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Wed, Sep 12: FAST Reading Assessment, 8th Grade

Thu, Sep 13: Picture Day

FAST Reading Assessment, 6th Grade

Mon, Sep 17: 6th Grade Community Building Trip

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FAST Math Assessment, 7th Grade

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Thu, Sep 20: 7th Grade Camp Ihduhapi Trip

Fri, Sep 21: 7th Grade Camp Ihduhapi Trip

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picture Day

Picture Day will be **Thursday, September 13**. Order forms have been sent home. You can return the order form on picture day, or you can order online from Lifetouch at my.lifetouch.com. ALL students will have their picture taken for use in the yearbook and for school IDs, whether or not pictures are purchased. Picture retakes will be October 9.



Please Note: Students are only included in the yearbook IF they have OPTED IN by checking the yearbook box and 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](#), fill it out, and have your student drop it off with Mary or Chelsea in the main office.

We're still looking for one afternoon volunteer to help photographers and staff manage students on picture retake day. If you are interested in helping, please [sign up to volunteer here](#).

Homework House

Need a place to work on homework? Homework House is here for you!

Homework House provides a safe space for middle and high school students to work on homework after school on Tuesdays from 3:10 PM to 5 PM in the lounge at St. John's Lutheran Church (49th and Nicollet).

Students of different ages and backgrounds sit side-by-side to motivate and mentor each other. While it is our goal to have tutors available, Homework House is not a tutoring session. We invite students of all academic strengths and interests — Homework House is a place for all.

Interested? Just show up! No pre-registration necessary. All are welcome.

Last Chance to Get Into the Printed Justice Page Directory

Friday is the last day to add or update your family's information for the printed student directory.

Published by the PTA, participation in the student directory is voluntary; participation is not required.

Minneapolis Public Schools does not provide student information to the PTA. 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's directory, please [click here 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 **September 14**.

Note: If your family was included in last year's directory, you should have received an email asking you to confirm your family's 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.

CPEO Parent Academy at JPS

Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities (CPEO) is a program designed to bring schools, parents, and the community together as equal partners in the education of students. CPEO provides a framework 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 elementary, middle, and high school.

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.

La Academia para Padres con Conexión a Oportunidades Educativas

Estimados padres de familia de Justice Page,

La Academia para Padres con Conexión a Oportunidades Educativas (por sus siglas en inglés CPEO - "Connecting Parents with Educational Opportunities") provee clases y talleres informativos que están diseñados para ayudar a fortalecer la participación de los padres en la educación de sus hijos. Estos programas involucran y fortalecen a los padres como socios en la educación y el éxito de sus hijos, tanto dentro como fuera del salón de clases.

Las clases son en español los **miércoles de 6 pm a 8 pm** en la escuela Justice Page.

Comienzan **el 12 de septiembre y terminan el 10 de octubre**. El día del taller se ofrece:

- Una cena ligera
- Guardería
- Transporte (en caso de ser necesario)

Tenemos formas de registro en la oficina en JPS, podemos enviarlas con su hijo/a si usted lo desea.

Para tener más información sobre los talleres visite el calendario de la página de la Oficina de Involucramiento de Estudiantes, Familias y Comunidad haciendo click en el próximo enlace:

http://engagement.mpls.k12.mn.us/cpeo_4

Student-Led Goal-Setting Meetings

You're invited to student-led, goal-setting meetings on **Wednesday, September 26**, which is an early release day.

Meetings begin at 2:00 and continue until 7:30 PM. Each family will have a 15-minute slot to meet as a crew (student, guardian, and teacher) to discuss and create a plan for the success of the student.

The student will be leading the discussion, and share their strengths and areas for growth based on their grades and behavior. Leading this discussion is an extremely important skill for adolescents to develop and will help them take more responsibility for their education.

That is what this meeting is all about; the student looking at their progress and intentionally setting a goal for the year. Teachers and family members will then discuss ways to improve and support this goal. Students will practice running the meeting during Crew. Learn more about why we are holding student-led goal-setting meetings in this [article from Education World magazine](#).

If you have questions about grades, curriculum, or behavior, feel free to check [the parent portal](#), email your student's teachers, and/or stop by our drop-in conferences on October 16 from 4:30 - 8:00 PM and October 17 from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

Students will bring home a letter with time slots to sign up for goal-setting meetings. If you have specific questions about goal-setting meetings, contact your student's Crew leader.

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](#).

EVENTS

MPS Community BBQ

Join Minneapolis Public Schools Culinary & Wellness Services on **Wednesday, September 12**, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at the MPS Culinary Center (812 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis) for an evening of local food, farming, and fun!

Enjoy delicious local foods, hands-on activities for children and families, farm animals, a corn shucking contest, and more as we celebrate local food in our school district and community! This event is completely FREE and all are welcome.

In case of bad weather, a rain date is scheduled for September 13. Please [visit the Facebook event](#) or the [Nutrition Services website](#) for more information.

