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## Important Dates

- 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
- Thu, Sep 6:** AVID Night, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Tue, Sep 11:** FAST Reading Assessment, 7th Grade  
PTA Meeting, 6:30 - 8 PM, Media Center

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Library Book Suggestions

The Justice Page Media Center is seeking the input of students, parents, and staff as we put together our new book order for this school year.

We will be placing the order at the end of October. We are looking for suggestions for library books for class projects, or for reading for enjoyment. We can order books, ebooks, audiobooks, and books in Spanish. We expect that the new books will arrive in January 2019.

Use Destiny [to see what books we have in our current collection](#).

Please [use this form to send in your suggestions](#).

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### Calling All Engineers!

Are you an engineer? Do you know an engineer? The Engineering the Future class at JPS (formerly known as Future City) is looking for guest speakers for a TED Talk-style series of lectures. Anyone involved in city planning is welcome: engineers, surveyors, map makers, or anyone involved in city planning.

Class meets from 10:00 to 10:50 AM. You will be supplied a short list of questions to answer, and will then field questions from the students. If you are interested but unable to attend in person, record your responses, and we can email any follow-up questions as needed.

The initial series will run from mid-September to Winter Break. A second series, with dates to be determined, will focus on computer coding and programming. If you're interested in participating, please contact Mr. Koupal at [travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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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 document. Bring 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 your student's grades, transcripts, attendance, and class schedule.

**Communications/Preferences**—See how JPS will keep in touch with families, and indicate your communication preferences to make sure you get 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 the 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. Minneapolis Public Schools does not provide student information to the directory, so you must use our online confirmation process to be included in the directory.

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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).  
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 the 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 athletics, or in Minnesota State High School League athletic programs within their high school attendance area OR at their partnered high school. For more information on high school athletics, visit [athletics.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://athletics.mpls.k12.mn.us).

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## Advisory/Crew Learning Targets

The Learning Targets for Crew are the following:

- LT1: I can show cooperation
- LT2: I can be assertive
- LT3: I can be responsible
- LT4: I can show empathy
- LT5: I can use self-control

These are the habits for success to which all Crew lessons and activities align.

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## EVENTS

### Coffee with the Principal

Please join us for coffee with Principal Rathke and Justice and Diane Page this **Friday, August 31**. Gather at 8:45 AM in the new Staff Lounge (Room 9) on the lower level. We hope to see you there!

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### 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.

The Program:

- Runs for a total of 7 weeks with classes taking place on Wednesday evenings. Dinner and childcare are provided.

- Starts **Wednesday, September 12**, and ends **Wednesday, October 11**.
- Is 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 ethnicity- and language-specific.

For more information, see the [CPEO page on the MPS website](#). To register, print and complete the [registration form](#) 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 continued education. Now it's time to honor those Page Scholars! Join the Page Education Foundation for a great party with a great purpose, **Saturday, September 15**. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, or to purchase your tickets, visit the [Page Education Foundation website](#).

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## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to the PTA for providing breakfast to JPS teachers and staff on their first day back. What a wonderful way to start the school year!

A huge shout out to Marie Reardon for her generous donations to the Media Center. We've been able to add many books to our collection as a result of her continued generosity!

Thank you also to the many volunteers who helped to make our orientation nights a success. We appreciate the time you spent helping welcome families to JPS, and we could not have done it without you!

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## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

### Makerspace Donations

The Makerspace is currently taking donations of:

- PVC pipe and joints (all sizes)
- LEGO
- Old toys
- Hot Wheels Cars
- Yogurt Cups & Plastic Containers
- Copper Wire
- New AA, AAA, D, and 9V batteries

In December, we will be accepting donations of used electronics.

Please bring all donations to the main office, and label them "For Mr. K." Questions? Please contact Mr. Koupal at [travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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## Seeking Event Photographers

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

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## Media Center Volunteers

Justice Page Middle School does not have a Media Specialist. As a result, the Media Center is usually kept closed. We'd like to open it up two days a week so that students can check out or return books before, during, and after school. If you have free time and would like to shelve returned books, keep the Media Center sparkling, 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 the house retreats during the second week of school, students will be tie-dying T-shirts! A few volunteers would be welcome to help direct students from 9:30 AM to 12 PM **Tuesday, September 4** (6th grade), **Wednesday, September 5** (7th grade), and/or **Thursday, September 6** (8th grade). [Sign up here.](#)

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## PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PTA Communications

Interested in staying in the loop on Parent Teacher Association (PTA) events and volunteer opportunities? If you did not add your contact information to the PTA signup sheet during the back to school open houses last week, please send an email to [justicepagepta@gmail.com](mailto:justicepagepta@gmail.com) and provide your name and email address. This is not the same mailing list as JPS school communications, so if you want to receive PTA emails, we need to know!

We hope to see you at the first PTA meeting for the school year on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM in the Media Center.

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<a href="#">MPS LUNCH MENUS</a>