



RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 14th – 4:30-8:00 p.m.
Scheduled conferences

October 15 – 8:00-Noon Drop-in Conferences

October 15-17 – No School

October 20- After-school classes start this week

October 20-22 – Camp St. Croix

October 25 – Monster Dash
PTA Fundraiser

October 28 – Volunteer Start Up Meeting – 2:30-3:30 p.m.

November 13 – GIVE TO THE
MAX DAY

What's Happening

6th Grade Field Trip to Camp St. Croix

Ramsey Middle School's 6th Grade Team is getting excited about our upcoming field trip to Camp St. Croix, and we are hoping you and your student are as well! We will be at camp from Monday, October 20 through Wednesday, October 22, and will arrive back at Ramsey in time for busses on Wednesday afternoon. Please be sure your student packs light and appropriate clothing for the weather.

There are scholarships available if the camp fee is too great at this time. We don't want money to be the reason students do not participate in this great opportunity!

If you have any questions regarding the Camp St. Croix field trip, please contact your student's advisor.

High School Information Meetings

Please attend the upcoming high school information meetings and open houses to learn about the high school selection process in MPS and the variety of enriching education programs that are available.

Ramsey Middle School families are encouraged to attend the Zone 3 information meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 13th at Burroughs Community School. Please also consider attending Washburn High School's open house on Wednesday, October 22nd at 5:00 p.m. or Southwest High School's open house on Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions about the high school choice process, please contact school counselor, Carolyn Tibbetts, at carolyn.tibbetts@mpls.k12.mn.us.

MAP Testing

We will be wrapping up MAP testing for both Math and Reading on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

After School Activities for Youth at Ramsey Middle School

Minneapolis Community Education and the ALC Program offer a variety of classes open to registration for all students. Registration is open for the fall term, which begins on Monday, October 20. Registrations were passed out to students in Advisory. Additional copies are available outside the Community Education Office (Room 106) or can be downloaded from the [Ramsey Community Education website](#).

Please print the registration form and return to Marina Posse-Morey or JoEllyn Jolstad as soon as possible.

ALC Courses are free to qualifying students. To find out if your student qualifies, please contact Marina Posse-Morey (marina.posse-morey@mpls.k12.mn.us) or JoEllyn Jolstad (joellyn.jolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us). Transportation is available to students who live in the busing area. ALC courses are open to non-ALC students for a small fee, however priority is given to those who qualify for the ALC program.

Minneapolis Community Education courses are available to all students for a small fee, however limited scholarships are available. Please contact JoEllyn Jolstad for information about program scholarships.



Calling All 7th and 8th graders

Join the fastest non-motorized sport in the world!

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

MAST is THE downhill ski racing team of the Minneapolis Public Schools for Minneapolis students and residents in grades 7-12. No racing experience is necessary. We offer excellent coaching and training, a fun and friendly team atmosphere, exciting competitions against other high school ski teams, and the chance to participate in the fastest, non-motorized sport in the world! Our team is very welcoming and supportive of its seventh and eighth grade students. Our coaches are excited to teach you how to ski with perfect technique. Start now and by the time you enter high school you will be on your way to becoming an outstanding ski racer.

Interested athletes and parents are strongly encouraged to attend the MAST Information Meeting at Southwest High School on MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014.

6:30PM NEW Family Orientation in the Southwest HS Cafeteria.

7:15PM NEW/RETURNING Family '14-'15 Season Orientation in the SW Media Center.

Learn more about MAST by checking out our website at www.mplsalpineski.org.

You can also contact our Head Coach, Mark Conway, 612-275-8392, or email markrobertconway58@gmail.com.

It is never too soon ---or too late--- to learn to ski race.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Media center volunteers! Come help in the media center. Flexible hours during the school day. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-media>

Monster Dash: This will be a fund raiser for Ramsey. Volunteer to cheer on runners and pass out candy at Rice park. Arrive by 9:00 and since it is a "dash" duties should be concluded by 10:15. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0544ABAA2AAAFE3-monster

Media Center Volunteer Start Up Meeting

Interested in helping out (or even just hanging out) at the Ramsey Media Center? Come to the next Volunteer Start Up meeting on Tuesday, October 28th from 2:30-3:30 PM in the Media Center.

Find out what's involved, what's where and ask questions. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Bridget McGinnis (bfmccginnis@gmail.com) or Ann Prentice (ann@annprentice.com).

Gather. Read. Explore.

Box Tops for Education

Hello, Ramsey parents! Ramsey PTA is participating in Box Tops for Education™ program again this year. Help our school earn cash by clipping Box Tops from products and sending them to school – each one is worth 10¢. To see a list of products, go to BTFE.com.

Please turn in your Box Tops before **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30** to help boost the amount of the first check we receive in December. Clip your Box Tops and **turn them in to the BoxTop box on the PTA table by the school office** before the deadline. Thanks for your help!

Sara Strzok, BoxTop coordinator

Bike Drive

Do you have bikes your kids have outgrown? Bikes collecting dust in your garage? Need to make room for your car before the snow comes? We can help!

Free Bikes 4 Kidz is a local non-profit whose mission is to help all kids ride into a happier, healthier childhood by providing bikes to those most in need. The public donates gently used bikes, we organize thousands of volunteers to clean and refurbish them, and then we work through community organizations to give the bikes to kids in need. Last year we gave away 5,000 bikes!

Please consider donating a bike this year during FB4K school collection day on Saturday, October 25th at Burroughs Community School, 1601 West 50th street, anytime between 10-2pm at the East end of the parking lot. We accept gently used tricycles, kids bikes and adult size bikes. You will receive a tax receipt for your contribution, and will bring great joy to a child!

Also, if you and your children would like to volunteer on donation day, or you have questions, please contact Maureen Vischer, FB4K School Site Coordinator, at mkvischer@yahoo.com.

Stock Your Pantry

Want to stock your pantry for the weekend? Ramsey, with the support of The Sheridan Story, is starting Fuel Up Fridays. If your family needs food support, e-mail Ramsey School Social Worker, MaryBeth Wyne, at <Mary.Wyne@mpls.k12.mn.us> to participate or to get more information. Participation is confidential, free and no application is needed. Contact us to Fuel Up your family for the weekend!

Student Hours – 9:10 a.m.-3:40 p.m.
Office Hours – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Office – 612-668-4040
Fax – 612-668-4040
Somali – 612-668-4045
Spanish - 612-668-4032
Attendance Line – 612-668-4030
Transportation – 612-668-2300