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Important Dates

- Wed, Mar 1:** Community Meeting for Immigrant and Refugee Families, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, South High School

Thu, Mar 2: Spring Sports Registration Night, 6 - 8 pm, Washburn Main Gym
Sat, Mar 4: Community Meeting for Immigrant and Refugee Families, 2 - 4:30 pm, Davis Service Center
Tue, Mar 7: Site Council Meeting, 5 - 6:30 pm, Ramsey Media Center
Mar 13 - Mar 17: 7th Grade Reading MCA Tests
Mar 20 - Mar 24: 8th Grade Reading MCA Tests
Tue, Mar 21: "It's That Easy" Parent Education Presentation, 6:30 - 8 pm
Mar 27 - Mar 30: 6th Grade Reading MCA Tests
Fri, Mar 31: NO SCHOOL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MPS to Hold Community Meetings for Immigrant and Refugee Families

MPS is committed to being a safe haven for everyone. We know that recent current events have raised questions for some immigrant and refugee families. We want to lend support wherever possible. Together with our community partners, we're hosting two upcoming meetings to answer questions and connect families with resources both in our schools and in the community. Meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at South High School from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, and Saturday, March 4 at Davis Service Center, 2 - 4:30 pm.

[Flyer: English Language](#) [Spanish Language](#) [Somali Language](#)

We Need Your Photos!

We're looking for great shots of Ramsey students to be included in this year's yearbook. Please email photos to ramseyscommunications@gmail.com, and include a description of the event and names of people in the photo. To be included in this year's yearbook, all photos must be submitted by **Friday, March 24**. Thank you!

Walking and Biking to School

Minneapolis Public Schools needs your input: What ideas do you have to make it safe, fun, and easy for students to walk and bike? Please take [this short survey](#) on what the city, the schools, and the community can do to improve walking and biking for our students.

Upcoming MCA Testing Dates

MCA testing will take place from March to May, as follows:

March 13-17: 7th grade reading
March 20-24: 8th grade reading
March 27-30: 6th grade reading
April 17-21: 7th grade math
April 24-28: 8th grade math
May 1-5: 6th grade math
May 9-10: 8th grade science

EVENTS

Spring Sports Registration Night

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

When: Thursday, March 2, 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

All forms must be turned in before the start day for each sport. Students can contact coaches or captains to find out if there are any pre-season training opportunities.

March 6: Badminton (Girls)

March 13: Track (Boys/Girls) & Softball (Girls)

March 20: Baseball (Boys) & Golf (Boys/Girls)

March 27: Tennis (Boys)

April 3: Lacrosse (Boys/Girls)

“Into the Woods” at Washburn

If you haven't yet seen Washburn's Spotlight Musical "Into the Woods," there's still time! The play is showing March 2 through March 4 at 7:30 pm, and March 5 at 2:00 pm. Prices are as follows:
General Admission: \$5 Students / \$10 Adults
Adults Reserved Seats: \$10 Students/\$15 Adults



You can [purchase tickets online here](#); tickets are also available at the door.

Churros & Mexican Hot Chocolate at Greeters

Friday, March 10, 8:00-8:30 am

Come greet the students as they arrive at school and enjoy delicious churros & Mexican hot chocolate (and coffee). Hosted by Christy & Armando Santiago together with the PTA. We'd love to see you there! [Sign up here](#).

Third Annual Ramsey-Washburn Battle of the Bands!

Calling all bands...The 3rd Annual Ramsey-Washburn Battle of the Bands is coming soon: Sunday, April 23, from 3 to 6 pm, at The Junction. For families new to Ramsey, this event features Ramsey and Washburn student and staff bands, facing off for bragging rights (and an amazing traveling guitar trophy beautified by our own Ms. Cedarleaf-Dahl). [Bands can sign up here](#). This is a first come, first booked, sign-up process. **Please make sure to review the guidelines and enter all needed information.** May the best band win!



Ramsey Rendezvous 2017

We have a great list of Rendezvous for this year—on sale now! We have a wide array of social offerings, all of which go to support Ramsey! Some of these fill up quickly, so make sure to check out what's available and check back, as we have additional parties pending. See the [Ramsey PTA website](#) for details and ticket information for these fun upcoming events!

What's a Ramsey Rendezvous, you ask? You may already know them as Great Gatherings, Adventures, or FUNdraisers from your elementary school. But for those uninitiated, Ramsey Rendezvous are social gatherings that Ramsey parents host in their homes and elsewhere. All proceeds help support and enhance Ramsey activities. Events range in price and activities in order to appeal to varied interests. Have a great party idea and willing to host or co-host? Please contact Beth Gyllstrom at ramseyfundraising@gmail.com.

PTA Hosts Parent-Education Opportunity

Join us on **Tuesday, March 21**, 6:30-8 pm for **It's That Easy: Talking to Our Kids About Healthy Relationships and Sexuality**

This presentation by Linda Madson and other educators from the Annex Teen Clinic will help parents reflect on healthy emotional, social, and physical development in adolescence. We will think about our personal values around relationships and sexuality, and create a statement/conversation starter that reflects each caregiver's hopes for their children as healthy young people and adults.

