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Important Dates

Thu, May 11:	Jazz Band Concert, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium
Mon, May 15:	Plant Sale Pickup, 12 - 6 pm, 50th Street Parking Lot
Tue, May 16:	PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Ramsey Media Center
Wed, May 17:	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 8-9 am, Ramsey Media Center
Thu, May 18:	Choir Concert, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium
Tue, May 23:	Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium
Wed, May 24:	Concert Band Concert, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium
Mon, May 29:	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
Wed, May 31:	Beginning and Varsity Band Concert, 7 pm, Ramsey Auditorium
Tue, Jun 6:	Site Council Meeting, 5 pm, Ramsey Media Center
Fri, Jun 9:	8th Grade Dance, 2 pm, Ramsey Cafeteria

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Course Registration 2017-2018

Registration for electives will be happening soon for incoming 6th grade students, and current Ramsey 6th and 7th graders:

- **Current 6th grade students** listened to a [presentation about 7th grade electives](#) on Tuesday, May 9, during MN Studies classes. They were given [7th grade course cards](#), which can be brought home and shared with families. Course cards are due on Tuesday, May 16.
- **Current 7th grade students** will listen to a [presentation about 8th grade elective classes](#) on Thursday, May 11 during US Studies. They will have the opportunity to bring their [8th grade course card](#) home and share with families. Course cards are due a week later on Thursday, May 18.

All course descriptions are available in our [course catalog](#) and can be viewed by both students and their parents/guardians.

Incoming sixth grade students from Armatage, Burroughs, Green Central, Lyndale, and Whittier Elementary will have the opportunity to take a tour at Ramsey Middle School during the month of May, and school counselor Carolyn Cottingham will also be visiting these students at each individual elementary school to help with course registration. See the [Course Registration page](#) on Ramsey's website for more information.

Media Center Announcements



Please be aware of the following dates for the Media Center as we near the end of the school year:

Friday, May 19	Last day for book checkout
Monday, May 22	Paper and email overdue notices distributed (2nd notice)
Wednesday, May 31	All books due

Rhino Report

The latest edition of the [Rhino Report](#) is here!

In this issue:

- Bullying
 - 13 Reasons Why Ramsey Response
 - Congratulations to Junior Iron (Maiden) Chef Max M.
 - Editorial on Small Class Sizes
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8th Grade Reminders

Permission slips for the 8th grade end-of-the-year events have gone home. If you haven't seen them, ask your students!

8th Grade End-of-the Year Schedule:

Friday, June 9: 8th grade dance, 2-4 pm, Ramsey Cafeteria

Tuesday, June 13: 8th grade trip to ValleyFair

Wednesday, June 14: Recognition ceremony, 9 am, Ramsey Auditorium

Wednesday, June 14: Reception in cafeteria, 10-11 or 11:30 am. Students will be released for the day after the reception.

Volunteers are needed for both the dance and the reception. See the [8th Grade Events - Volunteers Needed](#) article to learn how you can help.

Attention Former and Current Burroughs Parents

The Burroughs Community School invites you to celebrate former Principal Cadotte and thank him for his many years of service and commitment to our school and community. Please join us on Friday, May 12 at 9:30 am as we rename the Burroughs auditorium in his honor. A brief program in the gym will be followed by a reception in the atrium.

EVENTS

Help Finish the Ramsey Mural

Ramsey's final community painting day is **Saturday, May 13**, 1 - 4:30 pm (bring a snack to share).

Parents are welcome and encouraged to come help paint the mural! Wear old clothes and meet us in the mural hallway (just outside of the cafeteria).

Mark your calendars! The Mural Unveiling Event will be held on **Wednesday, May 31**, at 6 pm (before the band concert). If you're able to help with planning this event, please [contact Wendy Williams](#).



Plant Sale Pickup

Plant sale pickup is on Monday, May 15 from 12 to 6 pm. Pick up your plants in the 50th street parking lot along the building. If alternative pick up arrangements need to be made, please contact Paula Huber-Williams at 612-226-6542 or paulahw@icloud.com.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Calling All Volunteers! On **Wednesday, May 17, at 8:00 am** in the Media Center, we will come together for breakfast to thank our wonderful Ramsey volunteers. The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast is for the school community to honor and thank volunteers for their time, talent, and commitment. Volunteer efforts support the building of community and make possible wonderful activities and programs for our students, parents, and teachers.



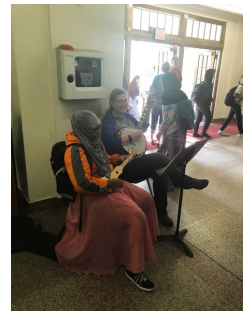
Whether you baked cookies for conferences, greeted our students, or chaperoned an event, we sincerely appreciate all of our volunteers and every contribution made to Ramsey. Please stop by anytime between 8:00 and 9:00 am on May 17 to enjoy some food provided by the staff.

Homemade Ice Cream for Breakfast?!

Yes, it's true. At Morning Greeters on Friday, June 9, 8:00-8:30 AM. Just for Greeters & Ramsey staff (sorry kids).

Enjoy gourmet ice cream in waffle cones, homemade & served up by Ramsey parent Angie North.

With live music from The Melvilles & Ramsey students. It will be a morning not to miss.



