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## Important Dates

- Wed, Aug 22:** 6th Grade Orientation, 6-8 PM
- Thu, Aug 23:** 7th/8th Grade Orientation, 6-8 PM
- Mon, Aug 27:** First Day of School
- Fri, Aug 31:** Coffee with the Principal, 8:45-9:15 AM
- Mon, Sep 3:** No School: Labor Day
- Tue, Sep 4:** 6th Grade House Retreat, 9:30 AM - 12 PM
- Wed, Sep 5:** 7th Grade House Retreat, 9:30 AM - 12 PM  
8th Grade House Retreat, 1-4 PM

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to *Around the Horn*!

This newsletter is produced weekly, and will usually be sent on Wednesdays. If you want to receive the newsletter, you need to have at least one email address set to receive updates from school in your [communications preferences](#) (see the section titled “Change your preferences”).

If you think you should be receiving *Around the Horn*, but it’s still not getting to your inbox, please contact [JPMScommunications@gmail.com](mailto:JPMScommunications@gmail.com).

If you have anything to contribute to the newsletter, please send it to [JPMScommunications@gmail.com](mailto:JPMScommunications@gmail.com) by 5 pm Friday, the week before publication.

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## Orientation 2018

Orientation is right around the corner! Please see the following links for more information on this year's orientations:

### 6th Grade Orientation, 5:30 - 8:00 pm, Wednesday, August 22

[English](#)

[Español](#)

[Soomaali](#)

### 7th/8th Grade Orientation, 5:30 - 8:00 pm, Thursday, August 23

[English](#)

[Español](#)

[Soomaali](#)

We highly encourage students and parents to attend! If you are unable to attend orientation, you can pick up schedules on **Friday, August 24** in the Main Office from 9:00-2:00, or on the first day of school in the Auditorium.

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## School Supplies

[2018-19 JPS School Supply List](#)—If you haven’t gotten supplies for this school year, now is the time! Students can drop off supplies with their Crew leader at orientation, or bring supplies with them to school on the first day.

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## Important Paperwork

Families will need to turn in several forms at the start of the school year. If you'd like to get a head start, print out the following, fill them out, and bring them with you to orientation.

- [Free/Reduced Lunch Application](#)—**ALL families with students enrolled in the district should complete this application every year, even if you do not qualify!** Our district funding depends on it. You can apply online at the link provided, or via a paper form that will be sent home before the start of the school year. More information can be found on the [MPS Nutrition Services website](#).
- [Transportation Contract](#)—Required for all students.
- [Emergency Contact Form](#)—Required for all students.

- [Media Release Form](#) – [Español](#) – [Soomaali](#)—If you do not return this form, your child's photograph will not be used by the media and will not appear in the class section of the school yearbook.
  - [Health Information Form](#) – [Español](#) – [Soomaali](#)—Only needed for students who are entering 6th grade or are new to the district.
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## Padlocks

If your student has never used a padlock, or has forgotten how since last year, it's a good idea to brush up before school starts! Here's a simple [video showing how to use a padlock](#).

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## Immunization Records

**All students entering 7th grade** must have Meningitis (meningococcal) and Tdap immunizations, or a notarized medical or conscientious exemption. Bring in any updated immunization forms to the JPS Health Office, or have your doctor fax them to 612-668-4050.

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## Important School Information

[Parent Portal](#)—Make sure you have a Parent Portal account for access to grades, transcripts, attendance, and your student's class schedule

[Communications/Preferences](#)—See how JPS will keep in touch, and make sure you're getting all of the information you need

[Lunch Payment](#)—Sign up for and add money to your student's lunch account, and fill out your free/reduced lunch application (required for all students, every year)

[Arrival and Dismissal](#)—Students cannot be picked up or dropped off in the 50th St. parking lot at the start or end of the day! Read up on our full arrival and dismissal policy.

[Media Center](#)—Review expectations for student use of the Media Center

[Directory](#)—Add your family to the student directory, making your family contact information available to other parents and students. Most parents and students find this to be an invaluable resource.

