

Paly 101

Information to help you get off to a good start

Stay connected: PalyLink

Paly PTSA offers a weekly eNews with up to date events happening on campus, our community, and booster updates. This is free and you are automatically enrolled when you register your student. If you do not see it in your mailbox the week of classes, please check your spam file or sign up at www.tinyurl.com/palylinksignup.

Online Calendar: Paly.net

Paly updates its google calendar with schedule changes, campus activities and is the “go to source” for the Paly community.

Paly Family Buddy Program

If you and your family are new to the school district, you can sign up and have a buddy family. This is a free volunteer program offered through the Paly PTSA. We are a group of parent volunteers that can be additional resources for you while you and your teen get acclimated to the new environment. If interested, please email sophie@apr.com and have the subject line ‘buddy family’. Please include your name, your child’s name and grade, a day time phone number to reach you. Someone will be in touch.

Paly On-line Directory : UpToUs

The online directory is available to all families. You may choose which information is displayed in the directory. To access it, like above you must sign on to uptous . Once you are in Palo Alto High School PTSA, please click on the “Directory” Tab at the top right. (See picture below) Data for families new to Paly will be included when we get the data from the district. In the meantime, you may add any data that you would like included. The Paly family information from the district will be updated in August, 2017.



New to UpToUs?

Signing up is easy as <http://www.uptous.com/communities/paly>.

Login: use your e-mail address

New to UpToUs?: you set your password

Already an UpToUs member?: Sign in using your existing password,
if you forgot, select *forgot password* to reset

Once you are in the Palo Alto High School PTSA: Click on the directory.

Questions about using the UpToUs directory, please e mail palyptsavolunteer@gmail.com and someone will get back to you.

UpToUs is available as an app

New this year, uptous is now available as an app for both iphone and android.

Volunteering

Did you know that over 500 parents and community members volunteer at Paly every year? There are three great reasons to become one of them:

- Studies show that students are more engaged with their school when their parents are active participants at the school;
- Parents experience greater satisfaction and connection with their school when they participate in on-campus events;
- It is fun!

Paly is offering an online volunteering sign up for all activities. You choose what event and the task. We hope this will encourage you to volunteer. You will get an e-mail reminder the day before the event.

How to get started? Go to www.uptous.com and login; Once you are in the **Palo Alto High School PTSA**: Click on the events or sign-ups you would like to help out with and start typing in your name until your name appears or use the pull down and you are signed up!

Forgotten what you have signed up for? Go to www.uptous.com and login to look it up!

There are opportunities to volunteer throughout the school year.

Questions about volunteering or signing up to help, please e-mail Beth Martin at bmartin@pausd.org

Parent Networks:

Paly PTSA offers every parent/guardian an opportunity to stay connected with parents/guardians in each grade. PTSA has created grade level online groups so you can receive grade level information about Paly. These online groups are the only official PTSA parent network communication channels.

Meetings are held monthly and topics vary based on the students grade. Questions? Please contact the class chair(s) listed below:

Parent Network Chair	Gabrielle Conway	gabrielleconway12345@gmail.com
Parent Network 2018 Co-coordinator	Julia Kossack	juliapalyparent@gmail.com
Parent Network 2018 Co-coordinator	Julie Tomz	julietomz@gmail.com
Parent Network 2019 Co-coordinator	Karen Hickey	kahickey@yahoo.com
Parent Network 2019 Co-coordinator	Reshma Singh	greshmasingh@gmail.com
Parent Network 2019 Co-coordinator	Daxue Xu	daxuexu@hotmail.com
Parent Network 2020 Co-coordinator	Liz Jones	lizmangeejones@usa.net
Parent Network 2020 Co-coordinator	Patricia Stayte	doc4soc@gmail.com
Parent Network 2020 Co-coordinator	Aviva Saitz	aviva@saitz.com
Parent Network 2020 Co-coordinator	Nerissa Wong-VanHaren	nerissaw@gmail.com
Parent Network 2021 Co-coordinator	Lisa Kajisi	glmcgall@sbcglobal.net
Parent Network 2021 Co-coordinator	Stephanie Compton	stephanie_werner@yahoo.com
Parent Network 2021 Co-coordinator	Sonya Hanna	swhanna@gmail.com
Parent Network 2021 Co-coordinator	Karen Hickey	kahickey@yahoo.com

Save the Dates:

Paly has some exciting back to school events planned and we wanted to make sure you save the dates. All of the events are located on the Paly.net home page Google calendar.

