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## Important Dates

**Thu, Jan 18:** Beginning and Varsity Bands Concert, 6:30 PM, Auditorium

**Thu, Jan 18:** Concert and Jazz Bands Concert, 7:30 PM, Auditorium

**Tue, Jan 23:** Choir and Orchestra Concerts, 7:00 PM, Auditorium

**Wed, Jan 24:** Early Release Day

**Jan 25-Jan 26:** No School: End of Quarter 2

**Thu, Feb 1:** AVID Night

**Wed, Feb 7:** Winter Walk/Bike to School Day

[See the full calendar for more info](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Proposed Changes to School Start/End Times

Minneapolis Public Schools has proposed a change to Page's school start and end times for the 2018-2019 school year. As part of MPS's overall efforts to address its budget deficit, staff have looked at how to make transportation services more efficient. One of the most costly factors is that there are 29 different start times for 68 schools. Of those schools, 21 schools with regular education busing have start times between 7:30 am and 8:05 am; only 6 schools have start times after 9:30 am.

This imbalance means 78 extra buses are needed for rush hour but not later in the morning. To balance this, more schools need to shift closer to a 9:30 am timeframe. Getting multiple, extended runs from one bus is how we can save money.

Fewer buses on longer shifts means less fuel and maintenance, less driver turnover, and a more stable driver workforce. In turn, having more consistent drivers creates better relationships with students and results in safer buses.

As a result of this analysis, our school is one of 20 other schools whose start and end times (bell times) are being proposed to change, effective next school year. **Our new school times would be from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.**

**The changes to school bell times are anticipated to save \$2 million.** Our goal was to keep bell time changes to no more than 1 hour; 4 out of 20 schools have a 70-minute change. As this proposal was being developed, staff gathered input from the District Parent Advisory Council, Special Education Advisory Council and a Bell Time Committee that included department leaders and school principals.

The proposed bell times changes will be voted on by the Board of Education as part of its overall budget approval process. The timeline for adopting the 2018-19 budget is below:

- **January 25:** Board of Education Finance Committee presented with bell times recommendations
- **February 13:** Board of Education hears an update on overall FY2018-19 budget recommendation
- **April/May 2018:** Board of Education reviews update of FY2018-19 budget
- **June 2018:** Board votes on final FY2018-19 budget

Community discussions on our overall budget situation are scheduled for February 7, 8, and 15; for more details, visit [mpls.k12.mn.us/community\\_discussions](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/community_discussions).

For more information about proposed changes to bell times, including a Fact Sheet and FAQ, visit [mpls.k12.mn.us/schooltimes](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/schooltimes); for more information on the overall budget situation, visit [mpls.k12.mn.us/mps\\_budget](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/mps_budget).

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### Calling All Photographers!

The yearbook committee is looking for help getting full group pictures of each band, choir, and orchestra at their concerts in January.

The concerts are as follows:

Thursday, January 18: Beginning and Varsity Bands, 6:30-7 pm

Thursday, January 18: Concert and Jazz Bands, 7:30-8:30 pm

Tuesday, January 23: Choir and Orchestra, 7-8:30 pm

If you have a high-quality camera and know how to use it, and would be willing to help get good group pictures of students during any of these performances, **please** contact the yearbook committee at [JPMSCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:JPMSCommunications@gmail.com).

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## Names in the Yearbook

Is your student's legal name Alexander, but everyone knows them as Zane? Does the apostrophe in your last name usually get left out? To request a different name or specific punctuation to be used in the yearbook, please download, print, and [fill out a yearbook name change request form](#), or get a form from the main office. All information on the form must be filled out completely. A teacher or other member of JPS staff must also sign the form before it will be accepted. All forms can be dropped off in the main office. Forms must be received no later than March 15, 2018.

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## Rhino Report

The latest edition of the *Rhino Report* is here! See the Page website for [student perspectives on current events, school happenings, art, and more](#).

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## High School Requests

**Attention 8th Grade families:** The [online request center](#) is now open and you must submit your high school request by **February 17, 2018**. Submitting your **online application is required** and the only way to help your chances of receiving your top preference high school (**even if you live in the attendance area and are planning to attend your pathway school**). Don't delay, apply soon!

