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## Important Dates

- Mar 19 - Mar 23:** 8th Grade MCA Reading Tests  
**Sat, Mar 24:** History Day Regional Competition, 8 AM - 2 PM, Roosevelt High  
**Fri, Mar 30:** No School - Record Keeping Day  
**Apr 2 - Apr 6:** No School - Spring Break  
**Wed, Apr 11:** Yearbook Orders Due  
**Apr 11 - Apr 17:** 7th Grade Math MCA Tests  
**Sun, Apr 15:** Washburn vs. Page Battle of the Bands, 3 PM, Uptown VFW  
**Tue, Apr 17:** Site Council Meeting, 5 PM  
**Tue, Apr 17:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM, Page Media Center  
**Apr 18 - Apr 24:** 8th Grade Math MCA Tests  
**Thu, Apr 19:** AVID Info Night, 6 - 8 PM  
**Wed, Apr 25:** Early Release Day  
**Wed, Apr 25:** *Angst* Movie Viewing, 6:30 PM, JPS Auditorium

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Budget Decisions at Justice Page

Dear Justice Page Families,

It has been a tough week for everyone. Budget time always keeps me in my office and attached to my computer...which is definitely not my favorite. There are never easy decisions in times of budget cutting. Everything and everyone brings value to our building, students and staff.

I collected information from Site Council, ILT, and the whole staff to inform us of the priorities of the stakeholders of Justice Page.

The priorities were maintaining robust academic programming and maintaining climate supports. Some of the adjustments/cuts reflect the shorter day for next year. Others adjustments were made to make FTE alignment more efficient, such as an average of 33 students per class, and full-time positions as often as possible rather than split between multiple part-time staff.

We made balanced cuts within core, electives, and support staff. Justice Page funds double the amount we are given for electives programming to keep options available for students.

We realigned some programming, such as incorporating literacy across content areas rather than as a separate class required for all. Also, ELA teachers will have extra time with struggling students just as math does.

Thank you for your support and commitment to Justice Page.

[Erin Rathke](#), Principal, Justice Page Middle School

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## MCA Testing Continues

MCA testing is continuing this week, as 8th grade ELA students are taking the reading test. The remaining MCA tests will be administered according to the following schedule:

April 11-17: 7th Grade Math  
April 18-24: 8th Grade Math  
April 26-May 1: 6th Grade Math  
May 8-9: 8th Grade Science

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## Return Overdue Books

As of today, 503 of the Media Center's books are overdue, and students owe fines totaling \$1,639.70. Overdue notices will be distributed to students before Spring Break. If you have books at home that should go back to the Media Center, please return them to avoid getting an overdue notice!

Books that are lost or damaged are the responsibility of the student. Students must either pay for the cost of replacing the book, or purchase another book in its place. If students are unable to pay for missing books, contact Kelly Taschler at [kelly.taschler@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:kelly.taschler@mpls.k12.mn.us) to determine an alternative solution.

Students can look online at any time to see what books they have out. To view a Media Center account:

- Go to [JPS's Destiny website](#).
  - 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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## On-Site Dental Care

JPS is teaming up with Children's Dental Services to provide on-site dental care to our students. Children's Dental Services provides exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatment, sealants, fillings, crowns, extractions, and other treatments as needed during regular school hours. If you would like your child to receive dental care, a consent form is coming home with your student this week. Please complete the form and have your student **return it to the health office before March 29**.

Please call Anne Leo, Licensed School Nurse, with any questions at 612.668.4064.

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## Yearbook Orders

It's time to order yearbooks! **Place your order by April 11, 2018**. The yearbook costs \$7.

There are two ways to order:

1. **Online**. Click the Tickets button, and pay by credit or debit card. Note: online orders incur an additional processing fee of \$1.30, for a total charge of \$8.30.
  2. Print and complete a [paper order form](#) and send it with cash or a check to school. If paying by check, please make the check payable to Justice Page Middle School PTA. Paper forms can be dropped off either in the Main Office, or with students' advisory teachers. A few paper forms are also available in the Main Office.
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## Operational and Security Services

Did you know Minneapolis Public Schools has a department of Operational and Security Services? They are committed to supporting safe and welcoming learning and work environments for students and staff in Minneapolis Public Schools. Through their work they are improving the district's ability to respond to emergencies no matter how large or small. For more information, view their [Parent's Guide to What We Do](#).