August **10**: Freshman Orientation

August **10**: Staff Back to School Luncheon (volunteers needed):
Volunteer Staff luncheon (uptous.com)

August **11**: Photo Day (Soph/Jr/Sr) – see google calendar for times at <http://paly.net/>

August **14**: First Day of School (C Schedule)

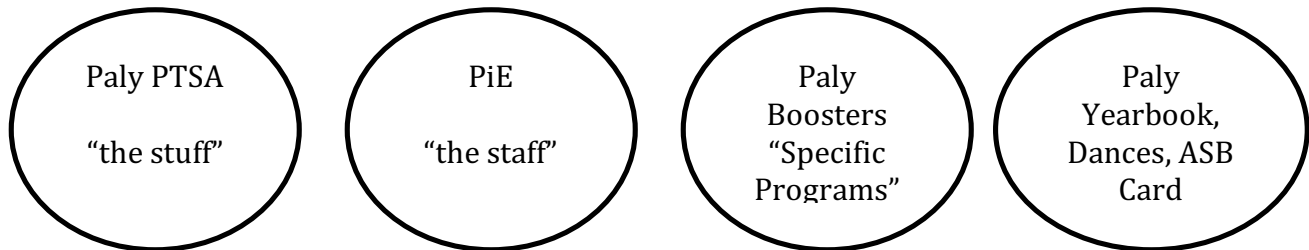
August **17**: Welcome Back Dinner – 5pm
Dinner available to purchase, alumni and Paly performances

August **24**: Back to School Night

September **4**: No School, Labor Day

Sources of Funding:

You may be asked to consider contributing to a variety of needs at Paly. We know it can be confusing, so wanted to share a brief outline of the various ways our students benefit from additional funding through parent donations.



PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) pays for “stuff” and funds technology and classroom materials and supports ongoing student programs such as Challenge Success, PSAT testing, the Freshman Orientation program, Parent Ed, Parent Networks, the mailing of student publications to all families, community building events, as well as providing thousands of volunteer hours on campus. The suggested donation amount is \$260 per student. For more information, please go to <http://palyptsa.paloaltopta.org/donations/>.

PiE (Palo Alto Partners in Education) pays for staff in three areas: STEM, the Arts and Wellness & Support. PiE makes possible engaging electives, including computer science, graphic design, engineering, and biotechnology, to captivate students and build critical thinking skills. PiE supports the guidance counselors and the Teacher Advisor program to offer emotional and academic guidance as well as help build student resilience. PiE also funds the College and Career Counseling advisors and resource programs that provide individual counseling to help all students choose among a variety of pathways to success and to plan wisely for the future. The suggested donation amount is \$1000 per student, but any amount helps! <http://papie.org/>.

Paly has many extracurricular activities supported by booster groups. Donations to the individual booster groups go directly to the students activities and include Fiery Art, Friends of Paly Choir, Media Arts, Music, Performing Arts, Robotics, Sports, TEAM and Theater. The suggested donation amount varies by program. For more information, please go to <http://paly.net/booster-groups>.

Paly offers tickets to school dances, ASB card which supports student leadership programs and a yearbook for purchase..

For more information or financial assistance, please go to [https://palywebstore.myschoolcentral.com/asbworks/\(S\(4ldkp5vujsajbm45vmlhfz45\)\)/WebStore.aspx](https://palywebstore.myschoolcentral.com/asbworks/(S(4ldkp5vujsajbm45vmlhfz45))/WebStore.aspx)