

# JUGHEADS

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## 2nd Semester Tuition: Dec. Discounts!

### Register now for Jan. 4–June 3, 2016

Until now, we've had a three-part club tuition plan correlating to Fall, Winter & Spring. However, in order to streamline office duties (and avoid a paperwork rush in March), **we're implementing a simpler, two-part tuition plan: 1st semester and 2nd semester.** Combining our former winter and spring sessions into one registration will go a long way for mutual efficiency when we get to March & April. The bright side is ***once you make your 2nd semester payment, you'll have no other member fees through the end of the school year!*** The only exception is for those choosing to attend a winter festival with us or registering early (March-April) for summer camps.

If you register by Dec. 31, you may reduce your 2nd semester tuition by \$40 per Jughead, per club. ***Jugheads are not allowed to attend their January club(s) until they are registered.*** (Please contact us with questions or concerns.)

Below is a guide to club code and cost. See enclosed form and **sign up via check** (made out to JUGHEADS, LLC) or **online** (the discount will automatically be applied through 12/31/15).

CLUB*	CODE	COST**
Monday Rec.	16WNT-SPR-MON	\$455
Elite Club	16WNT-SPR-ELITE	\$545
Advanced Club	16WNT-SPR-ADV	\$525
Thursday Rec.	16WNT-SPR-THURS	\$525
Ultimate Club	16WNT-SPR-ULTI	\$635
Friday Rec.	16WNT-SPR-FRI	\$525

\*Clubs run weekdays from **Jan. 4–June 3**. Exceptions noted below:

**Monday Rec. Club** will **NOT** meet on 1/18, 2/15, 5/16, or 5/30;  
**Advanced Club** will **NOT** meet on Wed., 5/11 (JJ18 1st Dress Reh.);  
**Thursday Rec.** will **NOT** meet on 3/24 (church event conflict);  
**Friday Rec.** will **NOT** meet on 5/20 (JJ18 Opening Night);  
**No clubs will meet March 28–April 1** (Edina Spring Break).

\*\*Tuition costs include JJ18 goodies (T-shirt, cast photo, DVD).

## Winter Schedule: Break from Tradition

### Clubs will meet on three EPS Release Days

Due to the number of “non-Edina” Jugheads and the goal to hold clubs as consistently as possible, ***there WILL be after school clubs this winter on 1/25 (Mon. Rec.), 2/16 (Elite), and 3/4 (Fri. Rec.)—all Edina release days.*** While this breaks from our tradition of mirroring the EPS calendar for our clubs, please try to send your Jugheads even if they're not in school. (Non-EPS Jugheads routinely attend JH on their district-specific days off.)



## Officer Voice by Maddie R.

When I offered to write this column, I didn't realize how difficult it would be to say something important in 250-350 words. While brainstorming for what I could tell a company of my peers and students, two words popped into my head: “Radical acceptance.” This philosophy has been guiding me through many difficult personal events for about a year now, ever since my AP Psychology teacher, **Mrs. Heidi Mathers**, told me about how she utilized these two little words in her own struggles. It's the simple idea that you cannot change what has transpired, and looking forward with positivity is the main thing you can control.

As with many other things in life, this can be applied to juggling. If your friend switches clubs, or you don't get that record you were going for, or you don't win a contest you thought you would win, you'll feel frustrated. You'll feel disappointed. Disappointment and frustration are intertwined with life, and with JH. There is nothing you can do to change what happened except to accept what happened, learn from it, and change how you go forward. In fact, the most heartening thing for me to see is when faced with healthy competition, people strive to improve themselves. Disappointment and frustration lead to great things, similar to how diamonds need to be put under great pressure to become beautiful, and so do jugglers.

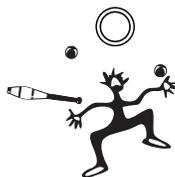
I've been in this company for nine years; this is my tenth. JH teaches a plethora of life lessons, and Mrs. Mathers simply put words to the one that I had been learning since I joined in 3rd grade. Radical acceptance. JH teaches perseverance in the face of struggle. JH teaches acceptance of your failures. JH teaches that when the going gets tough, you have to become tough. JH is full of diamonds in the rough, and puts just the right amount of pressure on.

—**Maddie R.**: *Deca-Jughead; Ultimate & Elite member; Officer; Monday Rec. Assistant; Senior*

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Monday Rec. Club

### Group bonding & peer mentorship in smaller club

There is a friendly rivalry within the SLT as to which Rec. Club is “the best.” With four of our five Monday leaders having started as 3rd or 4th graders in Monday Rec., the history and affection for this club runs deep! Formerly overflowing with 35 kids, this year's club began with a roster of 11; even with a mid-fall surge of new rookies and transfers, Monday enjoys a relatively intimate size of 20 kids with an unusual range of ability and percentage of girls. Weekly highlights include group bonding games and peer mentorship in addition to our contests, mini-routines, and showcase/JJ rehearsals. Look for the Monday Reccers in JJ18 with a theme combining teamwork and individuality: “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.”



