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Important Dates

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, 8:20 AM

Oct 2-6: Spirit Week

Wed, Oct 4: Walk/Bike to School Day

Oct 2-17: Food Drive

Tue, Oct 10: Picture Retake Day
Tue, Oct 10: Site Council Meeting, 5-6:30 PM
Tue, Oct 10: PTA Meeting, 6:30-8 PM, Media Center
Oct 16-17: 6th Grade Camp St. Croix Trip

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Release Day Reminder

Remember: our first early release day will be next 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's Release Day Fun](#).

FAST Assessment Information

All students have been administered the [FAST aReading and aMath assessments](#) last week and this week. This assessment replaces the NWEA MAP assessment. All MPS middle schools are required to administer this assessment twice per year. Individual reports will be shared with families. Contact [Assistant Principal, Angie Ness](#) (612-668-4066) with questions.

Key Components of FAST

- Less time spent assessing, more time in instruction (reason for switch from MAP)
 - Administer to all students
 - Measures all students against grade level standards
 - Correlated with outcomes of MCA .8 correlation
 - Reliable
 - Screening multiple times during the year, fall, winter (Required fall and winter)
 - Why FAST
 - Scores are highly correlated with both MAP and MCA scores
 - Strong reliability (.9)
 - Majority of focus group participants and testing coordinators preferred FAST over MAP
 - Option to progress monitor for reading within the same system
 - Much shorter assessment and more cost effective
 - aReading
 - One overall score that is a measure of students' broad reading ability
 - Consists of 30 items which takes 10-30 minutes on average
 - snapshot
 - aMath
 - One overall score that is a measure of students' broad math ability
 - Consists of 30 items which takes 10-30 minutes on average
 - snapshot
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Walk/Bike to School Day

Our Fuel Up to Play 60 Justice Page Walk & Bike to School event is coming up soon, on Wednesday, October 4.

We are encouraging all of our students to participate by walking or biking to school that day. In addition, students who ride the bus will be able to participate by walking laps on the track with other students and staff during their movement time.

This will be a fun day, including a prize drawing, and nutritious snacks. Join in on the fun!

Justice Page Middle School Receives Grant

Justice Page Middle School has been awarded \$4,000 to support healthy eating and physical activity initiatives, as a part of the Fuel Up to Play 60 program. Fuel up to play 60 is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by the national dairy council, midwest dairy council, and the NFL, in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture.

This Sunday Mrs. Littlefield, Romelle B, Addy F, and Simone P will be attending the Vikings game with other schools in the state that represent health and wellness initiatives provided by the Fuel Up to Play 60 organization.

EVENTS

6th Grade Trip to Camp St. Croix

The 6th grade class will be attending Camp St. Croix again for the fifth year in a row on Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17! This is a trip centered around community-building and taking healthy risks. It is a highlight of our year!

Permission slips went home with students last week. **The deadline for permission slips is Friday, September 29.** The fee is \$150, but scholarships are available. We do not want the fee to be the reason your student doesn't attend. Please contact your student's advisory teacher with any additional questions.

Volunteers Needed

We are getting excited for our trip to Camp St. Croix. We really rely on parents to make camp a success. Please consider volunteering. It is an awesome place and the students get so much out of it. It's an easy gig—the teachers and staff at Camp St. Croix will lead the groups and we just need your support along the way. Join us! We would love it!

If you'd like to join us, [sign up to volunteer at camp St. Croix](#). All parents/guardians who sign up will have to complete a background check. We will be happy to get you the form so you can fill them out and we can get them checked as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please contact [Chris Halvorson](#).

Welcome Back Powwow

Indian Education invites everyone to attend the first annual Welcome Back Powwow. This is a district-wide event and all families are invited to attend. Experience the culture of our community's indigenous population and celebrate the beginning of a new school year! Free dinner will be provided.

When: September 29

Grand Entries at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.,

Meal served at 5:00 p.m.

Where: North High School football field, 1801 Fremont Ave. N

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).

ACCOLADES

Students of the Month

Page staff nominated the following students as Students of the Month for September, exemplifying our Top 20 cornerstones:

6th grade: Diego C-A and Geeta S

7th grade: Tatyanna H, Jiji K, Tristan K, and Luis R G

8th grade: Alexandria C, Ethan M, Sagal M, and Johanna P

TOP 20 BLOG

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

The Development of Mental Habits

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! There are three major reasons that this lifestyle will pay off for you.

Reason #1: MENTAL HABITS DEVELOP

It's neither a good nor bad thing to operate as a Top 20 or a Bottom 80. It's just a life thing, a human thing. However, there's a big difference between always and sometimes. Where you think most of the time is where you live. Some people learn how to live Top 20 even when external conditions aren't favorable.

Mental habits like boredom, procrastination, blaming, complaining, and negativity do not develop by accident. We practice these habits and hone these skills over time. Did you brush your teeth left or right handed this morning? Whatever you chose, you did it by habit. It is a Mental habit to Live Top 20 or Bottom 80. A moment of negativity is no big deal, but a habit of negativity is a huge deal.

Oddly enough, when Top 20s visit this dark side of life, they tend to:

- Take responsibility for being below the line
- Have awareness for being below the line
- Develop skills to change their state of mind when they are below the line

It's really this simple. Wherever we hang out, we develop habits. Be aware of these habits because they will eventually define you.

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA Update

The PTA had a great first meeting last Tuesday night. If you missed the meeting, [minutes can be found here](#).

The next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, in the Justice Page Media Center, at 6:30 PM.

Feed the Teachers

Help feed our hardworking and devoted teachers on Wednesday, October 12 when they put in a long day for conferences. Items can be dropped off at Justice Page Middle School Tuesday or Wednesday. [Sign up here to help feed our teachers!](#)

AFTER SCHOOL

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.

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 started on Wednesday, September 13. Flyers will come home with students in advisory this week or last 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](#).

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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