly: academics, athletics, TEAM, FLEX, transition from Jordan to Paly, and insider tips.

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

Jordan Science Fair - Taking The Year OFF

Science Fair is OFF this year due to graduating parent volunteers and planning reorganization. If your student is interested in Science Fair for next year, please let us know. This has been a popular event at Jordan and requires lots of staff and parent support. Parents volunteers will be provided with all the needed contact/planning materials. If interested, please contact Oindrilla Ray odray@pacbell.net and Sara Woodham-johnsson <sawoodham@gmail.com>. Hope to see you next year.

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!

Upcoming Just Parties

January 12 - Winter Whiskey and Wine Swap
January 13 - Coffee Sommelier Tasting and Pastries
January 18 - Sip and Swirl
January 19 - Smore's Bonfire Party!
January 20 - Ridge Wine and Cowgirl Creamery Cheese Party
January 24 - Kid's Pottery Class
January 25 - Winter Yoga Party & Dinner for Moms
January 27 - Chocolate Workshop @ Timothy Adams Chocolates

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

PAUSD NEWS

NEW! Superintendent's Weekly Message from Friday Dec 15

We will re-post Karen Hendricks' Weekly communications her each week, in case you missed it on her previous Infinite Campus email to you.

"To open with a quote from Dr. Suess, *How did it get so late so soon?*" Continue reading at: <https://www.pausd.org/explore-pausd/news/superintendents-weekly-message-%E2%80%93-december-15-2017>

PTAC NEWS

2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair (Mar 4, 2018)

Poster Competition: The organizers of the above event are calling all PAUSD students for a Poster Competition to design a brochure cover for the 2018 PA CNY Fair. Posters must be between 8.5" x 11" and 12" x 18" on unlined paper and any media (crayons, markers, paint, etc.) are accepted. Include "2018 Palo Alto Chinese New Year Fair" and the theme "Year of Dog " on the poster, and write your name, grade, school and an email contact on the back. Please submit entries to the front desk of Mitchell Park Library by Jan 12, 2018. E-mail cheri161@yahoo.com for more information. Entries may be displayed at the Fair, which is organized by Palo Alto Chinese Parent Club, a non-profit organization that serves the Palo Alto community, and co-sponsored by PTA Council.

ONSITE AFTER SCHOOL

Wizbot Winter After School

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 after school sessions which begin on January 22 at Jordan. Visit www.wizbots.com/afterschool to enroll.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW! Equity Lecture Series

On Tuesday, January 9th, from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m., the district is hosting the first Equity Lecture Series, with the nationally recognized researcher and author, Dr. Tyrone Howard sharing his insights on many critical topics, impacting all of our children. (see flyer) The event will be held inside of the PAUSD Board Room. There will be limited seating, so please arrive on time. There will be translation services available and select refreshments.

NEW! New Year's Activities

Wed, Jan 10, 2-4PM, Thu, Jan 11 3-4:30 PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd. Join us in the Midtown Room for various New Year's activities afterschool. Grades 6-12.

NEW! Family Film Festival

Sat, Jan 13, 4-6PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

Enjoy a movie with your family at the library on the 2nd Saturday of each month. No registration required. For all ages.

NEW! Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Please join the Jordan YCS Club and community members of all ages to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, Jan. 15 at Mitchell Park Community Center from 11:00am-2:00pm. There will be service projects, youth entertainment, speakers,

and more. The purpose of the event is to honor the legacy of justice and service of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to celebrate connectedness and community.

NEW! Teen Maker Tuesday

Tues, Jan 16, 4:30-5:30PM, Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd.

An interactive program for teens featuring different Maker related projects. Registration Required. Registration opens 3 weeks in advance. Grades 6-12 only.

NEW! Optimizing Athlete Performance and Minimizing Risk of Injury

January 16, 2018, 7pm-8:30pm, Paly Media Arts Center

\$25.00/person, Great for high school students and adults!

Interested in learning how to take your athletic ability to the next level? Whether you are a student athlete, golfer, tennis player, triathlete, Ultimate Frisbee player, dancer, swimmer, you name it!, you can learn to improve your own personal performance. Learn how to fuel lean muscle, critical tips for optimum performance, injury prevention and biomechanical correction. Q&A included. Hosted by: Marc Guillet, Agile Physical Therapy; Dr. Clyde Wilson, Sports Medicine Institute; Nick Weiss, PerformanceGaines; Chris Gaines, PerformanceGaines.

Send request for tickets to PAHSsportsboosters@gmail.com.

NEW! Paly Media Arts Open House

Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 6:00-8:00 PM, in the Paly Media Arts Center

Please join us for the third annual Paly Media Arts Center (MAC) Open House! Come and hear about all of the media arts programs and meet some of the students and staff who run them. There will be tours of the building, information about Camp Mac and the MAC Boosters, and you will see Paly students busy creating the next edition of the school newspaper, The Campanile. If your student is interested in any type of media arts, come see what Paly has to offer. Drinks and dessert will be served.

NEW! Sports Performance Training

February 3, 2018, 8:30am-10:00am, Paly Football Field

\$25/athlete, Great for high school students and adults!

There's no off-season when you are looking to achieve optimal sports performance! Come learn from the experts and get a great training workout too. Event will begin with a proper, revamped, intentional, sport-specific warm-up and athletic drills focused on the following areas: mobility vs. flexibility, deceleration in sports, hip hinge and hip and ankle mobility, and core training for athletes. Hosted by Marc Guillet, Agile Physical Fitness; Nick Weiss, PerformanceGaines; and Christopher Gaines, PerformanceGaines.

Come ready to learn and move! Send request for tickets to PAHSsportsboosters@gmail.com.

9 Simple Tips for Biking In The Rain

As the days get shorter and colder fewer students are riding, leading to increased traffic congestion around schools. Check out these helpful safety tips and videos on riding safely all season long. "9 Simple Tips for Biking In The Rain".

<https://youtu.be/Derm0w9viac>

Discover the Magic of the Annual BayLUG Holiday LEGO® Show

Dec. 8 - Jan 14, 11 AM - 3:45 PM, Frank Livermore Learning Center, 351 Homer Ave.

The Museum of American Heritage (MOAH) is welcoming back the LEGO® User Group's (BayLUG) and Bay Area LEGO® Train Club's (BayLTC) Annual Holiday LEGO® Show Pop-Up Exhibit. BayLUG and BayLTC will be displaying a variety of creative holiday scenes. Browse through the imaginative holiday creations, which include holiday trains, miniature cities and more. The displays are different each year. General admission is \$3 per person; cash only at the door. BayLUG and MOAH members are free. The museum is closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2017.

El Camino Youth Symphony New Member Auditions

Calling all French horn, saxophone, bassoon, cello, and percussion players: The El Camino Youth Symphony is inviting young, motivated musicians with at least one year of private lessons to audition for our preparatory orchestras. ECYS offers after-school music programs for all levels of ability, from our Chamber Players Orchestra, for students just beginning their musical journey, to the Senior Symphony, where players challenge themselves with professional-level repertoire. Auditions will be held in December and early January. The program runs through the spring, and groups meet weekly for rehearsal at Terman Middle School. Contact loribingham@ecys.org to learn about setting up an audition. Visit <http://www.ecys.org> for more information.

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!

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.

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#

Questions? Please contact Sachi Hwangbo 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

For events relevant to the whole PAUSD community, you can also submit to ptaenews@yahoo.com

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

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