# PALMA SCHOOL Palma School Newsletter

A monthly newsletter for the parents of Palma

#### **MAY 2024**

3:00p - Jr. High Graduation on Palma's Field

10:00a - High School Graduation

Memorial Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Sunday, May 26

Monday, May 27





Questions, comments or suggestions: please email marketing@palmaschool.org

### Palma School Music Program Presents

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# Tuesday, May 7 6:30pm Br. Dunne Hall

Enjoy the song stylings of Palma's Jazz Ensemble

Conducted by Mr. Michael Blackburn <u>cên</u>



From the President

Palma is blessed to have so many who care greatly for our school and its future As many of you know, Palma School is driven by its school calendar. Weekly memos go out to our faculty and students about the myriad of activities that happen on our campus, from sun-up to sun-down. Workouts at 6:00am, zero-period classes, clubs and activities at lunch, sports after school, and jazz ensemble and film class that can run late into the night. It is a campus that never sleeps. With that is the task of keeping these facilities clean, updated, and replaced as the years go by. Over the past year, you have noticed roofs being replaced, new water systems being installed, renovation to many of the classrooms, and new bathrooms being put in the school's wings. This summer you will see much more.

As I write this, construction on the locker rooms within the gymnasium has started with brand new state-of-the-art locker rooms to replace the last 73 years of wear and tear. The foyer of the gym and the front of our school will receive a facelift for this coming school year as well. This gymnasium project is a possibility through the generous support of the Edward M. Dowd Foundation and their incredible \$2.5 million gift to our school. We are deeply grateful to the Edward M. Dowd Foundation for their unwavering support and belief in our school's mission. Mr. Dowd was a 1963 graduate of Palma, a successful businessman over the decades in the Bay Area, and an incredible philanthropist throughout Monterey and Santa Clara counties. Palma is blessed to have so many who care greatly for our school and its future and can be thankful for Mr. Dowd's legacy of improving our school for years to come.

May means graduations and award ceremonies here on campus. The gym project may cause some relocations over the next few weeks, but I promise it will not dampen their importance. Acknowledging the work of our young men is extremely important, and I promise Palma will not disappoint.

Last but surely not least, I wish all our Palma mothers a wonderful Mother's Day this month. You are the success to each and every one of our boys and to our school. Thank you for all that you do.

Chris Dalman '88 *President* 



From the Principal

Graduates: I pray you will remember to be men of character who love confidently, with the confidence that you are loved! Dear Class of 2024,

Palma is blessed to celebrate two graduations for the Class of 2024 - for both our 8th grade students and our seniors. I would like to dedicate this letter to them.

Graduates, this is an important juncture in your life. For all of you, graduation is both an end and a beginning. At the end of this month you will move on from the current year to the next. Some of you are excited, some are anxious, others are nostalgic, still others may be thinking, "It's about time, thank God!" I am certain we might find a teacher or two who would agree with you!

My hope and prayer for you is that you have learned that you are a gift to all of us, and that you are LOVED! The greatest challenge of teaching is to demonstrate a love that is unconditional, forgiving and sincere, and a love that is balanced by the need to insure consequences as a result of choices, both good and bad. It is my genuine hope that you have learned *to love* and *be loved* during your time here at Palma. Effective teaching requires the ultimate gift of self to students every day. Such teachers know that few students will ever be able to show enough gratitude for that, but they love you anyway.

Parents of the graduates: you have sacrificed, volunteered your time, and invested your family, your entire selves into your son's education here at Palma. And this is how it should be. Your boys deserve it. They deserve to be loved. I congratulate you and encourage you in this noblest of life's endeavors.

Graduates: whether you have been here for six years or two years, or any amount of time in between, it is no mistake that you have been here. I genuinely believe God has handpicked you to be here and in this very time in history. You have been chosen! You are special! And so... class of 2024, allow me to congratulate you. And permit me, if you will, to offer you this humble advice: don't forget who you have become here at Palma. Life will offer you its best dreams and its hardest trials, but through all these experiences I pray you will remember to be men of character who love confidently, with the confidence that you are loved!

