

# J. L. STANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL



PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

LISA HICKEY, PRINCIPAL

January 11, 2019

Dear Future JLS Parents,

Welcome to the wonderful world of middle school! This letter is intended to give you an overview of the activities that will take place in the next few months as your child begins the transition to middle school. JLS is an exciting and dynamic school community that understands each student possesses a range of talents and interests. Our goal is to cultivate these talents by providing an environment where students feel connected, valued, and inspired. Our staff is dedicated to making sure all of our students achieve their fullest potential!

A team consisting of Principal Lisa Hickey, Assistant Principals Adam Nelson, Sid Haro and Amy Sheward, guidance counselors, and staff are here to support your child at JLS. Some of the admin/counseling staff and current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will visit our feeder elementary schools to talk about being a middle school student. The visitation dates are on the reverse side of this letter. During these visits, students will have an opportunity to ask questions.

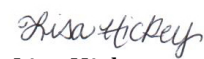
On the visitation day, students will also receive a **Parent Input Card** and **Enrollment Survey** from their 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Please use this card to give us general information that will help us get to know your child better. JLS students are placed in balanced heterogeneous groups for 6<sup>th</sup> grade instruction. We do not honor parent requests for specific teachers but are interested in knowing as much as possible about your child so that their 6<sup>th</sup> grade experience will be successful. **Parent Input Cards and Enrollment Surveys should be returned to your child's 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher by Friday, March 22.**

In the spring elementary music teachers will explain the various music choices and distribute music selection sheets to students. The information on this form is essential for us to provide your child with a complete schedule.

There will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about the middle school program at the **Parent Information Evening at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, in the JLS Cafetorium**. Your child will also have the chance to visit and tour the campus **on Thursday, May 9**, when all 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes visit JLS.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday, January 23, in the JLS Cafetorium when we will describe our 6<sup>th</sup> grade program. If you have questions, please call Joan Scherer in the JLS Guidance Office at (650) 856-5182.

Sincerely,

  
Lisa Hickey

**ON THE REVERSE IS A LIST OF ALL TRANSITION ACTIVITIES AND DUE DATES.**



## 2019 Middle School Transition Activities for Incoming Sixth Grade Students and Parents

Wednesday, January 23

**Parent Information Evening, JLS Cafetorium, 7pm**  
Middle School Principal and staff will present information and answer questions regarding the sixth grade programs.

**Choice Program Evenings**

Monday, February 4  
Tuesday, February 5

Connections – JLS, Cafetorium, 7pm  
Spanish Immersion/Mandarin Immersion – Greene, 7pm

**JLS Administrative Staff visit Elementary Schools**

Administrative staff and counselors will visit each of the feeder elementary schools to answer questions about middle school.

Monday, Feb. 4	Tuesday, Feb. 5	Wednesday, Feb. 6	Thursday, Feb. 7
10:30am Ohlone 1:00pm Hoover	1:00 pm Palo Verde	10:30am Fairmeadow	1:00 pm El Carmelo

Friday, February 22

**Parent Visitation Day at JLS.** Please call Joan Scherer at (650) 856-5182 after February 4 to reserve a space for the special 6<sup>th</sup> grade tour. The tour is 8:30-10am. Space is limited.

Friday, March 22

**Parent Input Card and Enrollment Survey** due to your child's 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

Thursday, May 9

**Fifth grade students visit JLS, 10:30am-12 noon**

**For additional information and/or questions:**

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