



# AROUND THE HORN

**RAMSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**MAY 11, 2016**

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Congratulations Joseph Cast & Crew!**

Staff and students enjoyed the final performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Monday morning in a school assembly. Congratulations on a weekend of great performances – Well done!

### **Upcoming Concerts**

Students in our music programs will be showcasing their hard work in upcoming assemblies and concerts. The student body will have the chance to see their peers perform in an assembly on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>, and we welcome everyone to come to the evening concerts on May 12<sup>th</sup> (Jazz Band), May 19<sup>th</sup> (Choir), May 24<sup>th</sup> (Orchestra), and May 26<sup>th</sup> (Band).

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Jazz Band Concert 7:00

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Plant sale pick-up

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Concert 7:00

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Special Olympics at Roosevelt HS

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Orchestra Concert 7:00

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Band Concert 7:00

**May 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair  
8:30-4:00 Ramsey Cafeteria

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Events**

**Reminder to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families – We are almost to our goal.**

**Please send your \$25 donation for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Events below:**

**Friday, June 3 - 5:30-8:30**

A semi-formal dance and party will take place, in the Ramsey Cafeteria. The dance will be hosted by A-List Entertainment. A-List does an incredible job of encouraging all the kids to dance and join in the fun, by fostering a sense of inclusion. There will be a DJ, lights, dancers, a photo booth and light refreshments and beverages will be served. Students should plan to eat dinner prior to arrival.

**Tuesday, June 7 (time TBD) – Morning Recognition Ceremony**

This ceremony, in the newly renovated theater, will celebrate and recognize our students' achievements as their middle school experience concludes. The ceremony is open to families and will be followed by a cake and punch reception in the cafeteria.

These are special events and we are asking you to please contribute the basic cost of \$25 per student. If you are considering a larger donation, please consider a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze Sponsorship. All sponsors will be listed in the Recognition Ceremony Program unless anonymity is requested.

Platinum Sponsorship - \$500 or more  
Gold Sponsorship - \$250 - \$499  
Silver Sponsorship - \$100 - \$250  
Bronze Sponsorship - \$50 - \$99

**Thank you for your support in helping us send our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders off in style.  
We request that all responses and contributions be received by May 18.**

With Much Appreciation,  
Angel Paulson & Ruth Johnson, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Co-Chairs

**Book Fair**

The Scholastic Buy One Get One FREE Book Fair is right around the corner! This year we will be set up in the cafeteria Tuesday through Thursday, May 24-26 from 8:30am-4:00pm.

New this year: For every purchase, students may put their name in a drawing to win a prize! Six prizes will be awarded!!

We need volunteers to help run the book fair!  
Please sign up!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ABAA2AAAFE3-spring>

**Attention former Burroughs Families!**

**Ice Cream Social to honor Mr. Cadotte**

**Join us Monday, June 6, 4-6:00 pm**

Current and former Burroughs families are invited to an ice-cream social to celebrate and say farewell to our fearless leader! This event will be open-house style, so come when you can, and enjoy a sweet treat with Mr. Cadotte, who is retiring after 18 years at Burroughs.

**New Ramsey Food Shelf**

Dear Ramsey families,

We are opening a food shelf at Ramsey Middle School! We will be stocking dry and canned goods for students to access as needed. If you are able to donate food items, there will be a box in the main office. We are looking for the following items:

- Cereal
- Canned Ravioli
- Canned corn or green beans
- Canned black or pinto or refried beans
- Dry beans
- Rice
- Pasta
- Mac and cheese
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Fruit cups
- Canned tuna or canned chicken
- Backpacks (for the food to be transported)

If you are a family that would appreciate food support, please contact Annie Loch – 612-668-4043. Leave a voice mail with your students' name and grade. All students receiving assistance from the food shelf will be anonymous.

## **The Ramsey Middle School mountain bike team is looking for more riders!**

**No experience is needed. Join the team and have a blast with fun people riding your bike in the woods!**

Current 6th and 7th graders are eligible for next year's Ramsey Middle School team and all current 8th graders are eligible for next year's Washburn High School team.

Practices are 2-3 times a week and run July-October. There are 5 races in Sept. and October where riders challenge themselves to their greatest potential.

