

Paly 101

Information to help you get off to a good start

Welcome to Paly. The Paly PTSA offers Paly 101, a short, free and informational session at the beginning of the school year. We will send you an invitation in early August. Until then, we hope this information will be helpful to you and your teen. We also included a Paly Terminology Sheet; the school uses terms that may not be familiar to you. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you on campus! Paly PTSA

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.

Parent Networks:

Paly PTSA offers every parent/guardian an opportunity to stay connected with parents/guardians in each grade. Meetings are held monthly, topics vary based on the students grade. Questions? Please contact the class chair(s) listed below:

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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.

UpToUs for 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!

There are opportunities to volunteer throughout the school year. Paly PTSA is offering an online volunteering sign up for all activities. We hope this will encourage you to volunteer. 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 system: 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! You will get an e-mail reminder the day before the event. Forgotten what you have signed up for? Go to www.uptous.com and login to look it up!

Questions about volunteering or signing up to help, 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 for your phone or tablet.

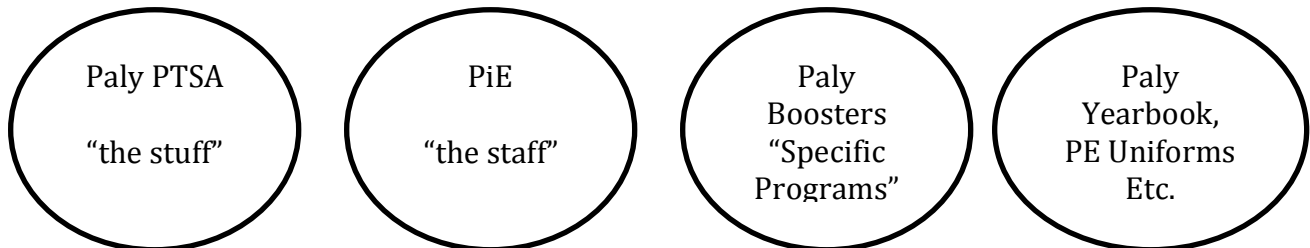
Paly On-line Directory

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 available online and also as an app. Once you are in, please click on the “Directory” Tab at the top of the Paly UpToUs site. 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.

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

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 supports ongoing student programs such as; student binders, the Sources of Strength program, PSAT testing, staff development for College and Career Counseling, the Freshman Orientation program, classroom and departmental supplies, 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 \$225 per student. For more information, please go to <http://palyptsa.paloaltopta.org>.

PiE (Palo Alto Partner in Education) pays for adjunct staff and focuses its donations in three areas: 1. Guidance: additional guidance hours which allow for one full time counselor per grade level; 2. Electives: additional electives which allow for more choices; and 3. the College and Career Center. The suggested donation amount is \$1000 per student. For more information, please go to <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 PE uniforms, tickets to school dances, 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)