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Important Dates

- 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, 6:30 PM, Auditorium
- Thu, Jan 18:** Concert and Jazz Bands Concert, 7:35 PM, Auditorium
- Tue, Jan 23:** Choir and Orchestra Concerts, 7:00 PM, Auditorium
- Wed, Jan 24:** Early Release Day
- Jan 25-Jan 26:** No School: End of Quarter 2

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Requests

Attention 8th Grade families: The [online request center](#) is now open and you must submit your high school request by **February 17, 2018**. Submitting your **online application is required** and the only way to help your chances of receiving your top preference high school (**even if you live in the attendance area and are planning to attend your pathway school**). Don't delay, apply soon!

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, 6:30-7 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 have 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.

Names in the Yearbook

Is your student's legal name Alexander, but everyone knows them as Zane? Does the apostrophe in your last name usually get left out? To request a different name or specific punctuation to be used in the yearbook, please download, print, and [fill out a yearbook name change request form](#), or get a form from the main office. All information on the form must be filled out completely. A teacher or other member of JPS staff must also sign the form before it will be accepted. All forms can be dropped off in the main office. Forms must be received no later than March 15, 2018.

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Community Budget Discussions in February

Minneapolis Public Schools is hosting several community budget discussions in February. Information presented at these discussions will include:

- Why Minneapolis Public Schools recommended changes based on budget reductions for the 2018-2019 school year
- How this may affect your school next year
- Your ideas for ways MPS can make any changes easier

Discussions will be held:

- **Wednesday, February 7, 2018**, 6-8 p.m., Southwest High School, 3414 W. 47th St.
- **Thursday February 8, 2018**, 6-8 p.m., Davis Center, 1250 W. Broadway
- **Thursday February 15, 2018**, 6-8 p.m., Wilder Complex, 3320 Elliot Ave.

You are welcome to attend any or all of these discussions, though the information will be the same at all three. For more information, see the [Minneapolis Public Schools website](#).

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.

EVENTS

Band Concert Details

Due to the increased size of the bands this year, the band concert will be split into two sections in order to accommodate families and friends in the audience. Report times and performance times are as follows:

Beginning Band and Varsity Band: report at 6:00 pm; performance from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

Jazz Band and Concert Band: report at 7:15 pm; performance from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Band members should wear their Justice Page blue and grey T-shirts, and black pants.

AFTER SCHOOL

Winter/Spring Community Education Classes

The second session of after school Community Education classes at Justice Page starts Tuesday, January 16. Visit the [Justice Page Community Education](#) to download a registration form or [register for classes online](#). Call 612-668-4051 or email JoEllyn Jolstad at joellyn.jolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us with questions.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

Help Needed During Eye Screening

The health office would like 2-3 volunteers to help on Tuesday, January 30, from 8:30 am - 12:45 pm. Phillips Eye Institute will be screening students in 6th grade. It is helpful to have a few parent volunteers to assist students back and forth from the screening room, and to assure things run smoothly and quietly. If you're able to help out, please contact Anne Leo at anne.leo@mpls.k12.mn.us, or call 612.668.4064.

Old Electronics Needed

Do you have any old electronics cluttering up your home? We are always looking for things like:

- VCRs
- DVD players
- DVRs
- Old computers (PC desktops most needed/useful)
- Coffee makers (Keurig especially!)
- Old remote control cars or other toys
- Boom boxes/stereos

Bring them to Mr. Koupal in room 312! Items will be used in the STEM MakerSpace.

Things I cannot use include:

- Old cell phones/iPads or tablets (too small to find useful parts)
- Old televisions and/or computer monitors (dangerous stuff in those things)

But wait, there's more! We also need:

- Lumber (plywood, 1x2, 1x3, 1x6, 2x4, other?); nothing smaller than 12"
- Conduit pieces (metal or plastic)
- Holiday light strands
- Wood blocks (like the ones your kids may have grown out of)
- Hot Wheels/Mattel cars
- LEGO! LEGO! LEGO! LEGO! LEGO!

...and many other items you may have lying around your home! [See the full list here](#). Again, materials can be dropped off with Mr. Koupal in Room 312.

Questions? Contact Mr. Koupal at travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us.

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 StarTribune recently published [an article about the exhibit](#).

The exhibit will be open January 8 through February 6, in Cargill Hall at the Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis. More information on the exhibit can be found on [Hennepin County Library's website](#).

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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