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## EVENTS

### Coffee With the Principal

Coffee with our Principal is this Friday, March 23 from 8:15 am to 8:40 am in the Conference Room, with Friday Morning Greeters to follow from 8:45 to 9:00 am.

Next month's Coffee with the Principal is Friday, April 27, from **8:00 am to 8:40 am in the Media Center** with our guest, Mayor Frey. Friday Morning Greeters will follow at 8:45 am. Please note the change in the time and location for April.

We would love to have our JPS families join us for both events!

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### Mental Health Awareness Opportunities for Families

The Justice Page PTA and the Washburn Parent Council present two special screenings of the film, [Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety](#). The film interviews teens who share stories about anxiety and its impact on their lives, as well as how they've found solutions and hope. This film is 55 minutes long and is appropriate for fifth grade and older. The film will be followed by a Q&A session, and helpful resources will be distributed. Justice Page eighth-grade students will be watching and discussing the film in their advisory classes. Admission is free, but donations at the door are welcome to help defer the cost. Families and community members are invited to attend any of these April events:

**Monday, April 16:** "Brave Parenting: How to Help Your Teen Cope with Anxiety and Stress" presentation with psychologist Kathryn Hect. Learn what anxiety is, red flags to look for in teens, and parenting strategies that foster healthy coping behavior. **Washburn Auditorium, 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday, April 24:** Viewing of "Angst" and after-film Q&A with Washburn counselors. **Washburn Auditorium, 6:30 pm**

**Wednesday, April 25:** Viewing of "Angst" and after-film Q&A with Justice Page therapist and social workers. **Justice Page Auditorium, 6:30 pm**

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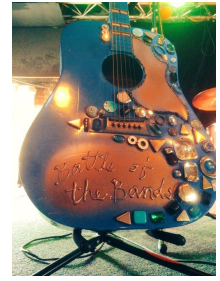
### Eat Out to Benefit Justice Page Middle School

Mark your calendars for Monday, March 26. Wise Acre eatery is partnering with JPMS for a community dine in night, where you can skip making dinner and benefit our school! JPMS will receive 10% of the proceeds from meals, merchandise, frozen and preserved items, and gift cards! You can reserve a table for the event at [www.wiseacretery.com](http://www.wiseacretery.com) or by calling 612.354.2577. [Click here for more information](#).

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## Battle of the Bands Registration Closes Soon!

Calling all bands...The 4th Annual Page-Washburn Battle of the Bands is coming soon: **Sunday, April 15, from 3 to 6 pm**, at the Uptown VFW. For families new to Page, this event features Page and Washburn student and staff bands, facing off for bragging rights (and an amazing traveling guitar trophy beautified by our own Ms. Cedarleaf-Dahl).



Does your band have what it takes? [Registration is now open!](#) This is a first come, first booked, sign-up process. Please make sure to review the guidelines and enter all needed information. May the best band win!

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## TOP 20 BLOG

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

### Comfort Zones

Let's go outside our comfort zones today. Today, raise your hand in class. Participate in discussions, share your answers and ideas—even if they're "out there." Remember: big learning happens outside your comfort zone.

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## ACCOLADES AND THANK YOUS

### Page Students Advance to State Tournament

Seventh grade students Avery R, Ellery D, Xander K, Marcus W, Erik W, and Reece W, along with team member Nora S (who attends a different school), took 1st Place at their regional Destination Imagination tournament last weekend, competing in the Fine Arts Challenge.

In this STEAM competition, kids must complete 100% of their work with no adult input, not even a suggestion as to what color a hat should be. To take 1st place, this team, named The B.O.S.S., wrote a script with original songs, created costumes with button-triggered light-up hats, and engineered a motor-powered rotating backdrop.

Two years ago they made it all the way to the Global Tournament. Good luck to The B.O.S.S. at the State Tournament on April 14!

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## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

### AAA Battery Donations Needed

The Math department is seeking donations of new AAA batteries for use in graphing calculators used by the students.

Please send batteries in with your student to **drop off in Room #111** (Ms. Krasean's classroom) or the **main office**.