**Want more info? Here are three options:**

1. Please join us on May 14 anytime between 10-1 for a team registration/information party at Charlie's TangleTown Bike Shop at 322 W 48th St, S. Mpls.
2. Talk to 6th grader Nico Alexander, 7th graders Eleanor Dolan and Sudie Hall, 8th graders Per Alexander and Isaac Lowenthal-Walsh or art/stem teacher Ms. Butler.
3. If you would like more information from the coach, please contact Tonja Sahaydak at: [tonjasahaydak@gmail.com](mailto:tonjasahaydak@gmail.com).

Riders learn bike safety, road and trail etiquette, trail-side maintenance, fitness and nutrition, and technical skills needed for riding on mountain bike trails. **All levels and abilities are welcome.**

## **Gaining Steam for STEM workshop**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> installment of *Gaining Steam for STEM* will focus on [Rapid Prototyping](#).

[? Watch This.](#)

Students and Staff are welcome:

Please join us **Saturday, May 14th from 9:00-3:00 @** North High School Media Center.

Register on to get CEUs [eCompass](#) course# 91426, get your spot early!

If are registering community members or students use this link for Eventbrite: [Register Here](#)  
([chrome browser works best](#))

Keep look out for more information regarding our *Pockets of Innovation Summit!*

**Charlene (Char) Ellingson & Elizabeth (Betsy) Stretch**

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## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

### Morning Musicians - Thank You to Kate Niemisto, MOSM

A big thank you to Kate Niemisto, piano teacher from Mount Olivet School of Music, for playing so beautifully for the Ramsey students on Friday morning. It was inspiring to all and made our day!

We appreciate her generosity. For information on piano lessons with Kate, contact her at [612-790-0532](tel:612-790-0532) or [kateniemisto@gmail.com](mailto:kateniemisto@gmail.com).

Look for more Morning Musicians on Tuesday & Friday mornings at Ramsey, along with the Parent Greeters - make sure you sign up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-ramsey>

Interested in being a Morning Musician or know someone who is? Click here for sign up & info <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-morning>

### Ramsey Morning Parent Greeters

Help promote a positive culture and start our students' days out on a positive note by greeting students when they arrive at Ramsey!

**Who?** - Ramsey Parents or anyone who wishes to support our Ramsey students.

**What?** - Stand in pairs inside school entrances and actively greet students as they arrive to school in the mornings. Smile, say "hello", "have a great day", "great to see you", etc.

**When?** - School days from 8:15 AM to 8:30 AM

First time volunteers are requested to sign up for a briefing session from 8:00-8:15 with Principal Amy Janecek so everyone is clear on their roles.

**Where?** - Inside the Ramsey entrances, 49th street doors; 50th street doors; Nicollet doors.

**Why?** - To promote and support a positive school culture at Ramsey.

### **Sign up!**

If you see a date that works for you and the spots are filled up, please come! Just sign up for the 8 AM briefing meeting and come. The more parents the merrier. See you there!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abaa2aaafe3-ramsey>

## PTA NEWS

### **Final PTA Meeting for 2016**

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> will be the final PTA meeting for this school year. We will be discussing our parent leadership plans, events, and new systems for next year. Join us and be a part of the great things to come!

### **Don't Miss the final Ramsey Rendezvous of 2016!**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mom's Coffee**

Calling all 8th Grade Moms! Sign up now to celebrate our 8th graders moving onto high school with coffee, tea and pastries. Sunday, May 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Tickets available: [8th Grade Moms' Coffee](#)

#### **The 2nd Annual Ramsey Open**

It is right around the corner--June 11th! Time to dust off the racket and join us for another fun, competitive night of ping pong and bootlegs to support our favorite middle school!

New this year:

- Sign up as a player OR just support as a spectator. Either way, it's guaranteed to be an entertaining evening.
- New! Junior Tournament! Any 2016-2017 Rhino is invited to sign up to compete the following day, June 12th (incoming 6th graders and their parents encouraged to sign up!)

Looking forward to seeing you all there!  
The Graffs, Hemers and Bastians

Sign up here! Bracket space is limited:)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-ramsey-open-tickets-25045332263>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-only-amateur-ramsey-open-tickets-25045787625>