God bless you. You got this, Chieftains!

Yours in Blessed Edmund Rice,

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David J. Sullivan Principal



# Campus Ministry

Mr. Willie Beesley '86 x300 beesley@palmaschool.org

You are not entering your finals alone.

Were we to know the merit and value of only going from one street to another for the love of God, we should prize it more than gold or silver. — Blessed Edmund Rice, 1810

#### Come celebrate Blessed Edmund Rice's Feast Day

Mass will be celebrated on May 2nd in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel during periods 1-2. All are welcome.

#### **Mission Mexico**

The Mexico Mission was able to build a home in *four days* over the Easter Break. Thank you to everyone for all the generous donations in building a bridge to a family — and a home.

The **Freshmen Retreat** was a great success. A special thanks to Orlando Johnson '07 for speaking to our Freshmen Class on retreat.



#### 2024/2025

We are looking for parent volunteers interested in taking students to community service opportunities on a regular basis after school next fall. Contact Mr. Beesley beesley@ palmaschool.org if you are interested.

#### **Prayers and Props**

Please remember to visit Palma's Campus Ministry page to share props or accomplishments your son has done outside of school as well as prayers you wish to be offered at Palma's Masses and Chapel Time.

#### PRAYERS AND PROPS

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Jacob's Heart – Deliver groceries, decorate cards and grocery bags, assist staff with office tasks, etc. CLICK HERE FOR INFO OR TO REGISTER

All in Monterey County – Food Drives Every Wednesday ALL-IN Drive Through Market at Seaside HS at 4:30pm till supplies run out. Volunteers help gift bounties of food to our guests as they drive through. For info CLICK HERE

#### **Blue Zones Project**

Live longer, better. Encouraging changes in our community that lead to healthier options. **CLICK HERE** 

#### Save Our Shores

Foster thriving and sustainable ecosystems in the Monterey Bay and surrounding habitats through equitable environmental action. **CLICK HERE** 

#### **Dorothy's Place**

Essential services and transitional support to people experiencing the injustice of homelessness and extreme poverty. **CLICK HERE** 

#### Lincoln Cunningham Park Clean Up - Seaside

10:00am-12:00pm (BYO work gloves, water, snacks) Fill out Seaside volunteer form at **CLICK HERE** 

#### **REACH Junior Warriors Basketball**

Join the fun and volunteer with Special Kids Connect for REACH Junior Warriors Basketball program on Mondays and Wednesday starting April 8. You must be 13 or older to volunteer. For more information: **CLICK HERE** 

Visit the "Student Outreach" page on our website for more volunteer opportunities. Do you know about an upcoming service opportunity? Reach out to Mr. Beesley at beesley@ palmaschool.org.



# Chieftain Athletics

Mr. Rob Bishop x229 bishop@palmaschool.org



#### **Athletics Recognition Ceremony**

Mark May 19th on your calendar and make plans to attend the Winter & Spring Sports Awards Program taking place in Br. Dunne Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We will honor student-athletes from all of our sports along with recognizing the Athlete of the Year and Scholar-Athlete of the Year.





#### Volunteer and have some fun

This summer, Palma Athletics will be sponsoring our annual fireworks booth from June 29th through July 4th in the Star Market parking lot in Salinas, and returning to satisfy the tri-tip cravings of fans at the California Rodeo July 18th through the 21st. Look for signup links on our website and in your email soon.

#### GET YOUR OFFICIAL PALMA GEAR HERE



#### **ATTENTION GOLF FANS:**

Join us for the annual Palma Athletics

Golf Tournament Friday, May 3, 2024 The Club at Pasadera



See Page 11 for more details



#### Palma School Athletics App

contains schedules, rosters and updated scores. It is part of the "gochieftains" website. You find the app at Apple and android app stores.



For all of your daily athletic updates please follow me



on X at @Coach\_Rbishop. I post upcoming game times for all sports each week as well as results and other fun information regarding Palma Athletics.



# **Guidance Department**

Mrs. Irina Short x242 short@palmaschool.org

Congratulations Graduates!

