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Important Dates

- Wed, May 16:** Early Release Day
- Thu, May 17:** Choir Concert, 6:30 PM, Page Auditorium
- Thu, May 17:** Orchestra Concert, 7:30 PM, Page Auditorium

Sun, May 20:	Washburn vs. Page Battle of the Bands, 3PM, Uptown VFW
Fri, May 25:	All Library Books Due
Mon, May 28:	No School: Memorial Day
Thu, May 31:	Mural Unveiling, 6:00 PM
Thu, May 31:	Beginning and Varsity Band Concert, 6:30 PM, Page Auditorium
Thu, May 31:	Concert Band Concert, 7:30 PM, Page Auditorium
Fri, Jun 1:	8th Grade Dance, 2-3:45 PM, Page Cafeteria
Thu, Jun 7:	8th Grade Valleyfair Field Trip
Fri, Jun 8:	8th Grade Promotion Ceremony & Reception, 9:30 AM
Fri, Jun 8:	Last Day of School

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Release Day Reminder

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

Course Registration for 2018-2019

Registration for electives will be happening soon for incoming 6th grade students, and current Justice Page 6th and 7th graders:

- Current 6th grade students will listen to a presentation about 7th grade elective class options in their ELA classes with Mrs. Marr on May 16 or Mrs. Padilla on May 17. They will have the opportunity to bring their course cards home and share with families. **Course cards are due by Friday, June 1.**
- Current 7th grade students listened to a presentation about 8th grade elective class options in their ELA classes with Ms. Burnett on May 11 or Mr. Gallagher on May 15. They can bring their course cards home and share with families. **Course cards are due by Friday, June 1.**

All course descriptions are available in our [course catalog](#) and can be viewed by both students and their parents/guardians.

Incoming sixth grade students from Burroughs, Green, and Lyndale will meet with Justice Page Middle School Counselors Carolyn Cottingham and Marie Hassell at each individual elementary school to help with course registration. Below are the course registration dates at each school. Please review the [course catalog](#) and [course card](#) before the counselors visit.

- Students at Armatage will register on Friday, May 18
- Students at Lyndale will register on Tuesday, May 22
- Students at Green Central will register on Thursday, May 24
- Students at Burroughs will register on Thursday, May 31

All other incoming students will receive a welcome letter in the US mail. Included will be a course card that should be returned to the main office by **Friday, June 8, 2018.**

Radon Testing

Earlier this week, [KARE11 aired an investigative story about radon in schools](#). Radon is an odorless, colorless gas that can cause significant health problems. [According to the EPA](#), the gas is produced by the natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water and gets into the air we breathe.

Radon can be found all over the U.S. in any type of building — homes, offices, and schools — and result in a high indoor radon level.

To keep our students and staff safe, MPS initiated a radon testing program in 2017. Six schools tested in 2017 all had levels below the EPA Action Level. The EPA requires action to be taken when radon levels are above 4 pCi/L. While there is no safe level of radon exposure, the average indoor radon level is estimated to be about 1.3 pCi/L, and about 0.4 pCi/L of radon is normally found in the outside air.

Previously, MPS buildings were tested in 1996. Our plan is to test 15 schools per year, and have a 5-year rotation for retesting. In Minnesota, it is best to perform radon testing between November 1 and March 31 and samples are set up to run for 90 days.

For more information on radon testing in Minneapolis Public Schools, please [read these frequently asked questions](#).

8th Grade Science Pre-Assessment

All 8th grade students at Justice Page Middle School will be taking a Physical Science Pre-assessment on **Wednesday, May 30**. The online pre-assessment will address MN High School Science standards on which students have not yet been instructed, and no preparation is necessary at home or in class. Scores will not impact students' science grade in 8th or 9th grade in any way.

The assessment results will be collected and analyzed at the district to support differentiation of next year's course and identify students who are already proficient in Physical Science. Physical Science is a rigorous high school course based on high school state standards required for graduation. If a student demonstrates proficiency in Physical Science on the pre-assessment, Teaching and Learning will contact families in late June 2018 about science course enrollment options and next steps for the 2018-2019 school year.

If you have questions about this pre-assessment, please contact your student's science teacher.

Ramadan

From **Tuesday, May 15 through Thursday, June 14**, our Muslim staff, students, and families will be observing Ramadan.

In honor of this celebration, Muslims fast from dawn to dusk every day for 30 days. Before sunrise a meal called *suhor* is eaten, followed by fasting all day, then breaking the fast with a meal called *iftar*. Fasting generally lasts for 18 hours each day – and includes liquids, so not even water is consumed during those 18 hours.

All Muslims over the age of puberty fast, with some exceptions for age or medical conditions. This means that many of our staff, students, and their families will be participating.

The common greeting during the month is to say *Ramadan Mubarak* (Blessed Ramadan) or *Ramadan Kareem* (Noble Ramadan).

Media Center Announcements

Overdue notices were distributed to students this week via email and on paper (in Advisory classes). Please encourage students to return overdue books. Outstanding fines and payments for lost books can be made in the main office.



Please be aware of the following dates for the Media Center as we near the end of the school year:

Monday, May 14	Last day for book checkout
Week of May 14	Paper and email overdue notices distributed (2nd notice)
Friday, May 25	All books due
Monday, May 28	Paper and email overdue notices distributed (final notice)

Calling All 6th and 7th Grade Parents!

