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Important Dates

- 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
- Tue, Nov 16:** PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, [Gigi's Cafe](#)
- Wed, Nov 17:** [Give to the Max day](#)

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

Ramsey Arts Council Kick-off Meeting

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

Calling all arts lovers! 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 come to the meeting on the 27th. If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to get involved, send your contact info to Wendy Williams at wenowill@gmail.com. Thank you!

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!

Monster Dash

Student Council has a great opportunity to raise money to help fund activities for our Council and PTA. We are looking for students and parents to help volunteer at the Monster Dash 5K race on Saturday, October 29. We will be partnering with our PTA to help set-up for the Monster Dash 5K.

We will be meeting at the doors of CHS Field in downtown St. Paul, 360 N. Broadway St., from 7 to 11 am. You can come for the whole time or just a portion. Shifts are as follows:

7:00-11:00

7:00-9:15

8:45-11:00

Please [sign up here](#) or email Abbey Janicek at abbey.janicek@mpls.k12.mn.us to let us know when you can volunteer. You're welcome to come dressed in your Halloween best! We are looking for a minimum of 20 volunteers for this fun event.

Give to the Max

Give to the Max day is November 17, 2016! Please consider a donation to support the creation of a STEM "Makerspace" at Ramsey. What is a Makerspace, you ask? It's a hub for hands-on, project-based learning, creation and invention.

NEW! This year, all donors will have the chance to win Ramsey spirit wear. Every donation made will enter you into a raffle to win something to show off your Rhino pride!



Donations may be scheduled beginning November 1 by following this link: [RamseyPTA#GTMD16](#)

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!

Fun & Easy Volunteering

Parents: Are you looking for the **World's Most Fun & Easy Volunteer Gig**? Look no more!

Come be a Morning Greeter at Ramsey on any Tuesday or Friday morning 8:00-8:30 am.

Start with an 8:00 am briefing with Principal Rathke (get the latest; leave inspired). All done by 8:30 am and on to your day.

Greet students as they arrive with a “good morning,” a “hello,” or a high five. Sometimes, even direct eye contact has been made!

Seriously, you will not only make the day for the Ramsey staff and students, it will make your day too. Come join us. [Sign up here](#).

We love having live music too! [Morning Musicians sign up here](#).

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, starting November 1. [Click here for registration information](#).

Transition to High School

Although ninth grade may seem a long way off, the high school request process is just around the corner! Please visit the [MPS High School Request website](#) for more information and timeline.

Also, Ramsey's school counselor, Carolyn Cottingham, will be visiting all 8th grade science classes during the beginning of November to share information about the high school choice process. If you'd like to follow-up with her to ask specific questions in regard to your child, please email at carolyn.cottingham@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Ramsey School Tours

Ramsey will be offering tours for prospective students starting in November. If you know someone interested in becoming a Ramsey Rhino family, [send them here to sign up for a tour!](#)

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.

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.

¡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.

¿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.

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.

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Once on this Island

Southwest High School presents *Once on This Island*, the Footlights 9th/10th Grade Musical! Shows are from 7 to 9 pm, November 3-5. Don't miss this Caribbean folk tale of love and loss, with spectacular calypso music and vibrant sets. [Advance tickets on sale now!](#)

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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