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## **Important Dates**

**Wed, Nov 21:** No School

<b>Thu, Nov 22:</b>	No School — Thanksgiving
<b>Fri, Nov 23:</b>	No School
<b>Tue, Nov 27:</b>	5th Grade Open House, 6-8 PM
<b>Wed, Nov 28:</b>	Early Release Day
<b>Thu, Nov 29:</b>	STEAM Night, 6-8 PM
<b>Dec. 3-7:</b>	Spirit Week
<b>Thu, Dec 6:</b>	Fall Play, <i>Phantom Tollbooth</i> , 6:30 PM
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<b>Mon, Dec 10:</b>	FAST Reading Assessment, 8th Grade
<b>Tue, Dec 11:</b>	FAST Reading Assessment, 7th Grade
<b>Wed, Dec 12:</b>	FAST Reading Assessment, 6th Grade Multicultural Night, 6-8 PM

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Early Release Reminder

Next **Wednesday, November 28**, is our next [early release day](#). School will end at 1:00, and buses will arrive at 1:05 to pick up students. Staff will be planning for Intersession. If you need after school care, please contact [Community Education](#). We appreciate your support and flexibility.

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### Safety Grant

Justice Page Middle School has been awarded a school safety grant of \$500,000.00 from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Grants may be used to pre-design, design, construct, furnish, and equip school facilities for improvements related to violence prevention and facility security for qualifying school buildings. This includes renovating and expanding existing building and facilities.

You will see us beginning to work on planning and next steps at the beginning of the year. Stay tuned!

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### MPS District Calendar

The MPS School Board approved proposed calendars for the next three school years. These proposed calendars were made after several months of work by the District Calendar Committee, which was composed of members of the Superintendent's leadership team, leadership of the MFT and ESP unions, teachers, principals, and families. The Committee made recommendations at last month's Board meeting.

The biggest change in the calendars is that school will start after Labor Day. [View the approved calendars here](#).

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### Intersession is Coming Soon!

We are excited to offer Intersession 2018 on **Thursday, December 20**, and **Friday, December 21**.

Intersession is a time when we take a break from our regular schedule and allow students to immerse themselves in nontraditional learning experiences.

Each grade level runs their own Intersession model.

In 6th grade, Crews will rotate through six different courses over the two-day period. Courses will include a range of activities that incorporate movement, arts, social emotional learning, and STEM activities.

In 7th grade, students will select from a variety of classes that incorporate movement, art and theater, social emotional learning, cooking, design and engineering, probability, and planning for the future.

In 8th grade, students will rotate by Crew through three classes on Thursday. One will focus on movement and mindfulness, one on a community service project, and one on an artistic challenge. On Friday, students will travel to Park Square Theatre in St. Paul to see the play "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

To fund the varied learning opportunities, we ask 6th and 7th grade families to contribute \$20 per student, and 8th grade families to contribute \$25 per student. Your child will bring home a funding request slip on **Monday, November 26**, to be returned by Friday, November 30.

Thank you in advance for your support of Intersession at Justice Page Middle School!

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## FAST Assessments

As part of our progress monitoring in math and reading, MPS administers the FAST test 3 times per year. This tool is used to measure growth in mathematics and reading during the school year.

We have received the preliminary scores for FAST testing this fall. These reports are available upon request. Our intention is to send home the FAST reports prior to winter conferences, so that families can see growth from fall to winter. If you'd prefer to receive your student's fall FAST report now, please contact Assistant Principal Angie Ness at [angie.ness@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:angie.ness@mpls.k12.mn.us).

Prior to any exam it is important to remind students to have a growth mindset and try their best. Get plenty of sleep, drink water, eat breakfast, go slow, be patient. The assessment is designed to provide more challenging questions as they progress. We use information from FAST results to inform our instructional strategies and build professional development.

Try your best to avoid absences and appointments on these assessment days:

8th grade ELA: December 10

7th grade ELA: December 11

6th grade ELA: December 12

8th grade math: December 13

7th grade math: December 14

6th grade math: December 17

Testing will take place during ELA and math classes. Chromebooks will be used in classrooms. Small groups and makeup testing will take place in computer labs.

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## Future City Competition Teams

Congratulations to the following students for all their hard work to earn the chance to represent JPMS at this year's Future City Regional Competition!

**Team Ciudad Rota:** Cate C., Angelina D., Leela H., Addy M., Clover M., and Morgan R.

**Team Ostaden:** Jackie F, Elias H-E, Molly M., Leo P., Lily R., and Reece W.

**Team The Lost Phoenix:** Hudson B., Oliver G., Nate K., Anli K., Max M., and Ryan R.

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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. **After November 20, 2018, students who do not have up-to-date immunizations or a notarized conscientious exemption will not be admitted to school until records are provided.**

**Questions?** Contact the Health Office at 612-668-4030.

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## EVENTS

### 2018-2019 MPS High School Information Nights

Beginning in November, and ending in December, high schools will have open houses for current eighth graders, high school students new to Minneapolis Public Schools, and their parents/guardians. It is recommended that you attend these events for the schools in which you are interested. Meet teachers, tour buildings, and preview curriculum.

