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Important Dates

Wed, Sep 28 - Fri, Sep 30: Fall Book Sale, 11:15 am - 1:45 pm

Fri, Sep 30: 7th Grade Fort Snelling Trip

Wed, Oct 5: Walk/Bike to School Day

Fri, Oct 7: School Assembly: Anti-Bullying

Fri, Oct 7: Fall Cleanup

Mon, Oct 10: We Scare Hunger Food Drive Begins

Thu, Oct 13: Conferences, 4:30-8 pm

Tue, Oct 18: Conferences, 4:30-8 pm

Wed, Oct 19: Conferences, 8:00 am - 12 pm

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

Fall Grounds Cleanup

Join Ramsey students in a fall clean-up of the grounds on Friday, September 30. Come as early as 1 pm and meet at the main entrance (East steps). Students will be joining us from 2:00 pm to 2:50 pm. Pick up trash, light weeding, raking, trimming. If you have time, stop by.

Future Miller Night

Calling all middle schoolers! Washburn High School would like to invite you to Future Miller Night. Come and cheer on the Washburn Millers Girls Varsity Soccer Team as they take on the Edina Hornets on Tuesday, October 4 at 7 pm on the Washburn turf! The Millers are having another fantastic season with 7 wins, 1 tie and just 1 loss.

All middle schoolers will get FREE admission to the game, receive a token of appreciation from Washburn and can register for a Washburn Miller sweatshirt to be given away during halftime!

We hope to see you filling the stands at Washburn for a great soccer match and a fun night!

Conferences

Our fall conferences are coming up on Thursday, October 13 and Tuesday, October 18. These are fifteen-minute, student-led, goal-setting conferences in which students share with you their strengths and the challenges that they are facing this year. **It is very important that the students come to the conference to share with you their goals for the year.** Your child's advisor will be facilitating the meeting.

Scheduled meetings will take place on Thursday, October 13 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm and on Tuesday, October 18 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. Students will be bringing sign-up sheets home soon. *In addition, the morning of Wednesday, October 19, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, is available for parents to drop-in and meet with individual teachers.*

Camp St. Croix

Parents of 6th grade students: please return your Camp St. Croix forms as soon as possible. There are many tasks that need to be completed to successfully organize this trip. Thanks for helping us move the process forward!

Also, if you are able to lend a hand, [we are still looking for a few volunteers](#) to make this a great experience:

- We need parents to organize student luggage before and after Camp St. Croix.
- We need parents to drive luggage to and from camp.
- We also need parents to help chaperone activities during the days at camp, as well as stay overnight.

All parents that are volunteering need to have a completed background check. If you have had a background check for the Minneapolis school district in the past year, you are good. If you have not done a background check in the past year, please get a background check form from the office or one of the math teachers.

We will be sending a packing list and more details about activities we will be doing at camp home with students in about a week. Keep your eye on the Ramsey Website for a section on Frequently Asked Questions and Important Things to Know for Camp.

Thank you so much for your support and patience!

Plastic Bottles

The Ramsey Middle School Science Department is in need of plastic soda bottles! Clear, clean, 20 oz, 1 liter, or 2 liter bottles **with the caps** (if you have them). The thin plastic water bottles with the small caps cannot be used as they do not fit our equipment. Drop your bottles off in the Main Office. Thank you!

Helping Your Kids Dream, Plan and Succeed

Both students and parents are encouraged to attend a family night with Project SUCCESS. [Project SUCCESS](#), a youth development organization working at Ramsey this year, will lead our parents and students in interactive workshops to facilitate discussion about dreams and goals and how these discussions help provide a framework for success in school.

The event will be Tuesday, October 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Ramsey. More details to come... SAVE THE DATE!

Join the Alpine Ski Team

Dear 7th and 8th graders:

Do you enjoy downhill (alpine) skiing? Would you like to learn how to ski race? The Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team (MAST) may be just for you.

The Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team (MAST) is the downhill ski racing team of Minneapolis Public Schools. Our team is open to seventh and eighth graders, as well as high school students. In fact, we PREFER that students join our team in seventh and eighth grade so that they have more time to develop as ski racers and enjoy the benefits that skiing and our sport add to their lives. We are encouraging interested athletes to sign up right away, as space is limited and it's best for parents to take advantage of pre-season race gear swaps in early October. Financial assistance is available!



Learn more about MAST and sign up for the team at <http://www.mplsalpineski.org/>.

Seeking Volunteers

Looking for a way to get involved at Ramsey? Look no further! Here are the current volunteer opportunities at Ramsey:

Single Event:

- [Camp St. Croix](#)—help organize and transport luggage, or chaperone our sixth graders during this extended field trip

Ongoing:

- [ESL Newcomer Class](#)—help students new to the USA work on their English skills
- [Greeters](#)—start our students' days out on a positive note by greeting students when they arrive at Ramsey
- [Media Center](#)—help keep the media center well-organized and running smoothly

- [Musicians](#)—welcome students as they arrive at school with live music in the mornings
 - [Teacher Treat Day](#)—thank our devoted Ramsey staff and teachers with a monthly treat day
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PTA Book Club

The next PTA meeting will take the form of a book club. We'll be gathering on Tuesday, 10/25, at Turtle Bread (4762 Chicago Ave. S.) to discuss the book "Middle School Makeover: Improving the Way You and Your Child Experience the Middle School Years" by Michelle Icard. All Ramsey parents and guardians are welcome to join our meeting, even if you haven't read the book.

Curriculum News and Notes

6th Grade

EL Literacy:

In EL Literacy we just finished academic goal setting for the year. We have also discussed text types (narrative, informative, persuasive, and descriptive) and the purpose of each. Students began reading an informative text about killer mice. After reading this text, students will be writing an informative paragraph using facts from the text. In the coming weeks we will be learning about text evidence and how it strengthens our opinions, arguments, and summaries of what we read.

EL Elective: In EL Elective we just finished academic goal setting for the year. This week we are starting work on our English 3D curriculum. Students will begin by learning about how to participate in an academic discussion. Students will then participate in an academic discussion called Philosophical Chairs, discussing if/when it is okay to talk about the presidential election.

AVID 7 & 8

Both AVID classes have been working to get into the weekly routines of class. Over the past week, our three tutors have begun working with students in small groups twice per week. Right now, students are learning about the 10 steps to the Tutorial process. Watch for more information via email in the coming weeks about what tutorials are and how you can support your student with them!

As we move into October, both grades will be learning key terms related to college, and then will be embarking on a research assignment about a college of their choice. The work will culminate in writing a letter to their chosen college, seeking information from the college and perhaps even some college swag! We will use these items to decorate our AVID room and any items that students receive will be able to come home with them at the end of the school year.

Do You Have News to Share?

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

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

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