Let's keep our Justice Page students **CHARGED UP** about **MATH**.



## Buttons and More Buttons!

JPS art classes are working on a sewing unit, and are in need of buttons of all colors and sizes for use by our creative students! If you have any buttons to donate, please bring them in to Miss Elissa or Mr. Schmitz in room 212.

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## JPMS Maker's Space 3.0 Fundraiser

Our BIG fundraiser is in full swing! We are looking to raise over \$6000 by May 4 to bring our Maker's Space into the 21st century by purchasing three to four 3D printers, computer programming and coding materials, and LOTS of other cool stuff! [Check out the full wish list and make a donation today!](#) There are rewards for donations over \$5, and the more you give, the greater the rewards!

We've raised \$1750 so far, but still have a long way to go to reach our goal. Please donate today! Corporate and business donations also accepted. Email Mr. Koupal at [travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us) for details.

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## School Safety Fundraiser

Kasie Tverberg, Administrative Teacher on Special Assignment, started this fundraiser to buy a hinge sleeve (interior door block) for every room in our building. It would allow teachers to quickly close their door during a lockdown and secure it from the inside rather than go into the hallway and fiddle with a key. This is a step in helping to increase our school safety. [Follow this link to donate](#) if you are willing/able. Contact Kasie at [kasie.tverberg@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:kasie.tverberg@mpls.k12.mn.us) with questions or for further information.

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## PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PTA Needs You!

Parents play a key role in the success of Justice Page Middle School. We're looking for a few parents to take on some open leadership roles for the 2018-19 school year. If you are interested, please email the parents who currently hold the positions. They'd be happy to answer any questions. If these positions aren't the right fit for you, email PTA president Robin Langevin at [langevinrobin@gmail.com](mailto:langevinrobin@gmail.com). We have many opportunities, big and small, for parent participation. We'd love to have you on our team!

### Treasurer

No accounting experience necessary! The outgoing Treasurer will teach you what you need to know. The Treasurer should like numbers and have basic spreadsheet skills. You will make deposits and pay expenses on behalf of the PTA, and maintain the PTA financial records in Quickbooks Online. You will also summarize monthly activity in Google Sheets for the Executive Committee and attend monthly PTA meetings. Most work can be done remotely, with occasional visits to the school and bank. Email Angie North at [justicepagetreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:justicepagetreasurer@gmail.com) for more information.

### Fundraising Co-Chair/Page Party Lead

Do you love a good party and have a knack for organization and bringing people together? The Page Party Lead/Fundraising Co-Chair recruits parent hosts and helps them work through the details of their events. You will provide that information to the PTA webmaster, who creates the online sales events. In addition, you'll work with the Fundraising Chair to ensure that the Page Parties fit within the larger fundraising plan. The outgoing chair will provide electronic files related to the previous years of parties.

We'd love to double or triple our party-planning power by having one chair from each feeder school! Email Stephanie Willingham at [stephanieawillingham@icloud.com](mailto:stephanieawillingham@icloud.com) for more information.

### **Spirit Wear Chair**

No design experience necessary! The outgoing chair will provide existing graphic files and current vendors to you. You will manage existing Spirit Wear inventory and place re-orders as necessary. You will also recruit and train volunteers to help sell merchandise on key days (Open House, Spirit Week, School Concerts, School Play, etc.). You'll work closely with the Treasurer to make deposits and pay invoices. Email Victor Sanchez at [latino.artist.victor@gmail.com](mailto:latino.artist.victor@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Picture Day Chair**

Duties include finding approximately 8 volunteers for picture day and 3 volunteers for retake day who will keep students on task and hand out identification cards to students. The chair will also hang Lifetouch posters for picture day and retake day, as well as distribute order forms and reminder forms to advisory teachers. Email Stephanie Willingham at [stephanieawillingham@icloud.com](mailto:stephanieawillingham@icloud.com) for more information.