#### Charles B. Runnels Youth Citizenship Seminar (YCS)

Congratulations to Kianno Philpot Montano '25 for being selected to represent Palma at the annual Charles B. Runnels Youth Citizenship Seminar at Pepperdine University. YCS is a five-day seminar where students interact with today's leaders,



explore current national and global topics, discuss constructive solutions to critical issues, share memorable moments with peers, and make lifelong friends. Candidates for this program represent students of bright promise.

#### D's in college prep courses just won't cut it!

Four-year colleges and universities will only accept grades of "C" or better to meet college prep course requirements for admission. If your son is planning to attend a four-year college, he must make-up any deficiencies prior to graduation. Students taking summer school courses to make-up D's and F's are reminded that passing a 5-credit course during summer school will only replace one 5-credit semester grade (not the entire year). In other words, a student failing both semesters of Biology would need to register for (and pass) 10 credits of Biology prior to graduation. Also, remember that colleges require incoming freshman to have completed at least two years of the same foreign language. This means that a student who completed one year of Latin and one year of Spanish has not met that requirement. The CSU and the University of CA require completion of one year (10 credits) of a visual or performing art prior to graduation. Palma students now have a number of options for accomplishing this requirement. One more reminder-scholarships are still available out there, and many of our students are highly competitive. Scholarships come in many forms and sizes. Not all scholarships are based solely on grades and/or financial need. The Guidance Office posts information on all scholarships we receive in Naviance and in SCOIR. Many students may not be aware that they are eligible to apply for scholarships. Scholarships can be based on a wide range of criteria including academics, athletics,

leadership, career interests, writing skills, ethnic background, religious affiliation, or any combination of the preceding. One can also use the internet to check out some of the outstanding FREE scholarship search sites like www. fastweb.com. This and other financial aid and college related links are indexed on the home page of your Naviance Family Connection account at http:// connection.naviance.com/palma or in your SCOIR account at https://app.scoir.com/signin.

#### Tips for student athletes

When it comes to athletic scholarships and college sports recruiting, it is important for you to become familiar with the rules and regulations surrounding the various college associations, conferences, and divisions. Violation of the rules, even while still in high school, can result in ineligibility in your future athletic career. Your first task should be to determine which associations (NCAA, NJCAA, etc.) your prospective colleges and universities belong to, and then carefully review those group's websites.

#### Senior monthly reminder

- Record in SCOIR which college you will be attending.
- Record in SCOIR all scholarships you are receiving.
- If you have questions about housing, talk to your counselor or call the college.
- Prepare for any Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams you plan to take.
- Inform all colleges to which you applied of your admission and financial aid decisions by May 15th. Send a deposit to only one college.

#### Junior monthly reminder

- Sign up to take the SAT test in June. The CSU/UC are not requiring these tests for admission. However, many private institutions are requiring them. You can register for the SAT in mid-May for the fall. They will be offering one test each month from August-December.
- If you plan to play a sport in college and you haven't

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signed up with the clearinghouse, you need to do that now (www.eligibilitycenter.org)

- Continue to explore colleges and financial aid opportunities.
- Look into summer programs, classes at a community college, community service, internships, and/or jobs.

#### Schedule of SAT/ACT test dates for 2024

|     | Test Date | Register by | Late Reg. Deadline* |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
| SAT | Jun 1     | May 17      | May 21              |
| ACT | Jun 8     | May 3       | May 17              |
| ACT | Jul 13    | Jun 7       | Jun 21              |

\* A late fee will be added after the "Register by" date.

# **Parents' Club**

PARENTS'CLUB WEB PAGE: HTTPS://PALMASCHOOL.ORG/PARENTS-CLUB/ EMAIL: PARENTSCLUB@PALMASCHOOL.ORG

#### Paint night

We had a great time at the April Paint Night event. If you were not able to attend, don't miss our next one. They are always a great way to make new friends.