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## Middle School Athletics

Justice Page Middle School will offer co-ed soccer this fall, and boys and girls basketball this winter, operated through Minneapolis Community Education.

Registration for Fall Middle School Co-ed Soccer opens **August 27** at [mplscommunityed.com](http://mplscommunityed.com). The registration deadline is **September 5**.

All students must have a current Sports Qualifying Physical Examination and an up-to-date Athlete Emergency Referral Card on file with their school to participate. For more information, see the [middle school sports page on the Minneapolis Community Education website](#).

Seventh and eighth grade students may choose to participate in middle school athletic, or in Minnesota State High School League athletic programs at the high school attendance area they live in OR at their partnered high school. For more information on high school athletics, visit [athletics.mpls.k12.mn.us](https://athletics.mpls.k12.mn.us).

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## EVENTS

### CPEO Parent Academy at JPS

Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities (CPEO) is a program designed for parents that brings schools, parents, and the community together as equal partners in the education of students. CPEO provides a framework for the creation of a community in which parents and teachers collaborate to transform students' educational environment, both at home and at school, so that all students can achieve their greatest academic potential.

Program Specifics:

- Program runs for a total of 7 weeks with classes occurring on Wednesday evenings. Dinner and childcare are provided.
- Starts **Wednesday, September 12**, and ends **Wednesday, October 11**.
- Available for parents of students in the elementary, middle, and high school age ranges.

Program instruction is available in English, Hmong, Spanish, and Somali. Parents are taught in the language of their choice and the facilitators of the program are ethnic and language specific.

For more information, see the [CPEO page on the MPS website](#). To register, print the [registration form](#), fill it out, and drop it off in the main office.

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### Page Education Foundation All-Star Gala

For over 30 years, the Page Education Foundation has invested in the youth of our community by supporting their efforts to continue their education. Now, it's time to honor those Page Scholars. Join the Page Education Foundation for a great party, with a great purpose, on **Saturday, September 15**. Tickets are on sale now, with early-bird pricing this week only. For more information, or to purchase your tickets, visit the [Page Education Foundation website](#).

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## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

### Help Needed Tonight and Tomorrow Night

Orientation nights require lots of volunteer support! If you're able to spare some time on one or both orientation nights, we'd love to have your help. Please sign up to volunteer for [6th Grade Orientation](#) on **Wednesday, August 22**, and/or [7th/8th Grade Orientation](#) on **Thursday, August 23**.

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### Donations Needed for JPS 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 and hygiene items 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; and hygiene items, like toothpaste, shampoo, and deodorant.

If you have items to donate to our families, please drop them off at orientation. Thank you!

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## Media Center Volunteers

Justice Page Middle School does not have a Media Specialist. As a result, our Media Center is usually kept closed. We'd like to open it up two days a week, so that kids can check books in and out before, during, and after school. If you have some free time and would like to put books away, do some light housekeeping, process new books, or just relax with a book while being available to answer questions and monitor book checkout, [join us in the Media Center!](#)

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## House Retreat Helpers Needed

As part of our house retreats during the second week of school, the students will be tie-dying t-shirts! We could use a few volunteers from 9:30 am to 12 pm on **Tuesday, September 4** (6th grade), **Wednesday, September 5** (7th grade), and/or **Thursday, September 6** (8th grade) to help direct students. [Sign up here.](#)

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## Seeking Event Photographers

Do you have a camera and know how to use it? Would you be willing to take pictures at events for use in the yearbook? If you're able to help at any of the events listed, or would like to be contacted when other events arise, please [sign up to be a photographer.](#)

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## Proofreaders Wanted

Do errant commas and misplaced apostrophes grind your gears? Would you be willing to review copy for 'Around the Horn' and other school publications before they're published? If you've got a keen eye for grammatical gaffes, consider [signing up to proofread!](#)

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<a href="#">SCHOOL MESSENGER INFO</a>
<a href="#">MPS LUNCH MENUS</a>