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- Wed, Jan 24:** Early Release Day
- Jan 25-Jan 26:** No School: End of Quarter 2
- Wed, Feb 7:** Winter Walk/Bike to School Day
- Tue, Feb 13:** Site Council Meeting, 5 PM
- Tue, Feb 13:** [PTA Sexual Harassment Workshop](#), 6:30 PM, Whole Sum Kitchen
- Wed, Feb 14:** Early Release Day
- Thu, Feb 15:** Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30 - 8 PM
- Fri, Feb 16:** No School: Conferences, 8 AM - 12 PM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future City Teams Win Big at Regional Competition

This year's regional competition was the largest since it has been held in Minnesota, with 59 teams competing from across the state (and even 1 from Wisconsin). JPMS fielded 2 teams at the competition:

Civitem Vita: Eli G-B. (8th), Dom N. (8th), Simone P. (7th), Victor S. (8th), Sam S. (8th)

Star Je Novi Mladi: Eva A. (8th), Maya G. (8th), Clover M. (7th), Julia M. (8th), Shirley O. (8th), Hannah W. (8th)

Ramsey made a name for ourselves the last two years by bringing home a combined 6 trophies. Justice Page again made an impression by continuing to be the only Minneapolis Public School (there are also no teams from St. Paul Public Schools) and by adding to that total this year by winning the following awards:

- Engineering Excellence (Civitem Vita)
- Best Essay (Star Je Novi Mladi)
- Best Model (Star Je Novi Mladi)

Oh, and **Star Je Novi Mladi won first place overall!!**

Team members and their coach, Mr. Koupal, will be going to national finals in Washington DC in February to represent the state of Minnesota!

Congratulations to ALL the students for being such fantastic ambassadors for our school and our district, and now our state!

Your Help Is Needed

So much of our school's Future City success is a direct result of the Maker's Space that our PTA and JPS parents helped to fund last year. It is greatly appreciated by students and staff alike, and clearly has been a great help for this year's performances at regionals! Thank you!

Unfortunately, expenses for the national competition (travel, lodging, and a few meals) are only covered by Future City for three students—and our team has six members. The whole team made this win possible, and the full team deserves to attend the competition. Mr. Koupal has started a GoFundMe page to raise money to cover expenses for an additional three people. If you are willing and able to contribute to this cause, [please donate here](#).

Be sure to like the [JPMS STEAM Facebook page](#) and follow the [@JPMSSTEAM Twitter feed](#) for updates as the team gets ready for nationals!



Early Release Today

Today is an [early release day](#). School will end at 12:45 pm, and buses will arrive at 12:50 pm to pick up students. As always, we appreciate your support and flexibility.

Walk/Bike to School Day

Our next Justice Page Walk & Bike to School event is coming up on Wednesday, February 7!

We are encouraging all of our students to participate by walking or biking to school that day. In addition, students who ride the bus will be able to participate by engaging in fun/physically demanding activities during movement time. This will be a fun day, including a prize drawing and nutritious snacks.

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!

Request for Photos

We're always looking for great pictures of our students to be included in this year's yearbook. Do you have pictures from the band concerts? Have you taken great shots during middle school basketball games? Send us your hi-res pictures for possible inclusion in the yearbook. We may not use all photos, but we'd love to have lots of pictures to work with!

You can submit photos:

- Via email to jpscommunications@gmail.com, and include a description of the event and names of people in the photo.
 - By [uploading to this shared Google drive](#), and including a description and names to the details.
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Box Tops for Education Contest

Just a reminder to keep clipping those box tops! The PTA is holding an Advisory class Box Tops competition. Help our school earn cash by clipping Box Tops from products and sending them to school. Each Advisory teacher has a collection envelope. The Advisory class with the most Box Tops collected by **February 23, 2018**, wins a donut party!



Questions? Contact Kristen Schwartz at kschwartz@meagher.com.

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Super Bowl Updates

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You should have received an email and phone call from MPS Superintendent Ed Graff with [important Super Bowl information](#). If you haven't had a chance to review them yet, I encourage you to check

them out as they include important information about what's happening district-wide to prepare for this event and the impact it will have on our schools. Hennepin County has also provided [information about the Super Bowl's impact on clients and services](#).

At Justice Page Middle School, we are keeping our focus on learning and working to ensure student safety while the Super Bowl is in town from January 29 to February 5. We invite you to be partners with us in this effort. [Here are some helpful tips](#) to use as resources when talking with your student(s) and traveling around town during this time. If you see something suspicious, say something. Together, we can make sure this exciting time remains safe for all.

We would also like to remind families our standard attendance policy applies during this time. In order to be counted as an excused absence, you must provide notification to the school either in writing or by calling the attendance line at 612.668.4040.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns you have. Thank you!

Erin Rathke, Principal
Justice Page Middle School

Downtown Service Center Closed January 29 - February 2

Hennepin County's downtown human service center at 525 Portland Avenue South will be closed January 29 through February 2 because of the Super Bowl. The Hennepin County Public Health Clinic will remain open.

Most people can be helped by phone, rather than needing to be seen in person. Listed below are the numbers for people to call for their specific service needs.

Eligibility supports: 612-596-1300

WIC (Women, Infants and Children): 612-348-6100

Child support: 612-348-3600

Social service needs: 612-348-4111

See the [Page website](#) for additional information.

Community Budget Discussions in February

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Minneapolis Public Schools is hosting several community budget discussions in February. Information presented at these discussions will include:

- Why Minneapolis Public Schools recommended changes based on budget reductions for the 2018-2019 school year
- How this may affect your school next year
- Your ideas for ways MPS can make any changes easier

Discussions will be held:

- **Wednesday, February 7, 2018**, 6-8 p.m., Southwest High School, 3414 W. 47th St.
- **Thursday February 8, 2018**, 6-8 p.m., Davis Center, 1250 W. Broadway
- **Thursday February 15, 2018**, 6-8 p.m., Wilder Complex, 3320 Elliot Ave.

You are welcome to attend any or all of these discussions, though the information will be the same at all three. For more information, see the [Minneapolis Public Schools website](#).

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

Chaperones Wanted for STEM Expo Field Trip

Wednesday, February 21, from 12:00 to 3:30 pm

Accompany JPS 8th grade students at the MPS STEM and Career Exploration Expo, where students will explore a variety of career options that require a strong academic foundation in science, math, technology, engineering, design thinking, and problem-solving skills. Chaperones will be assigned to a group of 8th grade students to supervise on the bus as well as at the STEM Expo. If you'd like to help, [sign up to volunteer here](#).



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.

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 Thiags at lthiags@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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Art and Artifacts from the Diane and Alan Page Collection

School namesake, football Hall of Famer, and former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page, along with Diane Sims Page, Executive Director of the Page Education Foundation, will publicly present TESTIFY, a preview of their collection of Americana. The wide-ranging exhibit will feature art and artifacts from pivotal eras in American history while also providing a platform for visitors to share their thoughts, feelings, and personal experiences. The StarTribune recently published [an article about the exhibit](#).

The exhibit will be open **January 8 through February 6**, in Cargill Hall at the Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis. More information on the exhibit can be found on [Hennepin County Library's website](#).

Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at JPMSCommunications@gmail.com.

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

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