

# **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, in our community, and with sports and arts boosters. This is free and you are automatically enrolled when you register your student. If you do not see it in your mailbox the first week of classes, please check your spam file or sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/palylinksignup](http://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 Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD), 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 who can be additional resources for you while you and your teen acclimate to the new environment. If interested, please email [sophie@apr.com](mailto:sophie@apr.com) and write ‘buddy family’ in the subject line. Please include your name, your child’s name and grade, and a daytime 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 in 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, 2018.



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 [eaousa@me.com](mailto:eaousa@me.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 at Paly**

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 offers online sign-ups for all volunteer activities. You choose which event and task you would like to help with; it is easy to sign up! 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](http://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](http://www.uptous.com) and log in to look it up! There are opportunities to volunteer throughout the school year, and we will let you know about them as they approach and you can sign up to help then.

Questions about volunteering or signing up to help, please e-mail Beth Martin at [bmartin@pausd.org](mailto:bmartin@pausd.org)

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUT AT PALY!**

## Parent Networks:

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

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

Parent Network 2019 Co-coordinator	Christine Schlenker	schlenker3@gmail.com
Parent Network 2019 Co-coordinator	Reshma Singh	greshmasingh@gmail.com
Parent Network 2019 Co-coordinator	Katie Shade	kathrynshade@sbcglobal.net
Parent Network 2019 Co-coordinator	Hyla Wagner	wagners.home@gmail.com
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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
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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
Parent Network 2022 Co-coordinator	Sally-Ann Rudd	sallyann_r@yahoo.com
Parent Network 2022 Co-coordinator	Sharon Tobias	sltobias2002@yahoo.com

# Save the Dates:

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

**Thursday, August 9:** Freshman and New Student Orientation 4-7PM; id photos taken

**Thursday, August 9:** Staff Back-to-School Luncheon (volunteers needed—please sign up on upto.us)

**Friday, August 10:** Photo Day for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors—see Google calendar for times at <http://paly.net/>

**Monday, August 13:** First Day of School—seven-period day, every class will meet

**Thursday, August 23:** Welcome Back Dinner and Centennial Celebration Kick-off—Performances by Paly students and alumni

**Thursday, August 30:** Back to School Night

**Friday, August 31:** Minimum Day

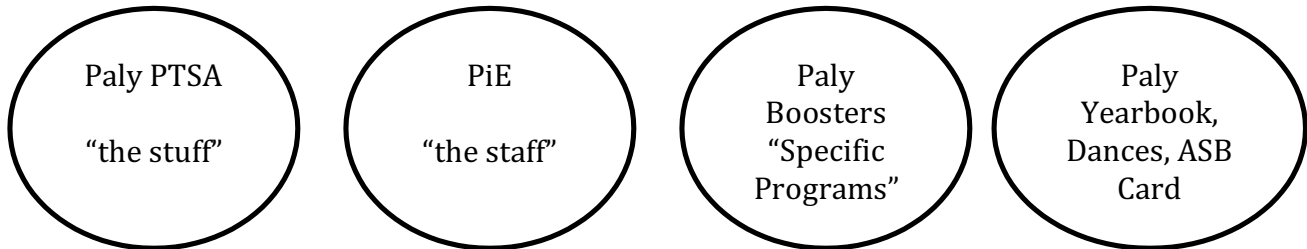
**Monday, September 3:** No School--Labor Day

**Friday, September 14:** Club Sign-Up Day

**October 22-26:** Spirit Week

# 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 ways our students benefit from parent donations.



**The Paly PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association)** pays for **stuff** and funds technology and classroom materials, PSAT testing, the Freshman Orientation program, Parent Education, Parent Networks, the mailing of student publications to all families, supports ongoing student programs such as Challenge Success, community-building events, and provides thousands of volunteer hours on campus. The suggested donation amount is \$275 per student. For more information, please go to <http://palyptsa.paloaltopta.org/donations/>.

Please retain your YOUR PROOF OF PAYMENT for tax purposes.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation (\$275 suggested x each student)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total payment

TAX ID # 94-6184932

If you have questions or need a receipt, please contact Charu Gupta, PTSA VP of Fundraising at [charug@gmail.com](mailto:charug@gmail.com).

**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 Arts, 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 an **ASB card** for purchase which gives students discounted pricing on dances and athletic events, and supports student leadership programs. You can order a **yearbook** at the the online store as well.

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)