

# Paly 101

## How to Start

### Back to School Packet

The 2021-22 Back to School packet is online:

<https://palyptsa.paloaltopta.org/back-to-school-packet-2021-2022-school-year/>.

## How to Stay Connected

PAUSD communicates with parents through Infinite Campus, Schoology and Parentsquare. PTSA communicates with parents through Parent Networks via Konstella, PalyLink, and Paly.Net online calendar

### Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus (IC) is a web-based student information system that stores student data. It provides students the ability to access their class related information as well as allowing parents the ability to view their children's academic information. Infinite Campus is the permanent record system. Access IC through <https://id.pausd.org>

### Schoology

Schoology is the platform used to manage the day-to-day activities related to content distribution, collection, and collaboration between students and teachers. Schoology is the in-progress system that facilitates and organizes information for students and teachers. Access Schoology through <https://id.pausd.org>

### Parentsquare

Parentsquare is designed to keep parents informed and facilitate participation at school. It provides a way for the school principal, teachers, staff, and parents to send and receive school and class information in one place. *Students do not have access to Parentsquare.* Access Parentsquare through <https://id.pausd.org>

### Parent Networks

Paly PTSA has created grade-level groups on Konstella so parents can receive grade-level specific information about Paly. Konstella is the only official PTSA Parent Network communication channel.

Parent Network Meetings are held monthly and topics vary based on grade level. For this school year, meetings dates are:

- Class of 2022 - 4th Fridays
- Class of 2023 - 1st Fridays
- Class of 2024 - 2nd Fridays

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- Class of 2025 - 3rd Fridays

<https://palyptsa.paloaltopta.org/what-are-parent-networks/>.

If you have questions that are specific to your child's class, you can find the email address for the Parent Network Coordinators of your class by clicking on your child's class year. <https://palyptsa.paloaltopta.org/what-are-parent-networks/>

## Konstella Online Directory

Starting with the 2021-2022 school year, the Paly PTSA chose Konstella to replace UptoUs as our new communication and collaboration tool. Konstella enables you to find other parents, send them messages, organize volunteering and fundraising activities. Download the mobile app to access Konstella on the go.

To receive a new invitation, go to <https://www.konstella.com/cd/6NJBNO>.

You may be receiving emails without being registered. Register using the link above to have access to the email history, directory, volunteering and fundraising content.

## 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 receive an email the first week of classes, check your spam folder. You can change your Konstella settings to opt out of announcements or receive a daily digest.

## [Paly.net](https://www.paly.net/campus-life/calendars) Online Calendar

Paly's [Google calendar](https://www.paly.net/campus-life/calendars) (<https://www.paly.net/campus-life/calendars>) has odd and even class schedule days marked and schedule changes. It is the "go-to source" for the Paly community for all campus activities.

## How to Help

### Volunteer at Paly

Did you know that over 600 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,

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- Parents experience greater satisfaction and connection with their school when they participate in on-campus events, and
- It is fun!

**How to get started?** Login to **Konstella** (<https://www.konstella.loop.com/>), click *More* on the menu then *Sign ups* on the submenu. Paly offers online sign-ups for all volunteer activities. You choose which event and task you would like to help with.

For more information about volunteering, email Beth Martin at [bmartin@pausd.org](mailto:bmartin@pausd.org).

## Donate to PTSA, PiE, Boosters and ASB

There are four ways to contribute to your children's education through donations.

### Paly PTSA

The Paly PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) pays for “stuff”, 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, go to <http://palyptsa.paloaltopta.org/donations/>.** You will receive a proof of payment for tax purposes. The Paly PTSA TAX ID # 94-6184932.

For more information, email, the PTSA VP of Fundraising at [palyfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:palyfundraising@gmail.com)

### PAUSD Palo Alto Partners in Education (PiE)

PiE 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 \$1200 per student, but any amount helps! <http://papie.org>.

### Paly Boosters

Paly has many extracurricular activities supported by booster groups. Donations to

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the individual booster groups go directly to the students' activities and include Fiery Arts, Friends of Paly Choir, Media Arts, Music, Performing Arts, Sports, TEAM and Theater. The suggested donation amount varies by program. For more information, go to <https://www.paly.net/connecting/donate>.

## **Paly Associated Student Body (ASB) Card**

Students can get discounted pricing on dances and athletic events by purchasing a Paly ASB card. The ASB card supports student leadership programs. For more information, go to <http://www.palyasb.com/>. A link to the ASB webstore is available under Helpful Links. The ASB website only works using Chrome browser.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Spirit Week is October 11 - 15, 2021. During the week, students participate in class-building activities. Spirit Week ends with the Homecoming football game and a parade of floats followed by the Homecoming dance. You can view the details on the [Paly ASB website](#).

Parent volunteers are crucial to its success by supervising float building, and/or the homecoming dance, coat check, bringing in snacks, supplies, making donations, and ticket sales.

## **Athletics at Paly**

Paly has Fall, Winter and Spring sports. All students are required to have a sports physical before participating. These physicals are good for one full calendar year and one physical is good for multiple sports. The form and information can be found on the main website for Paly Athletics.

- [Paly Athletics main website \(https://palyathletics.com/\)](https://palyathletics.com/):  
Main website for all things athletics at Paly
- [Paly Athletics Live stream website \(https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/palo-alto-high-school-palo-alto-ca\)](https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/palo-alto-high-school-palo-alto-ca):
- [Paly Athletics Twitter \(https://twitter.com/palyathletics\)](https://twitter.com/palyathletics)
- [Paly Athletics Instagram \(https://www.instagram.com/palyathletics/\)](https://www.instagram.com/palyathletics/)

## **Clubs at Paly**

There are 100+ clubs that cover many student interests, including traditional athletics and academic clubs, to special interests like aviation, bad movies, girls in AI/STEM, art, entrepreneurship, etc. Any student is welcome to begin a new club. Information on who to contact to do this can be found on the [ASB Club website](#). The ASB website only works using Chrome browser.

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- [ASB Main Website \(http://www.palyasb.com/\)](http://www.palyasb.com/)
- [ASB Twitter account \(https://twitter.com/palyASB\)](https://twitter.com/palyASB)
- [ASB Facebook account \(http://facebook.com/palyasb\)](http://facebook.com/palyasb)
- ASB list of clubs (Coming mid September)

## Social Media

Paly-centric social media groups are not official communication channels and not sanctioned or monitored by PAUSD or PTSA. Views expressed on these sites do not reflect the opinions of the PTSA or PAUSD.

- [Facebook Palo Alto High School Parent Community \(https://www.facebook.com/groups/1830837670484862\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1830837670484862)
- [Facebook Palo Alto Moms \(https://www.facebook.com/groups/192956594215662\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/192956594215662)
- [NextDoor Palo Alto Moms \(https://nextdoor.com/g/ts4h47xqq/\)](https://nextdoor.com/g/ts4h47xqq/)