



Oct 8, 2025

Good morning Cabin John Cougars! This is Mrs. Hershkowitz with your morning announcements. Today is Wednesday, October 8th which is also National Hero Day to honor the real-life heroes who inspire us to be the best person we can possibly be. Today, let's spend a little extra time thanking those who go above and beyond to care for those who need help.

Today In History: On Oct. 8, 1945, Raytheon Manufacturing Company filed a patent for what's now a staple kitchen appliance in homes around the world: the microwave oven. The appliance, invented by Raytheon employee Percy Spencer, now sits in more than 90 percent of American homes.

September 15 – October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month!

Today's Hispanic Heritage Month focus is about art!

The Mexican Muralism movement, led by artists like Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and José Clemente Orozco, used large-scale murals to convey social and political messages, often centered around the struggles of working people. This is a powerful cultural example of how art mirrors life.

Cabin John Announcements

Girls Who Code This week's meeting of Girls Who Code will be today Wednesday, October 8th. Please join us! Sign up at the link on the CJMS Activities webpage. See Mrs. Green in Room 1210 with questions.

Math Counts (End 10.8) Mathcounts Competition Series is the nation's premier middle school math competition consisting of a series of competitions. The tryout will be today, October 8, 2025 from 3:15PM to 5:00PM. Only students already registered through the Google Form and who have arranged a ride home at 5pm may stay for the tryout.

Homework Club Is Back! (End 10.8) Homework Club is back and runs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:30 in room 1208. See Mr. Finnegan with any questions! We hope to see you there today!

Common App to Special HS Programs (End 10.13) Attention Grade 8 Students and families: The MCPS Common App to apply to the high school special programs will be available on Monday, October 6th in ParentVUE. Please watch the video directions available on the website before starting the application. The application deadline is Friday, November 7th to be eligible for both the lottery and criteria-based programs. Be sure to click the Submit button at the end of the process. You will receive acknowledgement of your submission. Full details are available on the CJ and MCPS websites. The application must be completed in the parent account with the student applying. Mrs. Green and Mrs. McCutcheon are available to support families in the application process. Please reach out to them with questions.

MCPS High School Common Application

First Lego League (End 10.13) Cabin John's First Lego League Club had their meeting yesterday! Sign up using the QR code on the CJ website if you'd like to join and stay next Tuesday after school.

Math Olympiad Try-Outs (End 10.15) Math Team Try-Outs will take place on Wednesday, October 15th after school in the cafeteria. See the school website for more information on how to register.

Quizbowl Club (End 10.9) Quizbowl will be meeting after-school on Thursday in Room 2127.

Advisory and Monday's Schedule Today's Advisory period is 6th which means all 6th graders report to the cafeteria quickly and quietly as soon as 3rd period is over.

Pledge of Allegiance

At this time, please stand for the pledge of allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation
under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pun of the Day in honor of our history fact:

I think my microwave is a comedic genius—it always knows the right timing!