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Important Dates

Wed, Feb 7: [Winter Walk/Bike to School Day](#)

Thu, Feb 8: [Choir/Orchestra Concerts](#), 7 PM, Auditorium
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
Mon, Feb 19: No School: Presidents' Day
Tue, Feb 20: [History Day Showcase](#), 6 PM
Web, Feb 21: [8th Grade STEM Expo Field Trip](#), 12 - 3:30 PM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir/Orchestra Concerts Rescheduled to 2/8

Justice Page Middle School choir and orchestra concerts have been **rescheduled to Thursday, February 8**. The concerts 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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Photographers Wanted!

The yearbook committee is looking for help getting full group pictures of each choir and orchestra at their concerts on **Thursday, February 8, from 7 to 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 the performance, **please** contact the yearbook committee at JPMSCommunications@gmail.com.

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.

Abbey Janicek

It is with great sadness that we must inform our families that Abbey Janicek has decided to take the rest of the year off and resign from Justice Page. This was an extremely difficult decision for her and she does not want to leave the students. However, this is what is best for her and her family.

We are excited to announce that we have hired Jeff Rajacich, our new math and AVID teacher. He comes with many years of educational experience in multiple capacities. He is eager to start at Justice Page and be part of our family. He will be starting with us on Wednesday, January 31.

Sonja Krasean has taken over the Geometry class and started with the students on Monday, January 29 for the start of quarter 3.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we work through these changes. We are working diligently to fill in for students as best we can.

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!

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 kristen.rae.schwartz@gmail.com.

EVENTS

History Day is (Almost) Here!

Attention 7th Grade families! SAVE THE DATE
7th grade History Day Showcase
Tuesday, February 20, 6:00-8:00 pm



7th grade students will be showcasing their 2018 History Day projects. Throughout the past 3 months students have chosen topics, conducted research, and created projects based on the theme "Conflict and Compromise in History." There will be more than 175 projects on display including documentaries, websites, exhibits, and performances.

Note to 7th grade families: We are asking each student to present their project during the showcase. Students will be asked to register for ONE 10 minute presentation time. For the rest of the evening, students will have the opportunity to view their classmates' projects on display.

Arabic Night: Save the Date!

Arabic Night will be held at Justice Page Middle School on **March 8 from 6 to 8 pm**. Lyndale, Page, and Washburn students and parents/guardians are all invited for a fun night. The event will take place in the cafeteria at JPS. Those attending will enjoy Mediterranean food, Arabic music and dance, and

will learn about the Arabic language including how to write one's name and greet others in Arabic. Come and have fun!

Super Bowl Updates

[Información importante para las familias de MPS acerca del Super Bowl](#)
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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

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](#).

ACCOLADES AND THANK YOUS

Future City Team Thanks You!

Many thanks to all the Justice Page families and friends who contributed to the fundraising efforts to help our entire state champion Future City team go to Washington DC for the national competition! We couldn't do this without you, and truly appreciate your overwhelming support!



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

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

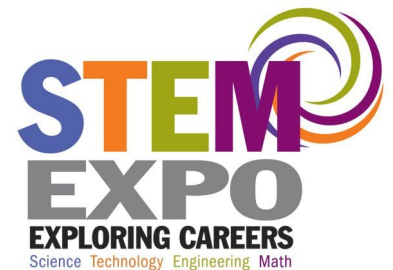
Feed the Teachers

Help feed our hardworking and devoted teachers on **Thursday, February 15** when they put in a long day for conferences. Items can be dropped off at school on February 14 or 15. [Sign up here to help feed our teachers.](#)

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.](#)



Snacks for Staff

Show your appreciation for the hard-working JPMS staff by contributing to Snacks for Staff the first Wednesday of each month. It's a fun way to support this great staff with fruit, veggies, chips and dips, baked goods, or a favorite recipe. Snacks can be brought to the main office on the designated morning. [Sign up for any or all of our Snacks for Staff dates here.](#)

Fun & Easy Volunteering

Parents: Are you looking for the **World's Most Fun & Easy Volunteer Gig**? Look no more! Come be a Morning Greeter at JPS on any Friday morning, 8:30-9:00 am.

Meet outside the Auditorium at 8:30 to visit and have coffee, and greet students as they arrive with a "good morning," a "hello," or a high five. We'd love to see as many families as possible greeting our students. Come join us! [Sign up here.](#)

To see all of our current volunteer opportunities, check out our [available signups on SignUpGenius.](#)

Food Pantry Donations

We invite families attending the choir/orchestra concerts to bring items to donate to our Food Pantry, including canned goods, boxed cereal, ramen soup, toothpaste/toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner,

and soap. Thank you for your contribution to our JPS school community. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tangletown Gardens CSA

Purchase a Tangletown Gardens CSA to benefit you and JPMS!



Starting in mid-June, families receive 18 weeks of in-season, freshly picked, flavorful vegetables, herbs, and fruits grown without chemically-based fertilizers or pesticides, direct from the Tangletown Gardens farm just 40 miles from Minneapolis. The Tangletown folks are the ones sowing the seeds and nurturing the plants in the morning, then delivering that harvest fresh each week to the Wise Acre parking lot for you to pick up on Thursdays between 3 and 7 pm. It just doesn't get any more local than that! There are 4 share sizes available to choose from: <https://www.tangletowngardens.com/tangletown-gardens/csa/>.

Please use promo code **PAGE** to ensure 10% of your purchase goes back to Justice Page Middle School.

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 Thiels at 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TESTIFY Show Closing Soon!

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 **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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