[Sign up to be a morning greeter.](#)

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

Spring Concerts

We still need several parent volunteers to help with our spring concerts. If your student is participating in any of these concerts, please sign up to greet or chaperone. Our great music teachers need your support to make these concerts run smoothly, and it's fun to hear our Ramsey musicians show off their accomplishments from the year!



[Jazz Band Concert](#), Thursday, May 11, 7 pm, featuring the Ramsey Jazz Band, Ramsey Jazz Lab and Field School Jazz Band!

[Choir Concert](#), Thursday, May 18, 7 pm, featuring Ramsey's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choirs!

[Orchestra Concert](#), Tuesday, May 23, 7 pm

[Concert Bands Concert](#), Wednesday, May 24, 7 pm

[Beginning and Varsity Bands Concert](#), Wednesday, May 31, 7 pm

Arts Council

We need a new group of parents to lead the Arts Council next school year. It is an easy and fun way to be involved! We meet only once a year to gather ideas and get organized. If you would like to be

involved, please reach out to [Wendy Williams](#), who is moving on to Washburn after six years of Ramsey involvement.

8th Grade Events - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help celebrate year-end activities for our wonderful 8th Graders.

- There will be a fun DJ-hosted dance, photo booth and concessions on Friday, June 9, and we need creative or simply enthusiastic parent volunteers to assist with the planning, setup and chaperoning of the dance. [Volunteer at the 8th Grade Dance](#).
- We also need some 6th and 7th grade parent volunteers to help set up and host the 8th grade family reception following the recognition ceremony on the last day of school. [Volunteer at the 8th Grade Family Reception](#).

These events could not happen without your support. Thanks in advance for the help! Please [contact Heidi Zimmer](#) with any questions.

ACCOLADES

Jr. Iron Chef

The Ramsey cooking legacy continues. Ramsey 8th grader Max M and his team won this year's competition on Monday night! Max cooked alongside Riyan S from Marcy Open School and Chef Lucas Rosenbrook of Café Alma. Their team prepared a turkey chorizo tostada with chile braised lentils with ginger lime slaw. This recipe will be served next year for a MN Thursday meal!

Max and his team will now advance on to the Superbowl Edition Jr. Iron Chef Competition. This competition will be held next fall, hosted by MPS Culinary & Wellness Services in partnership with the Superbowl Legacy Fund and Cargill Foundation. Ramsey students have now won Jr. Iron Chef two years in a row; let's see if we can get a third victory in the fall!



[Click here for an interview with Max and chef Alex Roberts.](#)

Students of the Month

Ramsey staff nominated the following students as Student of the Month for May, exemplifying our Cooperation Assertion Responsibility Empathy and Self-Control (CARES) attributes:

6th Grade

For Assertion: Miriam U

For Responsibility: Kenley R, Devin T, & Greta T

7th Grade

For Assertion: Victor S

For Compassion: Maya G

8th Grade

For Assertion: Will M

For Responsibility: Will C, Cassandra G-R, & Red M

Congratulations to our students of the month!

RMS Talent Show

Many Ramsey students – and some staff – participated in the inaugural Ramsey talent show, as part of the assembly on May 5. [Click here for pictures of the event.](#)

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Support of Ramsey PTA Makes a Difference!

Thank you Ramsey families for your generous support of PTA this year. We started off our fundraising with Give to the Max in the fall, which supported the purchase of equipment and materials to help integrate STEM curriculum into all of our subjects. And we wrapped up the year with a great plant sale, which will help support classroom teachers, field trips, and improvements around the school.

The Ramsey Arts Council, which is a PTA affiliate, successfully relaunched this year. They not only raised funds at events and through their Rhino Rocker Rendezvous, but also provided critical volunteer support to Arts events. The 3rd Annual Ramsey-Washburn Battle of the Bands was another rousing success this spring. The talent was amazing, the turnout was fantastic, and it was a great day for the schools to come together. Funds raised by both the Arts Council and the PTA allowed us to purchase new choir risers. Look for them at the spring choir concert!

Our Ramsey Rendezvous offerings are still underway—so don't miss the opportunities that have not yet sold out. [See the Ramsey PTA site for tickets and more information.](#) And if you are interested in hosting a Ramsey Rendezvous for the 2017-18 school year, get it on the calendar now by [emailing Beth Gyllstrom.](#)

Final PTA Meeting of the Year

The PTA has had a great year of events, like our weekly morning greeters, our speakers, and our social get-togethers. We want parents to join us, even if it's for the first time, to wrap up business from this school year and to get a jump start on planning for next year. Come with your feedback and input—we'd love to hear from you first-hand. We'll meet on **Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 pm** in the Media Center. Also, stay tuned to the website and weekly newsletter for a posting of PTA positions that will be open for the 2017-18 school year.

PERFORMING ARTS

Good 'N Plenty at Washburn High School

You won't want to miss the spring comedy Good 'N Plenty, a hysterical play about a high school history teacher who tried to do things differently by teaching democracy to his students through a game based on real-life drug dealing....and the end result was not what he had planned. Directed by Washburn teacher John Lynn, the shows run Wednesday, May 10 through Saturday, May 13 at 7:00 pm. Recommended for ages 12 and older. Tickets are available at the door, adults \$10, students \$5. Come and support the arts!

AFTER SCHOOL

Summer Theatre Camps at Ramsey

Be in the show or the tech crew for "High School Musical" at Ramsey this summer! Also back is our popular Musical Theatre Camp, held the first week of summer break. See the MPS Community Education website for [class and registration information](#).

Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at RamseyMSCommunications@gmail.com.

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

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