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## Important Dates

- Mon, Jan 16:** NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
**Tue, Jan 17:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Ramsey Media Center  
**Wed, Jan 18:** Beginning and Varsity Band Concert, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium  
**Tue, Jan 24 - Thu, Jan 26:** Intersession  
**Wed, Jan 25:** Early School Dismissal, 1 pm  
**Thu, Jan 26:** Early School Dismissal, 1 pm  
**Fri, Feb 10:** Ramsey Musical, *Annie Jr.*, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium  
**Sat, Feb 11:** Ramsey Musical, *Annie Jr.*, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium  
**Thu, Feb 23:** Arabic Night, 5 pm, Ramsey Cafeteria

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

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## Early Release Days January 25 and 26

On Wednesday, January 25, and Thursday, January 26, Ramsey Middle School will be closing at 1 pm. Buses will come and pick up at that time. There will be no after school activities.

These early closings are to enable essential professional development for staff to improve the work that we do with students each day, as well as time for us to work together on our programming for the future.

These changes are during Intersession week, so students will not be missing regular class, and we have created an adjusted schedule so students still have access to the variety of courses Intersession offers.

Please be aware that it is only Ramsey Middle School that has the early closing on these days. If you have students at other Minneapolis schools, they will have their regular schedules.

Please know this decision was made after long deliberation among staff, and is in the interest of what is ultimately going to provide the best services for our students.

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## Second Semester Schedules

Second semester starts on Tuesday, January 31. Students are able to see their second semester schedule on the student portal. If students would like to request a change in an elective class, they need to fill out a schedule change request form. Schedule change request forms are available to pick up in the main office. All request forms are **due by Thursday, January 26 - no exceptions**. A parent signature is required for all schedule change requests. If a student wishes to drop a year-long elective course, a teacher signature is also required. Students and parents will be emailed with a decision about their schedule change request. Students will not be called down to the office to get a copy of their new schedule if their request is approved.

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## Winter Conferences

Winter Conferences are Thursday, February 16 and Friday, February 17. Conferences on Thursday, February 16 are reserved and scheduled in advance by the teams. All families are invited to our drop-in conferences on Friday, February 17 from 8 am to noon! If you are not available for Friday drop-ins, contact your child's teachers and they will arrange a time to meet with you!

Grade-level teams will be organized together as follows:

### 8th Grade

Constant/Jacques/Schultz/Knee: Room 305

Koupal/Miller/Wender/Janicek: Room 304

### 7th Grade

Burnett/Holland/Peterson/Kroger: Room 132

Olsen/Fowler/Nutter/Novak: Room 129

### 6th Grade

Bauck/Halbach/Gawronski/Krasean/Lescenski: Room 115

Noriega/Sommers/Marr/Halverson: Room 114

### Electives

Elective class teachers will be in the media center (2nd floor)

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## After School Classes

School is back in session, and so are after school classes! You can view course offerings and register your student online at <http://youth.mpls.k12.mn.us/ramsey>. Comics Design, Kids in the Kitchen, Japanese Language & Culture, and Board & Video Game Mechanics have joined returning favorites on the list of class offerings this session.

Questions about registration and/or scholarships? Call the Community Education Office at (612) 668-3450.

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## Rename Ramsey

For all of the latest news and information on the Rename Ramsey campaign, go to the Rename Ramsey website: [RenameRMS.weebly.com](http://RenameRMS.weebly.com).

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## Coming Soon

**Beginning Band and Varsity Bands Winter Concert** at Ramsey Middle School on Wednesday, January 18, from 7 to 8 pm. Students should report to the band room at 6:30 pm and wear their Ramsey Music T-shirt and dark pants. We look forward to seeing you then and celebrating the students' music with you all! We could use a few volunteers to chaperone student groups in the auditorium during the concert. If you're willing to help, [sign up here](#).

**Intersession Help Wanted.** Are you looking for a FUN volunteer gig that doesn't last more than two days? Our intersession classes are just the right fit for you. January 25 and 26, 2017. Check out [signup genius](#) to find the right job for you. We are looking for help in a range of different 1 hour and 45 minute classes across 2 days. We need parents who are willing to jump in and help, and some who have specific skill sets like mural painting, sewing on machines, cooking, snowshoeing, guitar playing, knitting, chemistry, Annie Jr. set building and more.

**Arabic Night** at Ramsey Middle School on February 23 from 5 to 7 pm. Lyndale, Ramsey and Washburn students and parents/guardians are all invited for a fun night. The event will take place in the cafeteria at Ramsey. Those attending will enjoy Mediterranean food, Arabic music and dance, and will learn about the Arabic language how to write one's name and greet others in Arabic. Come and have fun. [Click here for an event flyer](#).

### Annie Jr.

Performances of the Ramsey Musical, *Annie Jr.*, are just around the corner! If you're willing to help corral students between the preview and evening performances on 2/10, or sell tickets on 2/10 or 2/11, [sign up here](#).

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## A (Whole)sum Welcome at Ramsey

On Tuesday, January 24, from 8:00 to 9:00 am, during Ramsey Morning Greeters and to welcome Intersession volunteers, Whole Sum Cafe will be serving coffee and fresh juices for parent volunteer greeters and staff. As if that isn't enough, stop back at (Whole) Sum throughout the day to pick up a healthy snack—or that critical second cup of coffee—and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Ramsey PTA. Greeters [sign up here](#).

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## Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at [RamseyMSCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:RamseyMSCommunications@gmail.com).

**Deadline for submission is Friday the week before publication at 5:00 pm.**

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