Linda Madson is a sexuality educator at the Annex Teen Clinic in Robbinsdale, and is also a Ramsey and Washburn parent. It's That Easy is a Better Together Hennepin program.

Please indicate your interest so we can be sure to have enough seats available. [Sign up for It's That Easy here.](#)

Twins Game - April 21

Join the Ramsey, Burroughs and Lyndale school communities in cheering on the Minnesota Twins vs. the Detroit Tigers on April 21 at 7:10 pm. Your entire family is invited to join us for fun and baseball. A great opportunity to meet new families and new friends outside of the classroom. Seats are limited, buy yours now! Ticket sales close on Wednesday, March 29.

Two options to purchase tickets:

- [Buy seats online](#) with credit card. Online purchases include an extra \$1.54 fee to cover credit card processing costs (total cost \$11.54).
- Buy seats with a check made out to Ramsey Middle School PTA. Tickets are \$10 each. Mail your check to Ramsey PTA, 1 W. 49th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419.

Contact Angie North at ramseytreasurer@gmail.com with questions.

“Sweet Charity” at Southwest

Southwest's Spotlight Musical, "Sweet Charity," opens Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 pm. Follow the misadventures of Charity Hope Valentine and her associates at the Fandango Ballroom as she sings, dances, laughs and cries her way through comical situations in the hope of finding true love.



Showtimes:

March 16-18, 7 pm; March 19, 2 pm

March 23-25, 7 pm; March 26, 2 pm

March 16, Name Your Price at the door

March 17, Alumni Night (Special Alumni discount \$5 off adult or senior ticket, at the door or online! Online code: SWALUM. Please stop by the Alumni table in the lobby for a button and name tag. Alumni will be recognized before the start of the show)

Visit the [Southwest Theatre website](#) for tickets and information.

ACCOLADES

Ramsey Students Benefit from University Partnership

The Ramsey math department is so grateful for our partnership with the University of Minnesota. The U of M tutors do amazing work with our students. Thanks to Chris Halvorson, Sonja Krasean, and Angie Martin for their work coordinating this program! To learn more, [read this article in the Southwest Journal](#).

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

AAA Batteries Needed

The Math department at Ramsey is asking for donations of triple-A (AAA) batteries for use in graphing calculators. These calculators are shared and used across all math classrooms at Ramsey and tend to run out of batteries at this point in the school year.

Please send in packs of new AAA batteries with your students to drop off in Room 323 (Ms. Novak's classroom) or Room 322 (Ms. Krasean's classroom/Math Center), from March 1 through March 31.

It is one very practical and easy way to help keep the Ramsey students charged up about math. Literally.

AFTER SCHOOL

Heart & Sole/Girls on the Run Spring Season

Calling all Ramsey girls: Ramsey will be starting a new Heart and Sole season in March and we want you to RUN with us!



Contact Ms. Butler, Ms. Lescenski, Ms. Britta, or Ms. Janicek to join. Applications need to be turned in by March 3. We start running on March 28!

Join the Ramsey Chess Club!

Ramsey Middle School is forming a Chess Club!

Parents and educators around the world acknowledge that chess is a powerful tool for developing higher order thinking skills, creativity, numerical and verbal aptitudes, and memory. It's also a lot of fun!

Ramsey Chess Club welcomes everyone—whether you're already playing chess at home or have never played the game. If your family is interested in participating in chess at Ramsey and would like to know more, please contact Jacquelynn Goessling at Jacquelynn@Goessling.com.

Ramsey Chess Club will compete at Check It Out Chess Tournaments sponsored by MPS. The next tournament is March 11 at Whittier International Elementary School. You can [view the event flyer](#) online.

Ramsey Chess Club is looking for coaches and mentors to work with our Chess Club students and families. If you can donate any amount of time, please contact Jacquelynn Goessling at Jacquelynn@Goessling.com.

Check out chess in the Minneapolis Public Schools at http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/chess_2 where your child can register for free Chesskid account. Chesskid.com is a safe, fun and free online chess site with lessons, videos, daily puzzles and where they can play live chess games against other Chesskid members.

Spring Middle School Ultimate Frisbee League is Back!

This year, the Youth Ultimate Program has merged with Minnesota Youth Ultimate. This results in a few changes, the most significant being that games will be 5-on-5, with a truly coed team (3 boys and 2 girls) on the field. The aim is to grow the sport for both boys and girls.

With that in mind, we're looking for all girls who have an interest in playing a super fun, non-contact sport with lots of teamwork, running, and throwing the disc. The league hopes to hold some clinics for girls new to the sport in the next couple weeks. All the info and registration can be found on minnesotaultimate.org. Please sign up!

If you have any questions, contact Barry at barrymarkus@hotmail.com.

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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