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Reception are being held on **Friday, June 8**. Traditionally, 6th and 7th grade parents have volunteered to help at the reception, in anticipation of when they have an 8th grader and want to be able to enjoy the event with their student. Please consider signing up for a volunteer shift—or a few! It's a lovely way to spend part of your morning and your help is very appreciated. [Sign up shifts are available here.](#)

8th Grade Dance

On **Friday, June 1**, from 2 to 3:45 pm, the 8th grade students will celebrate the end of the year with a dance. We are excited to provide time for our students to celebrate their middle school years and experiences together.

PTA is graciously hosting the event, and in order to provide a fun and unique experience for all, we are asking for \$10 per student for the food, DJ, and decorations. We know that you will provide what is reasonable for your family, and, if able, know we are also accepting donations. Please have students turn in the money to their advisors, and thank you for your willingness to provide financial support for this event.

We will have alternate activities for students observing Ramadan. Students who are not participating in the dance and observing this holiday should feel no obligation to pay.

Look for a paper copy with this information coming home with your student in the next week or so.

EVENTS

Choir and Orchestra Concerts

Please join us for our spring Choir and Orchestra Concerts on **Thursday, May 17**. The Choir Concert will begin at 6:30 pm, and the Orchestra Concert will begin at 7:30 pm. Both concerts will be held in the JPS Auditorium.



Special Olympics

Justice Page Middle School's own Special Olympics team will be competing in Track and Field at Roosevelt High School in South Minneapolis on **Sunday, May 20** at 8:30 am, starting with opening ceremonies followed by a full day of competition.

Our athletes have been training hard and are excited for another great year! Come and celebrate their hard work and determination, and cheer them on. All are welcome.

Competing this year are Theo R, Michael J, Edgar S-A, Jenny J-M, Reynaldo S M, and Abdul (Green Central).

Our Head Coach, Di Whipkey, is hanging up her hat. This will be her last year after 20 years of coaching Special Olympics for the Minneapolis Public Schools.

Coding Club

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

Join us on **Saturday, May 19** 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. This event is sponsored by [Southwest Coder Dojo](#).

Battle of the Bands

The 4th Annual Washburn vs. Page Battle of the Bands has been rescheduled to **Sunday, May 20**, from 3 to 6 pm at the [Uptown VFW](#). Come cheer on Justice Page Middle School and Washburn High School student and staff bands as they play for prizes and awards, plus an amazing traveling guitar trophy. Donations at the door benefit programs at both Justice Page and Washburn, and a drawing will be held for a Fender guitar donated by Twin Town Guitars. Battle of the Bands T's will be on sale, and the VFW has a full menu for this **family-friendly event**.

Honkapalooza!

On **Thursday, May 31**, Rhino Pride will be holding our 3rd Annual Honkapalooza event along Nicollet Avenue between 49th and 50th streets. Honkapalooza is a community outreach event to raise awareness and show support for LGBTQ+ Youth. Drive by during 6th hour, from 2 to 2:40 pm, and give us a honk to show your support!

Mural Unveiling

Join us on **Thursday, May 31** from 6 to 7 pm for the unveiling of this year's mural. Come before the band concerts to see the beautiful result painted by this year's Murals Class students!

TOP 20 BLOG

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

What Is SEL?

Social-emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

[Check out this video](#) to see the creators of the Second Step program show what social-emotional skills are and the important role they play throughout our lives.

ACCOLADES AND THANK YOUS

Math Team Represents!

Our 6th grade mathematicians rocked the district math competition last weekend. Awards included: 4th place school, 2nd place team, 2nd and 3rd place individual, and honorable mention on the fact drill. Congratulations to all of the students participating!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer High School Gymnastics Camp

If your student is considering joining the Washburn High School Girls Gymnastics Team as a 7th, 8th, or 9th grader next year, or would just like to join a great group of girls for an intense summer workout, this is the camp for you!

High School Girls Gymnastics Camp runs from June 11 through July 31, Monday through Thursday, from 9 am to 1 pm (no camp the week of July 4). Come for one day, or come every day! Camp is \$10 per day, and is held at North Star Elementary School, 2410 Girard Ave N. Every day, we will warm up, stretch, do lines, and hit all 4 events: vault, bars, beam, and floor. Plus, conditioning, games, and fun!!



[Registration information can be found here](#). Questions? Email coach Cassie Guzmán Meyering at batman11guzman@hotmail.com for class information, or Kelly Taschler at ktaschler@gmail.com for parent insight.



Washburn Running Club

Is your soon-to-be 7th or 8th grader interested in running cross country at Washburn HS this fall?

Sign up for the Washburn Summer Running Club!

A few details:

- Running club is for those entering grades 7 or higher in the fall
- New runners are welcome
- It's a great way to meet team members and have fun

- We run Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 am and Saturdays at 8:30 am (meet at Washburn High school parking lot off 49th Street by the garbage dumpsters)
- First run is June 19; last run is August 11
- Runs are supervised by coaches and parents
- Optional donation of \$75 (to pay our coaches!)
- The club is sponsored by the Washburn Running Club, a non-profit group established by Washburn High School cross country running families
- Join our Facebook group ([Washburn Running Club Summer Program 2018](#))

You can [register online here](#).

For questions, email Deirdre at headrickdeirdre@yahoo.com (763.913.0582) or Cathy at washburnxc@gmail.com (612.408.4843).

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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