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## Important Dates

**Wed, Oct 19:** Conferences, 8 am - 12 pm

**Wed, Oct 19 - Fri, Oct 21:** NO SCHOOL

**Mon, Oct 24 - Wed, Oct 26:** 6th Grade Camp St. Croix Field Trip

**Tue, Oct 25:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, [Turtle Bread Company](#)

**Wed, Oct 26:** [LGBTQ+ Family Picnic](#)

**Thu, Oct 27:** Ramsey Arts Council Kick-off Meeting, 6 - 7 pm, Ramsey Middle School Band Room

**Fri, Oct 28:** We Scare Hunger Food Drive Ends (Date Extended)

**Sat, Oct 29:** [Monster Dash Fundraiser](#)

**Tue, Nov 1:** Site Council Meeting, 5 - 6:30 pm, Ramsey Media Center

**Thu, Nov 3:** Washburn Winter Sport Registration Night, 6 - 8 pm, Washburn Main Gym

**Thu, Nov 3 - Fri, Nov 4:** NO SCHOOL

**Tue, Nov 8:** Election Day

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

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## Camp St. Croix

The time has finally come! Our Camp St. Croix trip is next week!

### **Parent chaperones attending the Camp trip with us in part or in whole:**

Please read through the documents and complete the last two forms (waiver and health form) in this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9NY7J0TLtVxRUtjY3JQTEthVzQ/view?usp=sharing>

Bring the completed forms with you to the chaperone meeting on Monday, October 24 at 7:30 am. It is helpful information and includes a map if you will be driving yourself.

Contact Beth Lescenski ([elizabeth.lescenski@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:elizabeth.lescenski@mpls.k12.mn.us)) with questions or for a paper copy of the chaperone information to be sent home with your student.

Students have received information about camp expectations and what to pack. There are still paper copies of the packing list available in the main office for pick up. Please remember to include one large garbage bag when you are packing for camp. We will bring and return luggage in the garbage bag after we have labeled it on Monday during advisory.

Big, huge thanks to Katie Cronin and Meredith Johnson who have put in a lot of time and effort to organize the luggage transfers to and from Camp on Monday and Wednesday. We are so appreciative of their generosity of time and attention to detail; it will be a smooth operation this year!

Thank you, also, to all parents who are volunteering with us this year for Camp! It's going to be a blast!

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## Rhino Mathletes

Do you spend your Friday nights working on mastering the quadratic formula? Do you know the names of more famous mathematicians than baseball players on the Twins? Neither do we, but we still love math. If you love math too and find a complex math problem to be a fun challenge then you should join the mathletes. Develop your math talent while improving your ability to think outside the box.

Ramsey's mathlete team will start October 25, meeting after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays (exact times to be determined). All grades and abilities welcome!

For more information, contact [Abbey Janicek](#).

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## LGBTQ+ Family Picnic

You are invited to the upcoming LGBTQ+ Family Picnic! The picnic will be held at Jefferson Community School on October 26 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

For more information: [http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/lgbtq\\_family\\_bbq.html](http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/lgbtq_family_bbq.html)

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1663475090631698/>

Full Flyer: [http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/lgbt\\_family\\_picnic\\_flyer\\_final.pdf](http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/lgbt_family_picnic_flyer_final.pdf)

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## Ramsey Arts Council Kick-off Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Ramsey Middle School Band Room

Are you a parent of a student enjoying art class, singing in a choir, or playing in the band or orchestra? Or did you love seeing the Ramsey musical last year? Please join us for the kick-off meeting of the new Ramsey Arts Council (RAC). Parents and community volunteers will partner with staff and students to support the visual arts, choirs, bands, orchestras, and musical theater programs at Ramsey. The Arts Council will provide volunteers for school arts events and help raise money for needed supplies, equipment, and special projects. This will be a fun and low time commitment group, so bring your ideas and please come to the meeting on the 27th. If you have any questions or are unable to attend the meeting, contact Wendy Williams at [wenowill@gmail.com](mailto:wenowill@gmail.com). Thank you!

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## Box Tops for Education

Help our school earn cash by clipping Box Tops from products and sending them to school! Each one is worth 10¢ and our school can use the cash for whatever it needs.



Turn in your Box Tops before October 28 so they can be included in our school's December check - you can even bring them when you stop in for student conferences next week. The drop box is located on the first floor near the school office, between rooms 101 and 103.

Thanks for helping! — Ramsey PTA

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## We Scare Hunger Food Drive Extended

The We Scare Hunger Food Drive has been extended through October 28! If possible, please send any non-perishable items with your child to school to be donated to Sabathani Community Center. Last year we collected over 1055 pounds of food and we want to beat that!

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## Monster Dash

Join the Ramsey Student Council in helping to cheer on and hand out food to the Half-Marathon and 10-mile finishers at this year's Monster Dash on October 29! We will need volunteers in 2 hour shifts (you can sign up for both shifts, if you'd like to). Exact locations will be determined soon, but if you know you're available and would like to help at this fun event, you can [sign up here](#).