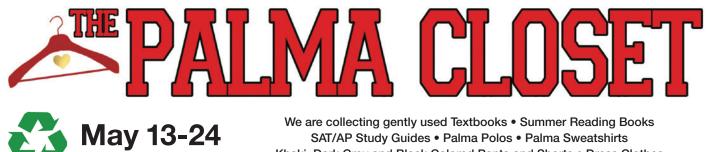
#### Volunteers needed for Founder's Day, May 2nd

We are seeking volunteers to help with the Founder's Day BBQ and looking for some items to borrow. CLICK HERE to see how you can help. Thank you!





Our last meeting of the year will be on May 20th. Please join us as we discuss year-end events and plan for the Fall. The meeting will be held at 6:00pm in the CSC. All are welcome!



We are collecting gently used Textbooks • Summer Reading Books SAT/AP Study Guides • Palma Polos • Palma Sweatshirts Khaki, Dark Grev and Black Colored Pants and Shorts • Dress Clothes (We cannot collect/resell used workbooks)

## Look for the yellow bins in front of the school

Palma Parents' Club will sort and organize donated items and resell them at discounted prices at our Back-to-School Palma Closet Sale in the beginning of next school year. Textbooks will be available to reserve and purchase earlier in the summer.

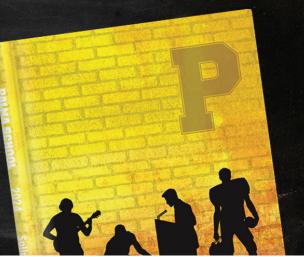
(excluding weekends)

Students from the 6th grade and Nature and Ecology Club planted and cared for vegetable, flower, and succulent varieties. All plants were grown in No. 1 nursery containers and may contain one to several seedings. All plants are priced below wholesale at \$3 per can or 10 for \$25 when you buy in bulk. Quantities are limited and vary for each selection, so priority will be given to the orders that come in first.

All plants were grown organically in premium potting soil blend and watered with rainwater harvested from the Life Lab area. All succulents were propagated by students from existing succulent stock. This year, students helped to complete the raised garden beds, lined pathways, and mulch the Life Lab area. The Life Lab is 90% complete and boasts a rainwater collection system that can store 4,000 gallons of water to be used in the dry months. Students have been busy this year.







# The last day to order online is May 5th

Books will only be sold in-person based on availability after online sales close. Don't miss your chance to purchase your book if you haven't already. You don't want to miss out on this year's edition as it will be the LAST of an all-boy Palma. Our team worked hard to make this one special — one that honors the past so we can be excited for the future! If you haven't purchased your yearbook yet, use the link here and enter code 7322.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

# NOW'S YOUR CHANCE > BUY A YEARBOOK TODAY

Yearbooks will be available for pickup on May 22nd from 12:00 to 1:30pm. The pick up site will be emailed to you.



### 43rd ANNUAL PALMA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefitting Palma School Athletics

#### The Club at Pasadera, Monterey

Friday, May 3, 2024

(Founder's Day - School Holiday)

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE FORMAT

7:30am Registration & Check In8:30am Shotgun Start12:00pm Reception & Awards Presentation

Entry fee includes green fee, 1/2 cart, buffet dinner, tee & tournament prizes.

ENTRY DEADLINE - MAY 1, 2024

SIGN UP A FOURSOME

#### **SPONSOR LEVELS**

HOLE IN ONE (\$3,000): includes entry fee for four golfers, Palma swag, sponsor recognition & more

EAGLE (\$1,500): includes entry fee for two golfers, Palma swag, sponsor recognition & more

TEE SIGN (\$125 each)

#### CLICK TO BE A SPONSOR

*Please send check to:* Palma Athletics, 919 Iverson Street, Salinas, CA 93901 For more information: Rob Bishop • 831.422.8510 • bishop@palmaschool.org

# **2024 CO-ED (ALL GRADES)**

SUMMER SCHOOL

Do you wish for your son(s)/daughter(s) to accelerate in Math? Do they need to elevate a failing grade? Do they want to keep academic skills sharp for next year? Palma is proud to offer a well-designed, diverse and challenging curriculum that is intended to prepare students to excel across all disciplines and is excited to offer CO-ED summer courses which are open to all students in our community. Palma School is fully accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

