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## Important Dates

**Wed, Sep 13:** [FAST aReading Assessment](#), 7th Grade

**Thu, Sep 14:** Picture Day

**Thu, Sep 14:** [FAST aReading Assessment](#), 6th Grade

**Tue, Sep 19:** [FAST aMath Assessment](#), 8th Grade

**Wed, Sep 20:** [FAST aMath Assessment](#), 7th Grade

**Thu, Sep 21:** [FAST aMath Assessment](#), 6th Grade

**Wed, Sep 27:** Early Release Day

**Fri, Sep 29:** Coffee With the Principal

**Oct 2-6:** Spirit Week

**Wed, Oct 4:** Walk/Bike to School Day

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Release Day Reminder

Remember: our first early release day will be Wednesday, September 27. School will end at 12:45, and buses will arrive at 12:50 to pick up students. We appreciate your support and flexibility. If you are in need of activities for your student(s) during release days, please consider enrolling them in Community Education (see below).

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### Release Day Fun!

Community Education is offering programming from 12:45 to 3:45 PM on early release days. The first one is September 27. Students will have a choice of activities in the gym, computer lab and dance studio. The cost is \$15 per day. Students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch pay \$5. **Note: there will not be a bus home at 3:45 on release days.** [Register for fall release dates here.](#)

Please contact [JoEllyn Jolstad](#) or call 612-668-4051 with questions or to request a reduced fee.

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### Picture Day

Picture Day is tomorrow, September 14. Order forms were sent home this week. You can return the order form tomorrow, or you can order online at [my.lifetouch.com](http://my.lifetouch.com) using our school Picture Day ID **MI207168Y0**. ALL students will have their picture taken regardless of ordering for use in the yearbook and for school IDs. Picture retakes will be October 10.



Please Note: Students are only included in the yearbook IF they have OPTED IN by signing the Media Release form included in the schedule folders distributed during orientation. If you are unsure if you have one on file, you can [print the Media Release form here](#), fill it out, and have your student drop it off with Mary or Chelsea in the main office.

We're looking for a few volunteers to help photographers and staff manage students on picture day, and also on retake day. This is the only paid volunteer work at JPS, as volunteers are entitled to a free packet of pictures! If you are interested in helping, please [contact Paula Ario](#).

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### Is Your Email Address Current?

Please double-check that your email address is current in the parent portal. We use your email address to communicate with you, through Advisory and School Messenger. Having a current email address is vital to school communication!

If you'd like to see if an email address is set up to receive emails from JPS, [check your email address here](#). To verify or change your email address, use School Messenger's [Contact Manager](#). For more information on how to use Contact Manager, see the [MPS School Messenger page](#), and follow the instructions under Change your preferences.

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### Last Chance to Get Into the Printed Student Directory

Each year, the PTA puts together a student directory. All information is voluntary; you do not need to participate. However, most parents and students find the directory to be an invaluable resource.

Minneapolis Public Schools does not provide student information to the PTA, so you must use our online confirmation process to be included in the directory. Even if your family was in the directory last year, you need to opt in again to be included this year.

If your family is new to Justice Page Middle School, or your family was not included in last year's directory, and you would like to be included this year, please [click here to to add your family](#). Fill out all information in this form as you would like it to appear in the directory. The last day for adding information for the printed directory will be Friday, September 15.

If your family was included in last year's directory, you should have received an email asking you to confirm your directory information. Alternatively, you can click on the link above, enter your family name and email address, and, if your family is found, request a confirmation email to update your data.

Questions? Contact us at [jpsdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:jpsdirectory@gmail.com).

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## EVENTS

### Calling All Student Chefs!

MPS Culinary & Wellness Services' annual Jr. Iron Chef competition is back with a twist: Super Bowl Edition! Student chefs will join with local chefs and NFL players to create delicious dishes with school lunch ingredients. Students, apply now to compete! [Jr. Iron Chef applications](#) are due Friday, September 22. Everyone is welcome to join us for the event on October 10 from 5-8:30 PM at ARIA (105 N. First St., Minneapolis).

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## TOP 20 BLOG

An occasional series of Top 20-related articles written by Principal Rathke

### [Life Looks Different Above And Below The Line](#)

### [Becoming a Top 20 School](#)

### [Convirtiéndonos en una Escuela Top 20](#)

Everyone has potential. Some people's potential remains dormant and undeveloped. Most people's potential develops at a commonly expected rate, achieving reasonable goals. But some, their potential explodes. These people are what we call Top 20.

Top 20 is not a comparison between students, between teachers, or between parents. We are all Top 20 **and** Bottom 20. When we are at our most effective, we are Top 20; when we are less effective or ineffective, we are Bottom 20.

Living Top 20 means to be the best version of yourself, to live up to your potential by eliminating roadblocks, and to make a positive difference in your own life and in the lives of others. Is Living Top 20 worth the effort? Complaining, blaming and waiting for other people to change are dysfunctional habits that lead nowhere. It's going to take a little awareness, commitment and effort to hang out in the Top 20 stratosphere, but it'll be worth the investment!

LIFE LOOKS DIFFERENT

When people are thinking Top 20 or Bottom 80, they will see everything differently: their family, friends, classmates, co-workers and other activities. When children are operating as a Top 20 or Bottom 80, they will see their siblings and parents differently.

If you are not aware of this concept or if you forget the impact that thinking has on your experience, it will look like it's the event that is the sole source of whatever you are feeling or experiencing. Remember the outside event is only a small part of your experience but the much bigger source is your inside reality.

Let's prove it. Think of a family member. Imagine that your thinking is working in your best interest, you are in your Top 20 mode. Describe that person mentally (generous, clever). Now think of that same person again, but through your Bottom 80 lens. I'll wager that you see this person differently (selfish, manipulative).

When you realize whether you are operating as a Bottom 80 OR Top 20, you are accepting responsibility to maintain the power you have to lead, direct and create your own life. Awareness cures. With awareness you can make things better; without it you can't. **It is easier to change your attitude than it is to change your outside life** (parents, teachers, bosses), but if you change your state of mind you will change the experience you have in life. So you can invest your time, efforts and energy into changing the weather, changing your in-laws...or you can realize that much of your reality is being formed in the six-inch space between your ears! Change your thinking, change your life.

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## AFTER SCHOOL

### Community Education After School At Justice Page

The Community Education team is busy planning an after school program that meets the needs of our wonderful Justice Page students. We will have classes from 3:45-5:45 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on October 2. Activity buses home will be available to students who live in the Page busing area. Registration for After School classes starts on Wednesday, September 13. Flyers will come home with students in advisory this week and [online registration can be found here](#).

Please contact [JoEllyn Jolstad](#) or call 612-668-4051 with questions or to request reduced fees.

In the future, there may be limited program after school on Wednesdays, but transportation will not be available. Please take time to help us plan by [filling out this short survey](#).

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## New Office For Community Education

The Community Education office has moved down the hall to room 102. We also have a new phone number. Please call 612-668-4051 for Justice Page Community Education. Washburn Community Education can be reached at 612-668-3450.

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## PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Box Tops for Education

Hello Page families! The PTA is participating in the 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¢. Box Tops can be



submitted at any PTA meeting, or at any time in the Box Tops box on the PTA table by the school office.

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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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