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Important Dates

- Wed, Dec 20:** [FAST Assessment](#), 8th Grade
- Thu, Dec 21:** [Intersession](#)
- Fri, Dec 22:** Coffee with the Principal, 8:15-8:35 AM
- Fri, Dec 22:** Spirit Wear Pickup, 8:30-10:30 AM
- Fri, Dec 22:** [Intersession](#)
- Dec 25 - Jan 5:** No School: Winter Break
- Mon, Jan 15:** No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tue, Jan 16: PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM, Media Center
Thu, Jan 18: Beginning and Varsity Bands Concert, 6:00 PM, Auditorium
Thu, Jan 18: Concert and Jazz Bands Concert, 7:30 PM, Auditorium

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Break Resources

Winter Break for Minneapolis Public Schools is December 25 through January 5. Minneapolis Public Schools and our partners have a variety of resources available for families during this time. See the [MPS website](#) for more information.

Intersession 2017-2018

Intersession is happening this week! If you'd like to see course descriptions, please visit our [Intersession 2017-2018 web page](#).

This year Intersession classes will be held before winter break on Thursday, December 21, and Friday, December 22. Students will take two or three classes that meet for a few hours each day.

Because Intersession falls outside of our regular programming, **we are asking families to contribute toward the extra cost to cover materials.**

- Price for students who qualify for free & reduced lunch: \$5
- Price for students in the musical: \$5
- Price for all other students: \$10

Students should have brought home a slip with this information last week. Please return contributions to your child's advisory teacher by **Wednesday, December 20**.

Thank you for your support of programming at Justice Page Middle School! If you have time during the day to help make Intersession a success, [please sign up to volunteer here](#).

Overdue Books and Outstanding Fines

Overdue book notices were distributed to advisories this week. Please remind students to return their library books!

Also, many students have outstanding fines for library and resource materials. To check on fines and overdue books:

- Go to [Page's Destiny site](#).
 - Log in using the student's school credentials (e.g. John Smith, class of 2021, has a user name of jsmi2101).
 - Once logged in, click on My Info near the top of the page. This will show all books currently checked out, overdue materials, and fines associated with the student.
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Club de Debate en Español

Presentar tu opinión en una forma persuasiva y con información adecuada es una habilidad muy valiosa en la vida, y puede ser extremadamente divertido! Aprende a formar tus argumentos, a investigar un tema, y a competir en competencias de debate.

Cuando? Todos los martes del 16 de enero al 1 de mayo (excepto el 3 de abril), de 3.45 pm a 5.45 pm

En Donde? En Justice Page Middle School

Regístrate en [After School](#).

¿Alguna pregunta? Póngase en contacto con Cecilia Cosgrove en cecilia.cosgrove@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Spanish-Language Debate Club

Presenting your opinion in a persuasive way and with adequate information is a very valuable skill in life, and it can be extremely fun! Learn to form your arguments, investigate a topic, and compete in debate competitions.

When? Every Tuesday from January 16 to May 1 (no class April 3), from 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm.

Where? Justice Page Middle School

Register at [After School Youth Classes](#).

Any questions? Contact Cecilia Cosgrove at cecilia.cosgrove@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Rhino Report

The latest edition of the *Rhino Report* is here! See the Page website for [student perspectives on current events, school happenings, art, and more](#).

Lost and Found

Our collection of lost and found items is overflowing! Please have your child look through the lost and found if they are missing anything. The lost and found is located in the Cafeteria.

Future City Teams Prepare for Competition

This year's JPMS Future City teams are hard at work preparing for the State of Minnesota Future City Competition on Saturday, January 20. Teams have completed their SimCity Virtual City as well as their Research Essay around this year's theme of the Age Friendly City. Next steps include building the 3-D Scale Model from recycled materials and preparing a 5-7 minute presentation that pulls all aspects of the project together. At competition, the model and presentations compete in the morning rounds to decide who advances to the Top 5 Final Round. The winning team then represents Minnesota at the National Competition in Washington, D.C.! During the last two years JPMS has been part of the competition. We have already made a name for ourselves as a strong competitor, and we have the trophies to prove it! This year's teams are:

Civitem Vita: Eli G-B (8th), Simone P. (7th), Dom N.(8th), Sam S. (8th)

New Corona: Calvin S. (8th), Ethan M. (8th), Lily R. (7th), Everett R. (7th)

Star Je Novi Mladi: Shirley O. (8th), Eva A. (8th), Clover M. (7th), Julia M. (8th), Maya G. (8th), Hannah W. (8th)

EVENTS

Coffee with the Principal

Come join us for Coffee with the Principal this Friday at 8:15 am. We'll be meeting across from the office for some coffee and conversation with Principal Erin Rathke. Then, as long as you're here, why not stay and join our parent greeters! You'll be done by 9:00 — all this in less than an hour! Hope to see you Friday morning.