### SCHEDULE OF COURSES

Summer session courses meet Monday through Friday\*

| JUNE 3 THROUGH JULY 5                         |                         |   |  |  |  |
|---|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 8:00am - 10:30am                              | 10:35am - 1:05pm        | 8:00am - 1:05pm   |  |  |  |
| Algebra 1 Review                              | Algebra 2 Review        | Geometry (Honors)   |  |  |  |
| Biology Review                                | English 9 and 10 Review | Fees and Details  |  |  |  |
| English 11 and 12 Review                      | Math 7 Review           | <ul> <li>Classes for 10 credits:</li> <li>Classes for 5 credits:</li> </ul>                 |  |  |  |
| JHS English/<br>Literature Review             | Pre-Algebra Review      | <ul> <li>Fundamentals of Spar</li> <li>Discount: \$50 for two c</li> <li>courses</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| Spanish 1 Review &<br>Fundamentals of Spanish | Spanish 2 Review        | Textbooks (if needed):<br>rented at first class meet  |  |  |  |
|   | Spanish 3 Review        | There are no refunds after Summer School.   |  |  |  |

\*NOTE: Religious Review students will meet once each week, by appointment, with the instructor.

#### ENROLL IN SUMMER SCHOOL

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### 2024 SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#### ALGEBRA 1 REVIEW

#### Credits: 5 (High School or Junior High)

Reviews numbers and basic arithmetic operations applied to them and proceeds through solving systems of equations and inequalities, polynomials and algebraic fractions by applying various algebraic axioms, concepts and methods. For those who failed or did poorly in Algebra I or those who wish to improve their math skills before entering school in the fall.

#### **BIOLOGY REVIEW**

#### Credits: 5 (High School)

This course reviews the study of energy flow, plant and animal classification, microorganisms/aspects of cell theory, biochemistry, heredity and genetics, and evolution. Designed for students who failed or received a low grade in one or both semesters of Biology.

## FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE ENGLISH REVIEW (ENG 9 & 10)

#### Credits: 5 (High School)

Review of college preparatory freshman and sophomore English composition and literature - specifically, of Palma's required summer reading texts. Designed for Palma students who have failed or received a low grade in English I or II and for those who need "extra help" with their summer reading or with English skills.

#### FUNDAMENTALS OF SPANISH

### This course is for enrichment only; not for credit – 2.5 hrs for 5 weeks

This course introduces students to the Spanish language and prepares incoming students who will be taking Spanish 1 at Palma. The instructor will review the fundamentals of Spanish such as numbers, sentence structure, alphabet, and verb conjugations.

#### **GEOMETRY (HONORS)**

#### Credits: Honors: 10

An intensive course to present the principles of geometry covered at Palma. This honors course is designed primarily for Palma students who wish to advance to Algebra II Trigonometry during the coming school year.

#### ENROLL IN SUMMER SCHOOL

#### JHS ENGLISH/LITERATURE REVIEW (JUNIOR HIGH)

#### Credits: 5 (Junior High)

Reviews the principles of English composition and literature covered in the seventh and eighth grade at Palma Junior High. Primarily designed for Palma Junior High students who have failed or received a low grade in English and for those who need "extra help" with their summer reading or with English skills.

#### JUNIOR/SENIOR ENGLISH REVIEW (ENG 11 & 12)

#### Credits: 5 (High School)

Review of college preparatory junior and senior English composition and literature - specifically of Palma's required summer reading texts. Designed for Palma students who have failed or received a low grade in English III or IV and for those who need "extra help" with their summer reading or with English skills.

#### MATH 7 (JUNIOR HIGH)

#### Credits: 5 (Junior High)

This course reviews the principles of general math covered in the seventh and eighth grade at Palma Junior High. Primarily designed for Palma Junior High students who have failed or received a low grade in General Math or those who wish to improve their math skills before entering school in the Fall.

#### PRE-ALGEBRA

Credits: 5 (High School or Junior High)

Review of the principles of pre-algebra covered at Palma. Primarily designed for Palma students who have failed or received a low grade in Pre-Algebra or those who wish to improve their math skills before entering school in the fall.

