



St. Peter Middle School
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UPCOMING DATES

February 15 - Early Release
1:05 Dismissal

February 18 - No School
President's Day

At this point and time, we do not have anyone available for **Study Buddies** after school. We will hopefully have some Gustavus students available by the end of February.

The 6th grade students will be heading up to JA BizTown in St. Paul, on February 6th and 7th. JA BizTown is a 12,000 square foot simulated city located at our new state-of-the-art facility in St. Paul. Several weeks of classroom learning culminates in a day-long visit to this experiential learning lab where students become adults for a day. By working in one of 18 JA BizTown shops, students learn what it takes to run a successful business, manage a debit card and checking account, and work as a team. Volunteers are paired with small groups of students to help them make important business and personal finance decisions in their assigned JA BizTown shop. Through daily lessons, hands-on activities, and active participation in this simulated economy, students develop a strong understanding of the relationship between what they learn in school and how it can be applied in the "real world."

JA BizTown was first introduced to the Minneapolis/St. Paul market on October 16, 2001. Only 25 markets in the world provide this incredible opportunity for students to experience a real-world, hands-on application of their classroom learning. To keep our lessons relevant, we've added [STEM \(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math\) careers](#) to JA BizTown.

Seventh graders at Saint Peter Middle School hosted their annual History Day event on Thursday, Jan. 17, at the school's media center.

The interior of the media center was filled with colorful cardboard tri-fold exhibits depicting significant people or events in American history. Students from Erick Boe's, Dustin Sharstrom's, and Sean O'Brien's U.S. History classes participated in the event. Each of the exhibits is judged by Middle School staff, other volunteers, as well as some of the eighth grade students.

"This is a social studies project, with a little bit of an English component to it with the writing the students need to do," Sharstrom said. "The students started on these projects around the second week of December (2018) and this is final presentation for most of them."

The top 15 to 20 projects at this year's event will advance to the South Central Regional History Day competition at Minnesota State University-Mankato on March 19 with a chance to go all the way to the state competition later this year.

LOOKING AHEAD

The final Parent/Teacher Conferences will be coming up at the end of March.

The dates are as follows:

March 28 3:30-7:30

April 4 3:30-7:30

April 5 7:40-3:30

You will be notified when the conference window is open.