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## EVENTS

### Band Concert Details

The band concerts are Thursday, January 18. Due to the increased size of the bands this year, the band concert will be split into two sections in order to accommodate families and friends in the audience. Report times and performance times are as follows:

**Beginning Band and Varsity Band:** report at 6:00 pm; performance from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

**Jazz Band and Concert Band:** report at 7:15 pm; performance from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.



Band members should wear their Justice Page blue and gray T-shirts, and black pants.

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## Coffee with the Principal

Come join us for Coffee with the Principal this Friday at 8:15 am. We'll be meeting across from the office for some coffee and conversation with Principal Erin Rathke. Then, as long as you're here, why not stay and join our parent greeters! You'll be done by 9:00 — all this in less than an hour! Hope to see you Friday morning.

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## Choir/Orchestra Concert Details

Justice Page Middle School choirs and orchestras will be performing in a joint concert on Tuesday, January 23. The concert will take place in the Auditorium at 7:00 pm.

All choir and orchestra members should arrive at the school by 6:30 pm. Orchestra students should report to the orchestra room, and choir students should report to the auditorium.

- **Symphonic and varsity orchestras** will be wearing “concert black” — a nice black shirt with black slacks or a long black skirt and leggings. Please try to approximate that as closely as possible.
- **Beginning orchestra** will be wearing black pants and white shirts.
- **Choir members** should wear any combination of black/gray/white.

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## PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A Happy and Healthy 2018!

It's that time of the year where many families are focusing on eating healthier in the new year. Signing up for farm fresh vegetables is one way you can achieve this healthy goal. Purchase a CSA share from [Tangletown Gardens](#) so your family can enjoy fresh and healthy veggies for the entire growing season, while giving back to JPS. Tangletown Gardens has graciously partnered with JPS on a fundraiser and donates 10% of all online purchases made with the promo code PAGE. So help your family and your school have a great start in 2018!



To find out more or to purchase a CSA, visit the [Tangletown Gardens Online Shoppe](#). More questions? Contact Stephanie Willingham at [stephanieawillingham@icloud.com](mailto:stephanieawillingham@icloud.com).

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## Parent Workshop on Sexual Harassment

Our middle schoolers are seeing headlines and social media posts about sexual harassment, but how do we talk to them in an age-appropriate way about the topic? The Justice Page PTA is teaming up with educators from Annex Teen Clinic to present an interactive parent workshop that addresses sexual harassment, how it presents itself in middle school, and how we can talk to our kids about it. Come to hear what it's like to be a middle schooler in 2018, what consent is (and what it means for middle-school students), and what the district policies about sexual harassment are. Leave with conversation starters and teachable moments you can use at home with your children. Feel free to submit questions ahead of time to Lisa Thiels at [lthiels@goldengate.net](mailto:lthiels@goldengate.net) or bring them to the event.

Join us for this workshop on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm. We'll be meeting after-hours at Whole Sum Kitchen, 824 W. 50th St. Light refreshments will be available. [Please RSVP to this event](#) so we can plan to have enough seats for everyone.

In addition, please bring non-perishable items for the Justice Page School food shelf, like macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, and cereal. We are also collecting new or like-new solid-color backpacks.

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## AFTER SCHOOL

### Early Release Day Care

On Wednesday, January 24, from 12:45 to 3:45 pm, Community Education is offering a fun afternoon of activities for students on early release days. The cost is \$15 and discounts are available to students

who qualify for free/reduced lunch. [Advanced registration is available online](#) or call 612.668.4051. This class will be cancelled if there are not at least 5 registrations by the Monday before the release day (January 22).

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Southwest High Arts Gala

Support the Arts! Support the kids! Come see what's happening at Southwest High School.

Justice Page parents are invited to attend "Hot Notes on a Cold Night", Southwest's arts gala fundraiser. The gala will be held at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 6:30 to 11:00 pm. [Tickets can be purchased here](#). Please join all your Southwest friends for food, drinks, awesome student performances, plus the silent and live auctions. Get your tickets today and have fun while you do good!

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### Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at [JPMSCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:JPMSCommunications@gmail.com).

**Deadline for submission is Friday the week before publication at 5:00 pm.**

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