#### **RELIGIOUS STUDIES REVIEW**

Credits: 5 (High School or Junior High)

Independent study by contract to make up Religious course or credit shortages in required subjects. Enrollment is restricted to Palma students. The students will meet once each week, by appointment, with the instructor.

#### SPANISH 1, 2 OR 3 REVIEW

Credits: 5 (High School or Junior High)

This course is to review the principles of college preparatory Spanish 1, 2 or 3 covered at Palma. Designed for Palma students who have failed or received a low grade in Spanish 1, 2 or 3; or those who wish to improve their language skills before entering school in the fall.



# SOBER GRAD 2024

Every year Palma and Notre Dame parents put together a fun and safe post-graduation party for our senior classes. Sober Grad 2024 will provide an opportunity for graduates to celebrate their hard work, achievements and each other in a drug- and alcohol-free environment.

Please use the link below to help us fund this tradition. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

I Want To Help

Thank you for giving our graduates a well-earned send off.

Donations and sponsorships are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

# ON MAY 3RD WE ARE CALLED TO BE BOLD



Chieftain Giving Day is Palma's annual appeal — a day to celebrate Palma School on the day we celebrate our founder. Because of Blessed Edmund Rice we have a mission. And, because of you, the mission continues at Palma School.

This Chieftain Giving Day, we are all called to be bold to determine the size of our aspirations, the scope of our mission, and the extent of our impact on this community and on the world. It is our turn to boldly dream, to boldly dare, to boldly do, for Palma. For Palma Merenti.

# MAKE A GIFT



# Portobello Cateríng PALMA SCHOOL

# Palma School Lunch Menu

### May 2024

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday          | Thursday                   | Friday   |
|---|--|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
|   |  | \$8 1              | 2                          | 3  |
|   |  | Chicken fried rice | Founder's Day BBQ          | NO CLASSES   |
| \$8 6   | \$8 <b>7</b>   | \$8 <b>8</b>       | \$8 <b>9</b>               | \$8 <b>10</b>  |
| Buffalo wings   | BBQ pork ribs with mashed potatoes   | Chicken enchiladas | Chile verde burrito        | Calamari steak with<br>lettuce, tomato and<br>tartar sauce |
| \$8 13  | \$8 <b>14</b>  | \$8 <b>15</b>      | \$8 <b>16</b>              | \$8 <b>17</b>  |
| Turkey panini with basil pesto, cheese and grilled onions | Asada fries with grilled<br>beef, cheese, jalapeño,<br>green onion, sour cream | Chicken burrito    | Pasta Alfredo with chicken | Fish and chips with tartar sauce                           |
| \$8 20  | 21   | 22                 | 23                         | 24   |
| Spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread                | Final Exams:   | May 21-23 — Spec   | cial Schedule              | NO CLASSES   |
| 27  | 28   | 29                 | 30                         | 31   |
| MEMORIAL DAY<br>SCHOOL CLOSED                             |  |                    |                            |  |

| Daily Breakfast   |     | Daily Lunch  |             | <b>Beverages, Sides &amp; Treats</b> |     |
|---|-----|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Breakfast Burrito<br>egg, cheese & sausage or chorizo     | \$8 | Hamburger<br>Cheeseburger                                      | \$7<br>\$8  | Bottled Water                        | \$1 |
| Breakfast Sandwich<br>egg, cheese, ham, tomato on sourdou | \$7 | French Fries   | \$4         | La Croix                             | \$1 |
| French Toast  | \$8 | Grilled Turkey Sandwich<br>Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich       | \$7<br>\$7  | Gatorade, Vitamin Water, etc.        | \$2 |
| Pancakes (2)  | \$5 | Cold Turkey or Ham Sandwich                                    | \$7         | Chips                                | \$2 |
| Muffin or Pastry  | \$3 | Chicken Green Salad  | \$8         | Cookie                               | \$1 |
| Grilled Bagel<br>with cream cheese                        | \$3 | Chicken Caesar Salad<br>Sandwiches include lettuce, tomato, or | \$8<br>nion | Muffin, Bread, Pastry                | \$3 |

We accept cash, debit/credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay