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Important Dates

- 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

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Winter Conferences will be held next week. Drop-in conferences will be **Friday, February 16 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm**. You do not need to schedule in advance. Come by anytime between 8 and noon to meet with your student's teachers in their classrooms. If you are not available for Friday drop-ins, you may contact your student's teachers and they will arrange a time to meet with you.

On Thursday, February 15, we will be having scheduled, invite-only conferences; families have been invited by the grade level teachers for in-depth conversations to help students make progress. If you have not been asked to attend a conference on Thursday evening, please either come to the Friday drop-ins or arrange an alternate time with your student's 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](#).



8th Grade Important Dates

Attention 8th Grade families: Please be aware of these important dates.

- Friday, February 16: [STEP-UP Internship Applications Due](#)
Saturday, February 17: [High School Registration Due](#), even if you live in the attendance area and are planning to attend your pathway school
Wednesday, February 21: [STEM EXPO Field Trip](#)
Wednesday, February 21: Ski Trip Permission Slips Due
Tuesday, February 27: Hyland Hills Ski Trip
Friday, March 9: AVID Field Trip to University of Minnesota
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Early Release Next Week

Just a reminder that next Wednesday, February 14 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.

Future City Update

The Star Je Novi Mladi (SJNM) team is hard at work preparing for our trip to Nationals! Our model is **almost** ready to ship, we are researching and rehearsing our Special Awards with our Engineer Mentor, and we are rehearsing our presentation with 8th Grade ELA teacher and thespian extraordinaire Ms. Wender! It's all coming together!

Be sure to follow our journey on [Twitter @JPMSSTEAM](#) and on the [JPMS STEAM Facebook page!](#)

In other news, the Future City MN Regional Scores are in. After the morning rounds, SJNM was in second place overall, and Civitatem Vita was in third place. And, Civitatem Vita was only 0.75 points behind SJNM!

Unfortunately, Civitatem Vita was hit with an 8.76 point deduction, as two teams from the same school cannot be in the Top 5.

At different points in the day, Justice Page Middle School was in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! And fun fact: Civitatem Vita had the highest presentation score of the day, meaning Justice Page Middle School had the Best Essay (SJNM), the Best Model (SJNM), and the Best Presentation (CV) at MN Regionals! That's 3 out of 4 of the project components!

With both teams having members in 7th grade, we are looking forward to an equally strong showing next year! Interested students should sign up for the Future City elective when registering for classes for next year.

Rhino Report

The latest edition of the Rhino Report is here! For student perspectives on current events, school happenings, art, and more, click here: [Rhino Report Vol. 3 Issue 7](#).



EVENTS

Choir/Orchestra Concerts Tomorrow Night

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.

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 Thiogs at lthiogs@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.

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.

Washburn Spring Sports Registration Night

When: Wednesday, February 28, 6-8 PM

Where: Washburn Main Gym. Enter through Door 5

What: Turn in paperwork, meet coaches, get practice and game schedules, pay fees

Who should attend: Any 7th or 8th grade students planning to participate in a spring sport at Washburn!



Spring sports include: Coed Badminton, Boys Baseball, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Girls Softball, Boys Tennis, and Coed Track.

Participation Fees are \$60-\$70, depending on the sport. Students eligible for free/reduced lunch may apply for reduced participation fees. Please contact Washburn Athletic Director Reggie Perkins at Reginald.Perkins@mpls.k12.mn.us to apply for reduced fees.

Please note that some high school teams will have tryouts and may have cuts.

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](#).

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!

ACCOLADES AND THANK YOUS

Eighth Grader Wins District Spelling Bee

Eighth grade student Linnea O. is the 2018 Minneapolis Public Schools District Spelling Bee Champion! Linnea competed in the bee on 2/1, spelling complicated words such as moxibustion and tiramisu, before winning it all by correctly spelling sesquicentennial.

Congratulations, Linnea!



VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

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.

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.](#)

STEAM Integration Volunteers Wanted

Our JPMS 6th and 8th graders have begun STEAM Integration in the Makerspace each Friday (as JPMS schedule allows) during Advisory! We are working together on a circuitry experiment called Circuit Blocks. If you would like to volunteer to join us, please contact Mr. Koupal at travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us.

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!

Old Electronics Needed

Do you have any old electronics cluttering up your home? We are always looking for things like:

- VCRs
- DVD players
- DVRs
- Old computers (PC desktops most needed/useful)
- Coffee makers (Keurig especially!)
- Old remote control cars or other toys
- Boom boxes/stereos

Bring them to Mr. Koupal in room 312! Items will be used in the STEM MakerSpace.

Things I cannot use include:

- Old cell phones/iPads or tablets (too small to find useful parts)
- Old televisions and/or computer monitors (dangerous stuff in those things)

But wait, there's more! We also need:

- Lumber (plywood, 1x2, 1x3, 1x6, 2x4, other?); nothing smaller than 12"
- Conduit pieces (metal or plastic)
- Holiday light strands
- Wood blocks (like the ones your kids may have grown out of)
- Hot Wheels/Mattel cars
- LEGO! LEGO! LEGO! LEGO! LEGO!

...and many other items you may have lying around your home! [See the full list here](#). Again, materials can be dropped off with Mr. Koupal in Room 312.

Questions? Contact Mr. Koupal at travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us.

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.

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.

TOP 20 BLOG

An occasional series of Top 20-related articles from Principal Rathke

Curiosity

Stay curious! When you listen and know what the other person wants as well as what you want, sometimes you can discover how to get both of those things. That is totally how you live as an effective communicator, listener and thinker!

AFTER SCHOOL

Ultimate Frisbee

2018 Spring Middle School Ultimate Frisbee League registration is open!

Ultimate Frisbee is a fast-paced, fun sport for boys and girls. Beginning players welcome! The league starts in early April with 2 practices a week after school and then games on Sunday until a 2-day tournament to end the season in late May.

Go to [Minnesota Ultimate website](#) to get more information and to sign up.

Questions? Contact Barry Markus at barrymarkus@hotmail.com or 612.272.2843.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Interested in Coding?

Learn to Code at [Walker Library](#)!

Saturday, February 17 from 3 to 4:30 pm. Free event for kids ages 11-18. No experience necessary. [Register online](#) to reserve your spot and bring your laptop and charger. Event sponsored by [Southwest Coder Dojo](#).

Concerts at SWHS

Southwest High School has four music concerts over the next seven days. Support the arts and see what's happening at Southwest!

February 7: Guitar Concert, SWHS Auditorium, 7 pm
Small ensembles, Advance and 3 strings

February 8: Jazz Ensembles (with Lake Harriet MS Jazz), SWHS Auditorium, 7 pm
Jazz 1 Swing Dance set, Jazz 2 and Lake Harriet Jazz

February 12: Band Concert (with Lake Harriet & Anthony MS), SWHS Auditorium, 7 pm
Performing "Southwest Victory" by Ken Dixon, SW Alum

February 13: Orchestra Concert (with Lake Harriet MS), SWHS Auditorium, 7 pm
Mass orchestra piece written by Chamber Student Spencer Brindley

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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<u>SCHOOL CLOSING INFO</u>
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<u>MPS LUNCH MENUS</u>