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## Coding Club

Coder Dojo is a free club for youth and teens (11-18) who want to learn computer programming. At each meeting we divide into small groups and go through tutorials in languages for creating websites, mobile apps and general programming. No experience necessary.

The next Southwest Coder Dojo is Saturday, October 29, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at Walker Library (2880 Hennepin Ave S).

RSVP: Reserve a free ticket on Eventbrite and remember to bring a laptop, charger and earbuds. Visit [swcoderdojo.org](http://swcoderdojo.org) for more information. [Tickets can be reserved here](#).

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## Ramsey's New Bird Club Goes to 21

These intrepid explorers spotted 21 species during our 1st session. The kids spotted a merlin, eagles and lots of migrating songbirds. Great job, birders!

If your student loves nature, have him or her give us try. Registration is open for Winter and Spring: [www.activesolutionsforkids.com](http://www.activesolutionsforkids.com). Contact Amy Simso Dean ([asimsodean@gmail.com](mailto:asimsodean@gmail.com)) for more information.

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## Rhino Report

The first 2016-2017 edition of *The Rhino Report*, Ramsey's student-led newspaper, was published last Friday, October 14. To read Ramsey students' take on a wide array of topics, [click here](#).

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## 6th Grade Volleyball Clinic

Work on your volleyball fundamentals with Washburn HS Volleyball coaches and players. The clinic costs \$15, and meets from 4:00 to 5:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. [Click here for registration information](#).

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## Winter Sports Registration Night

If your 7th and 8th graders are considering participating in winter sports at Washburn, this event is for you!

**When:** Thursday, November 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Where:** Washburn Main Gym (enter Door 5)

**What to expect:**

- Meet coaches
- Get info on practices, tryouts and schedules
- Complete paperwork
- Pay fees

This event is drop-in style – come when it works for you!

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## Give to the Max

Give to the Max day is coming soon! On November 17, 2016, help us celebrate Give to the Max Day 2016 (#GTMD16) by donating to Ramsey Middle School PTA!



NEW! This year, funds raised on Give to the Max Day will be used to support the creation of a STEM Makerspace at Ramsey. This Makerspace will be a hub for hands-on, project-based learning, creation and invention. Ramsey staff and administration are extremely excited about the creativity this space will foster. Check out this article to see why this is so important to your child's education:

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/making-is-essential-to-learning-youki-terada>

You can schedule your donations starting on November 1 by following this link: [RamseyPTA#GTMD16](#)

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## Referendum Information

It's election season! Here's the information you need related to your ballot and Minneapolis Public Schools. Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district's current operating referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-17 school year. If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students.

**Property taxes are not projected to increase if the referendum renewal passes.** Learn more here: [www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016).

Did you know you can vote before Election Day by absentee ballot for any reason? Early voting began on Sept. 23 and runs through Nov. 7. To locate early voting in-person sites or get information about voting by mail, visit [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov).

¡Es época de elecciones! Aquí está la información que usted necesita en relación a su boleta de elección y Minneapolis Public Schools. Se solicitará a los votantes de Minneapolis renovar la autorización del referéndum operativo actual del distrito escolar, la cual expira al finalizar el año escolar 2016 -17. Si es aprobada, los fondos del referéndum ayudarían a Minneapolis Public Schools a manejar el tamaño de las clases y proporcionar servicios de apoyo y actividades para los alumnos. No se proyecta el incremento del impuesto a la propiedad si es que la renovación del referéndum es aprobada. Para mayor información, por favor visite: [www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016).

¿Sabía que por cualquier motivo puede votar antes de Día de las Elecciones por medio de la boleta de votante ausente? La votación anticipada comenzó el 23 de septiembre y dura hasta el 7 de noviembre. Para localizar los lugares de votación anticipada en persona o para obtener información sobre la votación por correo, visite la página de internet [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov).

Waa xiliga doorashada! Halkaan ayaad ka helaysaa wixii macluumaad ee la xiriirra Codbixinta iyo dugsiyada dadweynaha Minneapolis. Codbixiyaasha Minneapolis ayaa la weydiin Doonaa in la cusbooneysiyo ogolaanshaha aftida iyo howgalda haatan ee dugsiyada degmada, Kaasoo hada dhacaya sanad dugsiyeedkaan 2016-17ka. Hadii lagu guuleysto, maalgalintaan Waxay caawinaysaa Dugsiyada Dadweynaha Minneapolis oo lagu maareyndoono tirada fasalda iyo adeegyada howlaha loogu talo galay ardayda. Codsigaan waxaa uu awood siinayaa mudo Sagaal sano ah in lagu dhowro sicir bararka. Canshuuraha hantida aan la saadaalin in la kordhiyo Hadii ay aftida cusbooneysiinta baasto. Booqo shabakada in badan ka ogow: [www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016).

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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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<a href="#">SCHOOL MESSENGER INFO</a>
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