



# Middle School Preview Night

## JLS Middle School- 10.16.18



# Translation Services

- If you would like to hear the conversation in Spanish, headsets are available in the back of the room.
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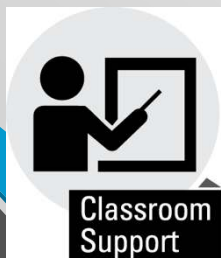
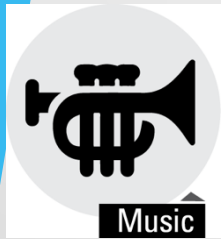
# What is PiE?

PiE is the sole nonprofit that raises money for additional staff at all Palo Alto schools. Donations to PiE benefit every student.

In Middle Schools, PiE funds:

- Counselors and Transitional Programs
- Sciences, Arts and Music Electives
- Supplemental Classroom Support

*Without PiE, funding these amazing options would not be available to our students.*



# Middle School Preview Night Transition Information

## Speakers

*Principal: Lisa Hickey*

*Teacher: Jim Meininger*

*Counselor: Ko Vue*

*Parent: Anne Marie Hallada*

*Parent: Charu Gupta*

*Parent: Alex Van Riesen*

## Focus of Information

*Early General Information*

*Parents' Perspective*

## Question Cards

# School Profile

- Enrollment: 1130
- 140 Staff Members
- Demographics:
  - 51% Asian
  - 32% Caucasian
  - 12% Hispanic
  - 0.8% Pacific Islander
  - 1.6% African American
  - 2.6% Two or more races



# 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade transition

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night in January
- Middle School students and administrator presents information at the elementary school in Spring
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students visit JLS in May
- Counselor meets with all feeder school 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers
- JLS staff attends 504 and IEP transition meetings
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers have two articulation meetings a year on a Wednesday afternoon- one in the Fall and one in the Spring

# How is 6<sup>th</sup> Grade different from elementary school?

- Students have more than one teacher
- Students switch from class to class
- Larger school environment
- Elective Wheel
- Students are more independent and mature (e.g. *brunch* instead of *recess*)

# What 6<sup>th</sup> grade students enjoy about middle school

- Getting two lockers- a main locker and PE locker
- Switching periods and classrooms
- More independence & freedom- they get to choose where they want to eat lunch and don't have to raise their hand when they want to play
- Many, many clubs
- Snack bar and more hot lunch options



# What makes JLS a great school?

- Pure teaming creates smaller environments- LA, Social Studies, Math, Science- all through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Weekly team meetings
- Extensive, creative, unique elective options- Drama, Industrial technology, video production
- Student activities
- JLS Way- Kindness is the norm