**Edison** - 700 22nd Ave. NE., Minneapolis, MN 55418  
Tuesday, November 27, from 5:30 - 8:00 PM



**Fair** - 10 S. 10th St., Minneapolis, MN 55403  
Thursday, November 29, from 6 - 8 PM



**Roosevelt** - 4029 28th Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55406  
Thursday, December 6, from 6 - 8 PM



**Southwest** - 3414 W. 47th St., Minneapolis, MN 55410  
Thursday, December 6, from 6 - 8 PM



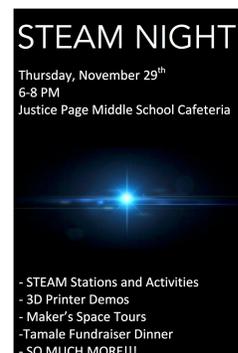
**Questions?** Visit the [High School Request Center website](#) or email 8th grade counselor Carolyn Cottingham at [carolyn.cottingham@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:carolyn.cottingham@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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## STEAM Night

Our fall STEAM Night is quickly approaching! Join us **Thursday, November 29** from 6:00 to 8:00 PM for a night of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math! Activities will include:

- Bridge in a Bag (courtesy of Minnesota Department of Transportation Bridge Office)
- Engineer Twister! (courtesy of our I-35W/I-94 partners)
- Taking Apart Old Electronics
- Circuit Blocks
- CAD Designing
- Tours of the Makerspace



- 3D Printer Demos
- Community Art Project
- And Much More!

Food and drink will be available for purchase, with all profits going to support JPS STEAM.

**Questions?** Contact Mr. Koupal at [travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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## Multicultural Night

Save the Date! We welcome you to a celebration of JPS and what makes us great: YOU! Join us for the Multicultural Night Potluck on **Wednesday, December 12** from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. More details will come as we get closer to the event, but mark your calendars and plan to join us for some JPS fun!

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## Spirit Wear

**Get a head start on gift buying!**

Justice Page Spirit Wear is available for the whole family. Purchase today at [justicepagespiritwear.com](http://justicepagespiritwear.com). All proceeds benefit the PTA.

**Questions?** Contact [admin@justicepagespiritwear.com](mailto:admin@justicepagespiritwear.com).

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## Podcast Contest

From National Public Radio:

OK, class, listen up!

Here's your assignment for next semester: Take a topic, a lesson, or a unit you're learning about, and turn it into a podcast.

Yup, we're launching the first-ever [NPR Student Podcast Challenge](#). It's a chance for teachers and students in grades 5 through 12 across the country to turn your classrooms into production studios, your assignments into scripts, and your ideas into sound.

Have something to say? Now is your chance.

Here's how it's going to work: You'll produce a podcast, three to 12 minutes long. You don't need a lot of fancy equipment or a studio — you should be able to do this with just a smartphone and a computer, with easily available software. And you don't need to be an expert in radio production: we'll offer [lots of help](#) for students and teachers along the way.

Start planning now — we'll open the contest up to entries on Jan. 1, 2019, and close them on March 31, 2019, at 10:59 PM. Then, our [panel of judges](#) will pick two winners: one from grades 5 through 8 and one from grades 9 through 12.

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## DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS WANTED

### Media Center Volunteers

Justice Page Middle School does not have a Media Specialist. As a result, the Media Center is only open on Mondays and Tuesdays—and this only happens through volunteer support.

If you have free time and would like to shelve returned books, keep the Media Center sparkling, 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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## Gift Cards Needed

With Thanksgiving this week, and the holidays just around the corner, Page's social workers are holding a gift card drive to help our students and families.

Gift cards help struggling families with the holidays and beyond. We would love to have gift cards on hand to distribute where help is most needed. In particular, gift cards from the following stores would be most useful: SuperAmerica, Cub, Walmart, and Target. We're especially in need of gas cards (e.g. SuperAmerica), but any cards in any amount are welcome!



If you have gift cards you'd like to donate to this cause, please drop them off with Cassie Zonnefeld (room 105C), or in the main office.

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## PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Navigating Media & Technology Speaker Recap

If you missed last week's JPS PTA speaker series event, parent educator Christy Kujawa offered useful tips and a variety of resources to help parents of middle schoolers. [A recap is available online.](#)

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## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

### Community Education Update

Enrollment and attendance in our after school program has been great! Thank you to everyone who has supported our program. Fall classes go until **December 6**.

Winter session, including our musical, starts **December 10**. Registration for winter session will begin after Thanksgiving break. Forms and links to online registration will be posted on the [Justice Page Community Education website](#).

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### Fall Play

Our cast and crew have been hard at work on the fall play, *The Phantom Tollbooth*. Based on the venerated children's book, a child's magical journey proves that life is the greatest adventure of all.

Performances will be **Thursday, December 6** and **Friday, December 7** at 6:30 PM.

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### Winter Musical Announced

This year's musical is *Dear Edwina*. *Dear Edwina* is an uplifting musical about the pleasures of growing up, in which thirteen-year-old problem solver, Edwina, dishes out advice with the help of her friends and a little song and dance.

Auditions will start **December 10** and the performances will be March 1 and 2 at 6:30 PM.

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## PERFORMING ARTS

### ***Canterville Ghost at Southwest High School***

Southwest High School's Unhinged Theater is pleased to present: *Canterville Ghost*. An average American family acquires historic old Canterville Chase, complete with ghost!

Performances will be **November 28-December 1** at 7 PM. Tickets will be available at the door the day of the show.

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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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