6th Grade Community Building Field Trip

Justice Page Middle School 6th graders and staff will spend **September 17 and 18** at Base Camp and Hyland Park/Three Rivers Park District doing activities that will support community building. Students will have opportunities to participate in various activities including rock wall climbing, archery, canoeing, geocaching, fishing, and disc golf.

What to bring

You should bring a bag lunch if you don't plan on eating a school lunch. It is important that you dress appropriately for whatever the weather may be that day as all activities will take place outside.

Activities will take place rain or shine, so dress comfortably for movement. Include layers, rain jackets, and sweatshirts! Participants should have comfortable shoes that are good for walking on trails and potentially getting wet while canoeing or in case of rain.

Bring a water bottle and wear sunscreen, bug spray, hats, and sunglasses as needed.

FORMS AND PAYMENT WERE DUE BY TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11! Students were given forms at school; you can also [view and print the forms online here](#).

Please email your student's Crew leader with any questions or concerns.

Flu Shot Clinic/Vacunación contra la gripe/Xarunta tallaalka hargabka

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Wednesday October 17, 8 AM - 12 PM

Justice Page Middle School will be hosting a flu shot clinic in the auditorium for JPS students, families, and staff during Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Wednesday, October 17** from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association will provide flu shots through a partnership with the Kohl's Care and Children's Flu Prevention Project. This is a great opportunity to have your whole family immunized before or after conferences!



It's all very simple and convenient! Wear a shirt that allows easy access to your upper arm. Bring your insurance card if you have one. If you do not have insurance, the flu vaccine will be provided at no cost. **Nasal spray vaccine will not be offered this year.**

Forms will be available at the event, or you can [fill out the form ahead of time](#) and bring the completed form with you to the clinic. Please call the Health Office with any questions, 612.668.4030.

Friday Morning Greeters

JPS would like to extend a warm invitation to all families to join us for Friday Morning Greeters. Gather at 9:00 AM for coffee and socializing outside of the auditorium by the Nicollet Ave. entrance. Then, when students enter the school at 9:15 AM, greet them with high fives, kind words, and smiles!

Time commitment for greeters is from 9:00 to 9:30 AM or whatever works for you. This event happens every Friday morning that school is in session. It is a great way to share with our students that we care

and is also a wonderful way to get to know other families. Bring along a grandma, uncle, your small children, and any extended family members who would like to join us!

Future Miller Night

Calling all middle schoolers! Washburn High School invites you to Future Miller Night. Come cheer on the Washburn Millers Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer Teams on **Thursday, September 13**. Games are at 5 PM and 7 PM on the Washburn turf!



All middle schoolers will get FREE admission to the game, will be eligible to win prizes, and can take part in fun activities between games!

We hope to see you filling the stands at Washburn for a fun night of great soccer!

Next PTA Event: How to Navigate Middle School

Parents of students in all grades are invited to join us for "How to Navigate Middle School" on **Tuesday, October 9**, at 6:30 PM in the Media Center.

This Q&A session with JPS administrators, counselors, and teachers sheds light on life in middle school and how things work at Justice Page. Come with questions, which can be anonymous, or send them in advance to justicepagepta@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for a great lineup of meetings/gatherings this year:

- October 9: Navigating Middle School—Q&A session with JPS staff
 - November 13: What Parents Should Know About Social Media & Technology and Your Middle Schooler—speaker series
 - January 15: PTA Social Gathering—location TBD
 - February 12: Communicating with Kids About Sexuality & Healthy Relationships—speaker series
 - March 12: Washburn Ready—High school Q&A with counselors, JPS alumni, and parents
 - April 16: Principal Update
 - May 7: Final PTA Meeting
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ACCOLADES AND THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You to our JPS Community

We've had an outstanding start to our school year here at Justice Page! There are many thanks to be shared.

Thank you to Peter Snyder and his engineers for their very hard work in getting our school ready for the new school year. The building shines!

Thank you to Chelsea and Mary, our secretaries, who ensured that we got off to a smooth start. We appreciate your hard work!

Thank you to our families that attended our Open House events. Taking the time and being involved at school really makes a difference for your children!



Thank you to all of our Open House volunteers. Thank you especially to Molly Ortega for managing the events! We appreciate you all.

Thank you to the JPS alumni, now at Washburn HS, who helped out at the Open House events. We are grateful for your interest in giving back to JPS!

Thank you to the PTA and the JPS Social Workers for organizing the Open House food drive. Over 300 pounds of food was distributed within our community at our Open House events this year!

Thank you to Kelly Taschler and JPS students and alumni for the beautiful job they did in giving our Media Center a face lift. It looks fantastic!

Thank you to the JPS PTA, Kate Quinlan-Laird, Lisa Thiegis, Stephanie Willingham, Evan Hermodson, Tammy Thingelstad, and their children for creating a new community room, called the Honor Room. A lot of creativity, talent, and time was devoted to making this wonderful space where staff and families can come together to honor the Justice Page community!

Thank you to the exemplary JPS staff and administrative team for making sure our school is the very best it can be. You go above and beyond!

Thank you to all of the people “behind the scenes” who haven’t been mentioned. As we all work together we are making great things happen!

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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