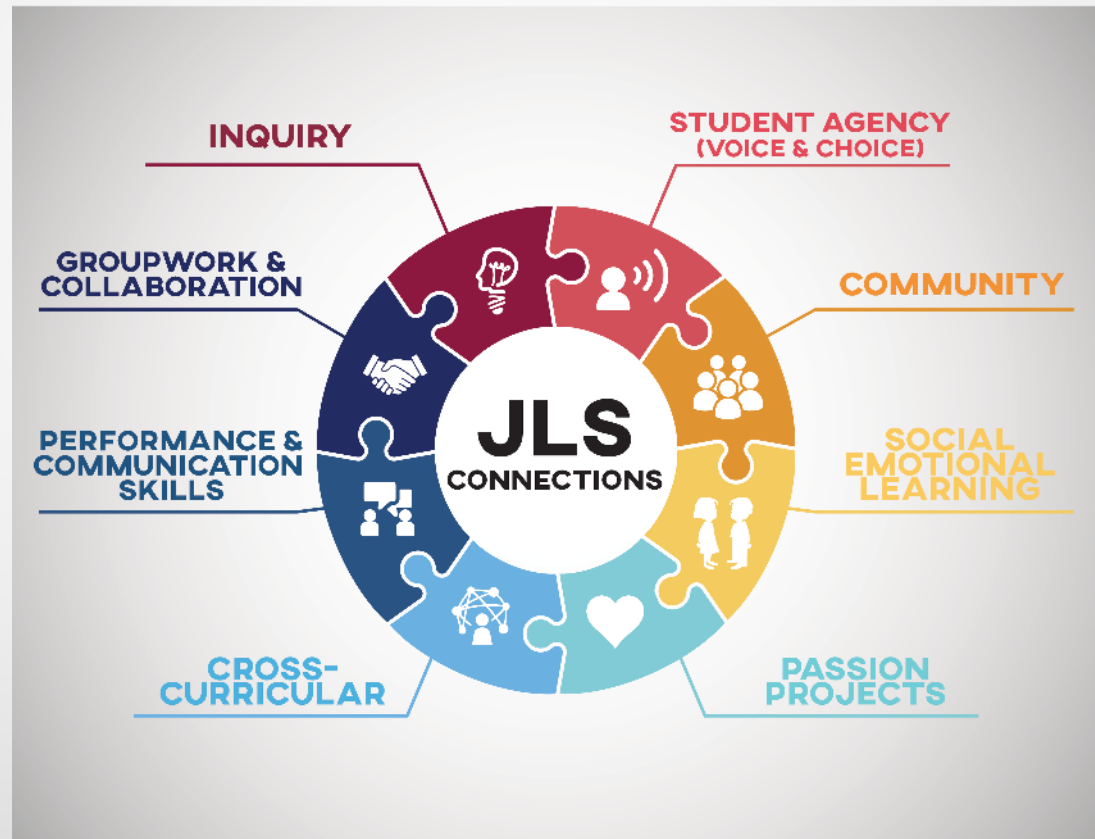
# Daily Schedule

Hour	TIME	MONDAY Period	TUESDAY Period	WEDNESDAY Period	THURSDAY Period	FRIDAY Period
1st	8:15-9:10	1	1	6	1	1
2nd *	9:15-10:15	2	2	7	2	2
BRUNCH	10:15-10:25	BRUNCH				
3rd	10:30-11:25	3	7	3	5	4
4th	11:30-12:25	4	3	4	6	5
LUNCH	12:25-1:00	LUNCH				
5th	1:05-2:00	5	4	WIP 1:05-1:45	7	6
6th	2:05-3:00	6	5		3	7
TEAM	3:00-3:05	TEAM	TEAM		TEAM	TEAM

# What is Connections?



- A choice program within JLS, lottery based
- Currently comprises 4 out of 16 sections in each grade level
- There will be a Connections information night on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7 PM



# 6th Grade Program

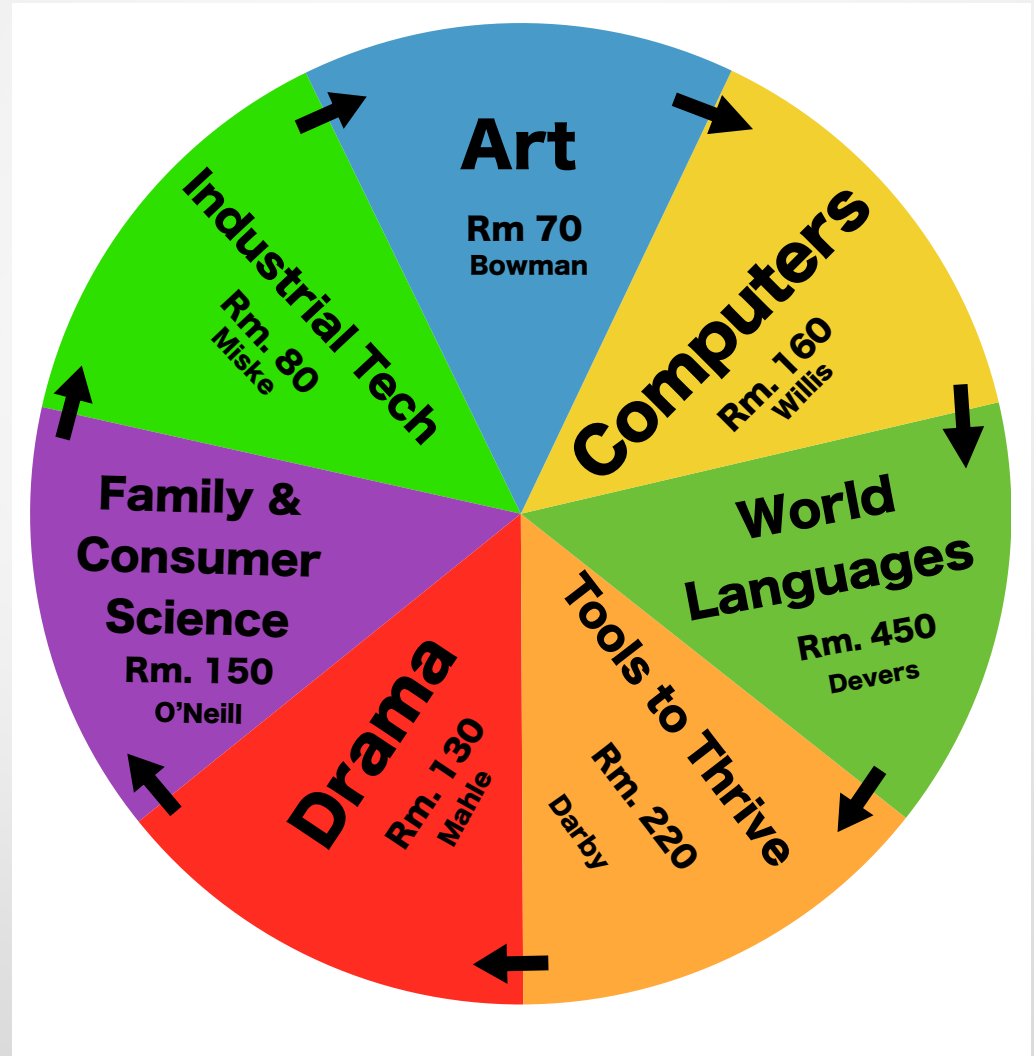
- 7 Classes total
- 5 periods spent with two homeroom teachers-  
Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, 7<sup>o</sup>  
Core
- 1 period of Elective Wheel
- 1 period of PE/Music

