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Important Dates

- 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
- Tue, Feb 27:** 8th Grade Hyland Hills Ski Field Trip
- Fri, Mar 2:** JPS Musical, *Lion King Jr.*, 7 pm, Page Auditorium
- Sat, Mar 3:** JPS Musical, *Lion King Jr.*, 7 pm, Page Auditorium

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Winter Conferences will be held this 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 Needed 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](#).



Requirement for High School

Attention 8th Grade families: At last count, over 100 of our 8th grade students have not submitted a high school request. Submitting your **online application is required, even if you live in the attendance area and are planning to attend your pathway school (e.g. Washburn)**. High school requests are **due this Friday, February 17, 2018**, and can be submitted using the [online request center](#).

Early Release Today

Just a reminder that 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.

FAST Reports

FAST reports will be available Thursday and Friday at conferences. See your student's advisor for their progress report. If you do not attend conferences, the reports will be given to students during advisory on Tuesday, February 20.

This report describes how your student performed on the Fall and Winter aReading and aMath assessments. Benchmark scores for the [aMath](#) and [aReading](#) assessments are online. As with any test, we recognize that this score does not tell us everything there is to know about your student's reading or math ability. Your student's teacher will use this as one tool in addition to other information gathered throughout the school year to understand how your student is progressing in grade-level reading and math. If you have additional questions about your student's FAST results, please feel free to reach out to Assistant Principal Angie Ness at Angie.Ness@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612.668.4040.

Yearbook Orders

It's time to order yearbooks! Place your order by April 11, 2018. The yearbook costs \$7.

There are two ways to order:

1. [Online](#). Click the Tickets button, and pay by credit or debit card. Note: online orders incur an additional processing fee of \$1.30, for a total charge of \$8.30.
2. Print and complete a [paper order form](#) and send it with cash or a check to school. If paying by check, please make the check payable to Justice Page Middle School PTA. Paper forms can be dropped off either in the Main Office, or with students' advisory teachers. A few paper forms are also available in the Main Office.

Also, if your student regularly uses a name other than the name on their district records, please submit a [name change request form](#) to use their preferred name in the yearbook.

Student IDs

Student IDs will be distributed to students on Thursday, February 15, during the lunch hour. Please have your student keep their ID for any upcoming event for which they might need it.

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.

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.

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!

Twins Game April 27

Join the Justice Page, Burroughs, Green Central, and Lyndale school communities in cheering on the Minnesota Twins vs. the Cincinnati Reds on **Friday, April 27 at 7:10 pm**. Your entire family is invited to join us for fun and baseball. A great opportunity to meet new families and new friends outside of the classroom. Seats are limited, buy yours now!

Ticket sales close on Wednesday, March 28 (prior to Spring Break). Tickets will be available for pickup in the school office prior to game day. Contact Angie North at justicepagetreasurer@gmail.com with questions.

Two options to purchase tickets:

- [Buy seats online](#) with credit card. Online purchases include an extra \$1.54 fee to cover credit card processing costs (total cost \$11.54 per ticket).
- Buy seats with a check made out to Justice Page Middle School PTA. Tickets are \$10 each via check. Leave your check in the office with Mary Jackson or mail your check to Justice Page Middle School PTA, 1 W. 49th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419.

ACCOLADES AND THANK YOUS

Students of the Month

Page staff nominated the following students as Students of the Month for February, exemplifying our Top 20 cornerstones:

6th grade: Grayson P, Maggie K, Alexandro P-S, and Anadalaila T

7th grade: Enysia B, Shannon S, Ryan R, and Peter N

8th grade: Zach T, Presten B, Jose L-G, and Ava K

Congratulations, students!

Future City in the News

Members of our state champion Future City team, Star Je Novi Mladi, were interviewed for an article in the Southwest Journal. [The article can be read here](#). The team will be heading to Washington DC this weekend for the national competition. Good luck to all of our student competitors!

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

Feed the Teachers

We still need a few more people to 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.

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, choir, or orchestra concerts? Have you taken great photos during the middle school basketball season? 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

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

80s Dance Party

We're happy to announce our next Page Party! Page Parties are social gatherings that JPS parents host in their homes and elsewhere, while raising money to help support and enhance JPS classroom activities.

Dig out those tubular neon shades and feather your hair to the max! Let's get "Into the Groove" and listen to "Every Breath you Take" while we go back in time at this adults-only party. Just like our high school dances, but this time you get to drink what you want and munch on yummy snacks. "Let's Dance", sing, request your faves, and raise money for our favorite Justice Page Middle School. Bonus points for wearing 80s fashion. It'll be, like, totally rad! [Purchase tickets here](#).

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

Listening

The challenge I have for each of you today is to focus on listening. Listening is hard sometimes. You might get distracted by noises in the hall or other things in your room. Or maybe you let your mind wander and think about other things. If you get distracted or have life on your mind, gently tap your head and whisper "Not Now" to yourself. Then refocus on what you need to learn.

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](#).

Hairspray at Washburn

 Welcome to the '60s! Tracy Turnblad achieves her dream of performing on a TV dance show in the early '60s in Baltimore and works to help integrate the show in the process in this musical version of the John Waters film. Save the date and don't miss this upbeat and uplifting show!

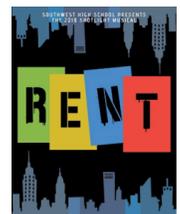
Performance Schedule:

At 7 pm on March 1-3 and 8-10

At 2 pm on March 4 and 11

Rent at SWHS

Tickets are on sale now for Southwest High School's spotlight musical, *Rent*. *Rent* follows a year in the life of a group of bohemian artists in the East Village of New York City as they struggle with addiction, poverty, and love under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. Based on Puccini's "La Boheme," this passionate, pop cultural phenomenon won a Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.



Performance Schedule:

At 7 pm on March 15-17 and 22-24

At 2 pm on March 18 and 25

[Tickets are available here.](#)

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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