Calling All Kid Filmmakers!

The 90-Second Newbery Film Festival is an annual video contest that impels kid filmmakers to make movies that creatively tell the entire stories of Newbery Award/Honor-winning books in 90 seconds or less. Making the film is a fun, creative and multifaceted educational exercise that ties directly into reading, writing, and media literacy standards. Kids cooperatively adapt, write, storyboard, produce, direct, costume, act, film, and edit their own movies.

Inspiration and more information, including how to submit films, can be found on the [90-Second Newbery website](#). Work should begin soon; the deadline to submit films is January 12, 2018. It's a perfect project for winter break!

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

Help Struggling JPS Families

A number of Justice Page Middle School families are struggling to meet basic needs. Page's social workers are collecting donated items to help our students and families.

Gift cards: Gift cards help struggling families with the holidays and beyond. We would love to have gift cards on hand to distribute where help is most needed. In particular, gift cards from the following stores would be most useful: SuperAmerica, Cub, Walmart, Target, and the Braid Factory. We're especially in need of gas cards (e.g. SuperAmerica), but any cards in any amount are welcome!



Clothing, gift items, and school supplies: Especially at this time of year, we would love donations of LEGO Star Wars items, men's small winter coats, men's medium winter coats, size 8.5 men's tennis shoes, size 11.5 men's tennis shoes, 3-ringed zippered binders, and spiral notebooks.

Food Pantry: Our Food Pantry provides food-insecure students and their families with vital nutrition in a stigma-free environment. We provide access to food for students and their families both during the day and after the school day has ended. We're collecting non-perishable food items, like chunky soups, ramen noodles, and canned fruit. (Note that for storage reasons, non-canned items can only be accepted in small boxes—for example, we cannot take full boxes of breakfast cereal!)

If you have items to donate to our families, please drop them off in the bins in the main office.

Intersession Needs You!

Calling all volunteers: Intersession is almost here! This is our biggest volunteer opportunity of the year! If you're willing and able to lend a hand, [please sign up to volunteer here](#). For questions about volunteering, contact Kate Goeddeke at kathleen.goeddeke@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Buttons and Thread for Art

JPS art classes are making Soft Sculptures and are in need of buttons and thread for use by our creative students! If you have any buttons and/or thread to donate, please bring them in to Miss Elissa or Mr. Schmitz in room 212.

Snacks for Staff

Show your appreciation for the hard-working JPMS staff by contributing to Snacks for Staff the first Wednesday of each month (January 10, just after break). It's a fun way to support this great staff with fruit, veggies, chips and dips, baked goods, or a favorite recipe. Snacks can be brought to the main office on the designated morning. [Sign up for any or all of our Snacks for Staff dates here.](#)

Calling All Photographers!

The yearbook committee is looking for help getting full group pictures of each band, choir, and orchestra at their concerts in January.

The concerts are as follows:

Thursday, January 18: Beginning and Varsity Bands, 6-7 pm

Thursday, January 18: Concert and Jazz Bands, 7:30-8:30 pm

Tuesday, January 23: Choir and Orchestra, 7-8:30 pm

If you've got a high-quality camera and know how to use it, and would be willing to help get good group pictures of students during any of these performances, please contact the yearbook committee at JPMSCommunications@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Art and Artifacts from the Diane and Alan Page Collection

School namesake, football Hall of Famer, and former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page, along with Diane Sims Page, Executive Director of the Page Education Foundation, will publicly present TESTIFY, a preview of their collection of Americana. The wide-ranging exhibit will feature art and artifacts from pivotal eras in American history while also providing a platform for visitors to share their thoughts, feelings, and personal experiences.

The exhibit will be open January 8 through February 6, in Cargill Hall at the Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis.

Inspired by the recent resurgence of racial tension in our country, TESTIFY gives context and definition to the conversation, serving as a reminder of the history that brings us to today.

Around the Horn Resumes January 10

The deadline for news for the next issue of *Around the Horn*, which comes out on January 10, will be Friday, January 5. The editor wishes everyone a fun and relaxing winter break!

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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