# 6th Grade Mathematics

- All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are enrolled in a Math 6 class
- Teachers differentiate their instruction to meet the needs of all students, providing intervention and challenges
- In September of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year, Math Instructional Leader, Elizabeth Fee will present everything you want to know about math in middle school at an evening meeting

# Elective Wheel

- 7 spokes
- 5 weeks each
- Students decide what interests them and then get to choose semester or year-long courses in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade electives- Marine Biology, Design & Tech Studio, and more



# PE/ Music

- Two days a week either 5<sup>th</sup> period (M & TH or T & F) or 6<sup>th</sup> period (M & Th or W & F)
- Music options (Band, Choir, or Orchestra)
- Students will bring their instruments on music days- Those with larger instruments such as Tuba, Bari Sax, Cello, may have the option of having two instruments- one for home, one for school
- PE- students will have a PE locker and will dress out- skill-based units

# Counselors

- Work with parents and students to promote academic success, personal growth, and to address concerns in variety of areas.
- Collaborate with teachers to serve students
- Coordinate positive recognition programs



# Social Emotional Life

## JUMP START DAY in AUGUST

### PANTHER CAMP (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- Transition program during first week of school
- ALL students participate
- Class gets to know one another and the teachers
- Opportunity to learn about expectations at JLS
  - Character education
  - Environmental awareness
  - Orientation to JLS
  - Introduction to Library services
  - Technology



# After School Activities

## **AT JLS**

- Homework Habitat- (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays- after school- 4:30 PM)
- After-school sports (run through the City of PA)

## **NEARBY**

- Mitchell Park Community Center- LEAP- Learning Enrichment After-school Program (run through the city of PA)

# Lunch & After-School Sports

- **Lunchtime Activities**

- Clubs
- Intramural sports
- Basketball court, field area, hanging out
- Admin, teachers, and other staff are on duty and visible during lunch

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS		RUN THROUGH THE CITY OF PALO ALTO
<b>FALL</b> - Register in late August <i>Season- September-October</i>	<b>WINTER</b> - Register in late Sept. <i>Season- mid-Nov- January</i>	<b>SPRING</b> - Register in early Feb. <i>Season- April-May</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Girl's Volleyball</li><li>• Flag Football</li><li>• Cross Country</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball</li><li>• 6th grade basketball training class</li><li>• 6<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball- Register early Dec. (February-March)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tennis</li><li>• Track &amp; Field</li><li>• Wrestling</li><li>• Boy's Volleyball</li></ul>

# Transportation to and from school

- *Walk, Bike, Skateboard, Scooter, Carpool*
  - We have three large bike cages that are locked during the day
  - Students can leave their skateboard or scooter in the cage outside the attendance office
  - There is bike registration at Jump Start Day

# Parent Perspective

- **Anne Marie Hallada**
- **Charu Gupta**
- **Alex Van Riesen**

# How can you support JLS?

- Attend events
- Volunteer
- Join the PTA
- Donate to Partners in Education

# Questions?