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## **Tangletown Gardens**

Join Tangletown Gardens in raising money for Justice Page Middle School. Tangletown Gardens will give 10% of the proceeds from this fundraiser directly to JPMS. Ways you can earn cash for JPMS:



- Purchase a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) share and receive 18 weeks of in-season, fresh picked, sustainably grown vegetables, herbs, and fruits from their farm.
- **New!** Purchase a voucher good for a \$39.99 basket of your choice at the Tangletown Gardens store. **This would make an excellent Mother's Day gift!**
- **New!** Purchase a Easter share for your spring celebration. The Easter share includes a 4-5 lb. farm-raised heritage ham, 5 lbs. of heirloom potatoes, 1 lb. of hand-rolled butter, and 1 lb. of the famous Wise Acre bacon.
- Make any online shoppe purchase at [www.tangletowngardens.com](http://www.tangletowngardens.com) and have that purchase count toward our fundraiser.
- Purchase a Thanksgiving share for your fall celebration. This share includes a farm-raised turkey, heirloom potatoes, squash, and other Thanksgiving essentials.

[More info can be found here.](#) Remember to use the promo code **PAGE** at checkout.

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## **Upcoming Page Parties**

There are several fun events happening in the next few weeks, all of which go to support Justice Page! Some of these fill up quickly, so make sure to check out what's available and check back, as we have additional parties pending. For a full list of all events, check out the [Justice Page PTA website](#) for details and ticket information. Upcoming events include:

- [80s Dance Party](#), March 23 — only 9 tickets left!
- [6th Grade Moms' Brunch](#), April 14
- [8th Grade Moms' Brunch](#), April 22

Have an idea for a 7th grade event? Contact Beth Gyllstrom at [bethgyllstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:bethgyllstrom@yahoo.com) and she'll help you get started.

**Note: all events listed are adults only.**

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## Twins Game April 27

Join the Justice Page, Burroughs, Green Central, and Lyndale school communities in cheering on the Minnesota Twins vs. the Cincinnati Reds on **Friday, April 27 at 7:10 pm**. Your entire family is invited to join us for fun and baseball. It's a great opportunity to meet new families and new friends outside of the classroom. Seats are limited, buy yours now!



Ticket sales close on Wednesday, March 28 (prior to Spring Break). Tickets will be available for pickup in the school office prior to game day. Contact Angie North at [justicepagetreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:justicepagetreasurer@gmail.com) with questions.

Two options to purchase tickets:

- [Buy seats online](#) with credit card. Online purchases include an extra \$1.54 fee to cover credit card processing costs (total cost \$11.54 per ticket).
- Buy seats with a check made out to Justice Page Middle School PTA. Tickets are \$10 each via check. Leave your check in the office with Mary Jackson or mail your check to Justice Page Middle School PTA, 1 W. 49th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419.

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## AFTER SCHOOL

### Girls on the Run

Calling all girls who like to have fun! The spring season of Girls on the Run (Heart & Sole) starts this week! Girls can still **register through March 27**. The only requirement is that you enjoy having a good time while doing a little running. We meet from 3:50 to 5:20 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in room 121. The season ends in a 5k in June. Register to participate on the [Girls on the Run website](#).

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### Sailing Team

Calling all 7th and 8th grade SAILORS! Are you interested in a coed sport that uses your brain as much as your muscles? Did you know you could sail for the Washburn High team when you are in middle school?

Join other Justice Page students this spring at the Minneapolis Sailing Center on Bde Maka Ska (formerly known as Lake Calhoun). Sailors practice and compete with students from several nearby high schools and middle schools. Sailboats are provided, and no experience is necessary.

Practices start April 3 (weather permitting) and run Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4-6:30pm. Regattas are held on Saturdays at lakes around the Twin Cities (White Bear Lake, Minnetonka, St. Croix River).

You can also contact coach Ted Salzman at [ted@sailmpls.org](mailto:ted@sailmpls.org) or check out [the website](#) to register.

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## PERFORMING ARTS

### Shrek, Jr. at Anthony Middle School

"Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek...." Thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey. Shrek the Musical is so much





more. It demonstrates how important it is to be authentic and your own unique, individual self. You don't have to be perfect to have a happy ending.

Showtimes:

March 21 & 22: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

March 23: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

March 24: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

VIP Presale Tickets for all seats are \$15.70 and [can be purchased online](#). VIP Presale tickets are limited to 238 seats per show. There will still be general admission tickets available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis. General admission tickets are sold 1 hour prior to show time, \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth/seniors.

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## Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at [JPMSCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:JPMSCommunications@gmail.com).

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

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