## JH Community News

- **The 2014-'15 JH YEARBOOK** is now available! Look for an email or search on [blurb.com](http://blurb.com). This 7th annual creation of **Wendy Arneberg** is thanks in large part to **Diane Schroeder** who took *hundreds* of photos for the Showcase and JJ17!
- **Welcome** to **Ellen Rutzen** (4th gr.), new Mon. Rec. rookie!
- **CONGRATS** to 3 Club Endurance champs **Jared A.** (Thur.), **Luke M.** (Mon.), **Hans J.** (Fri.)! **Eli K.** had top honors with 4 Rings (Adv.); **Jacob C.** won both 5 Rings (Elite) *and* 5 Clubs (UC)! An average of half of each club's membership achieved records in these contests, with 18 of 23 **Thurs. Rec. Jugheads** getting 3 club records en route to an average of 293.96 DHT, *tripling* last year's average!
- **JINGLE JAM** is Sat., 12/5, 5-9 pm at **Calvary Church**. Cost: \$10 @ door + pot-luck item. Reg. via Sign-Up Genius.
- **MADFEST forms** (U.C./Elite/Adv.) are due 12/17/15.
- **MONDO FEST '16** will be **Feb. 12-14** in St. Paul. Paul will organize/lead a big group on 2/14. Watch for reg. forms at club.
- **Winter 2016 MEGA CAMPS** (Jan. 18 & 25) have been **cancelled**; we apologize for any inconvenience.
- **The 11th annual EYJA JUGGLING SHOWCASE** is a free public show featuring polished youth acts of *all* levels on **3/18/16** at the Hopkins H.S. Little Theater. Interested performers should *consult* with **Student Director Carolyn Liddle** (or Paul) by 1/29 and *preview* their act at club by 2/26. Work *now* to be best-prepared & polished!
- **Finalized JJ18 Dates: shows** on Fri. & Sat., May 20-21; **dress rehearsals** on Wed., May 11 and Mon., May 16. (See detailed email re: dress rehearsals' schedule challenge.)
- **Officer Meetings:** 12/5 @ McCoy's; 1/9 @ Johnsons'.
- **Collector/Gift DVDs:** *Juggle Jams 6-17*=\$25 ea./2 for \$40.
- **SUMMER CAMPS 2016** will be offered from June 6-July 1. Reg. info. in March; SLT apps are due by Fri., March 25.



## Paul's Platform: "Realism and Contentment"

My original title for this column was "Succumbing to Excuses," but I'm feeling a little more optimistic than when I thought of that title a couple of months ago. You see, going through middle age causes a person to continually re-adjust expectations in life: physical, professional, relational, financial. The younger man in me (aka George Bailey in the first half of *It's a Wonderful Life*) optimistically saw the world as one big challenge to conquer, yet it rarely crossed my mind "back then" that some of the habits, opportunities, adventures and friendships would represent peaks and permanence, not transient experiences, en route to a fulfilled life. Being ever-conscientious, I don't believe I've ever treated people or projects as mere stepping stones, but I do confess to some occasional delusions of grandeur, such as perhaps being discovered for hidden talents that would at least expand if not change my career direction and application of skills. However, like the older George Bailey (middle-aged when he had that terrifying glimpse into being erased from the memory of man), I've been overcoming much cynicism and now enjoy seeing the countless blessings of having stayed in JH (Bedford Falls, as it were) despite former yearnings for other (literal) stages or (literal) pages.

As for personal goals, I'll always have those, but I need not let failure (self-imposed or otherwise) rob me of contentment within the reality of my limitations. After all, many if not all of life's goals are means toward the end of true self-fulfillment, which is elusive if we can't enjoy a contented reality that doesn't live up to optimistic fantasy.

There is another area of life where I don't have to succumb to sober realism but can still afford reckless expectations for continual growth: all things spiritual. The Apostle Paul wrote, "So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16, ESV). It is a blessed hope that even as dreams adjust to reality and bodies and social energies slow down, the inner self can get stronger daily. That's why character teaching in JH always trumps physical skills, and why the life lessons we try to reinforce (or introduce) come with the hope of the longest possible impact—far outlasting any one year, career, or lifetime. Be content with the profound simplicity of inner growth, and keep reaching for all the tools to help that forever goal.

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