Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for February 26 - March 1, 2024.

Our winter sports season wrapped up last week with both basketball teams getting victories against Neelsville.  Congratulations to the players and coaches on a great and successful season!

Friday, March 1st is an early release day.  All students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m.

Friday, March 1st is also the deadline to register for 7th and 8th grade students to register for spring soccer.  To complete your registration you must have the [Pre-participation physical (MCPS Form SR-8)](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fdepartments%2Fforms%2Fpdf%2Fsr-8.pdf&data=05%7C01%7CAlison_M_D%27Aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C67ec86f412f84d777abf08dbc9ad7787%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638325519098604833%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4WfHFa9sgin7EC%2Bt0aVu3G8ByfbaQ%2FgxsfiqVa16Ov4%3D&reserved=0) (within two years) completed by the doctor and have this form ready to upload when you register.  [Click here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fpresentation%2Fd%2F1oytMIZIE_pKxkAXr_8RRUjfPMN9aObFCLG-1osNKHIA%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=05%7C01%7CAlison_M_D%27Aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C67ec86f412f84d777abf08dbc9ad7787%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638325519098604833%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ioxFzviH3EdI3APFFgnGgya%2B9RbbY66D92geM0IxBp8%3D&reserved=0) to learn more about the JPMS soccer season.  If you have any questions after looking at the athletics webpage and slide show, please reach out to Kimberly\_S\_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org

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**2024 Yearbook | Last Day to Guarantee 2/25**

**Today**, Sunday February 25th, is the last day to order & guarantee your copy of the yearbook. After today, we will have a finite number of extras available to purchase, but we cannot reorder if they run out.

If you are interested, order at [Jostens.com](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.jostens.com%2Fapps%2Fstore%2FproductBrowse%2F1028918%2FJohn-Poole-Middle-School%2F2024-Yearbook%2F20230810042348497136%2FCATALOG_SHOP%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7Cc6417cf9075f4139eb1708dc33b376f7%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638442093083731816%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Um4fsutBVa2E3bhVLlBC%2BfdAlNpvfoxQdHzC5yCk%2B2w%3D&reserved=0).  If you are unsure if you ordered, please check here: [https://www.jostens.com/customer-service/yearbook-order-tracking](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.jostens.com%2Fcustomer-service%2Fyearbook-order-tracking&data=05%7C02%7Ckaren_c_kavanagh%40mcpsmd.org%7C6a3a1b604b4646fcbd5208dc2cbeaa61%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638434444625556684%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=b6dGVMzHFKDP1L5GBYBr7ZPYDuUWT1MgReCaW1cbiUk%3D&reserved=0).

Please contact Mrs. Kavanagh at karen\_c\_kavanagh@mcpsmd.org with any questions.

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PTSA Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Who doesn't like Krispy Kreme donuts?  The PTSA is holding a Krispy Kreme fundraiser to help raise funds for the year end events and needs at JPMS.  We are selling a dozen donuts for the price you would pay for them at the store AND bringing them to you in Poolesville.  Or maybe you want to buy them later when it works on your timeline, you can buy donut certificates that we also will bring to you at Poolesville.  Please see the attached flyer for details on how to order.  Orders must be placed by 5pm on Friday, March 1st and pickup will be Friday, March 8th between 3:30-5:30 at the JPMS cafeteria.

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**MCPS Parent & Caregiver Climate Survey**

MCPS is inviting all parents and caregivers to share their experiences concerning and thoughts on academics, communication, and more.  The information and feedback you provide by completing [**this survey**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fparentsurvey.mcpsmd.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C6d795deab15b4bdac70e08dc2fe95e98%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638437926574695893%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uhSmf2jBBaOtQYvevehj9uHxiAjGdvyyDxMX38UjRh0%3D&reserved=0) will help MCPS improve the ways your child(ren) is/are taught, the culture and climate of schools, and the relationship MCPS has with families.  MCPS thanks you in advance for taking some time to complete the survey linked above by Friday, March 8.

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RecXtra News

**Attention Timberwolves, it's never too late to sign up for RecXtra Clubs.  All RecXtra Clubs are free to join!**

These activities are open to all students. In addition, activity buses are provided at 4:15 p.m. to take members home.  To find more information about RecXtra Clubs, as well as, all after school offerings at John Poole, please visit our after school activities page on the school website. [Click Here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fschools%2Fpoolems%2Fclubs%2Factivities%2F&data=05%7C02%7CAlison_M_D%27Aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C401dff0d16a446aaffde08dc2e220775%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638435970896639459%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UNqp08jqfB%2FlbRWcr2gYGgEEPwWf971uCUsqQQAKazM%3D&reserved=0)

**RecXtra Gaming Club**

Students have the opportunity to explore and play games with their friends.  Make this your club with various creative opportunities including strategy games, retro games, and more.

**RecXtra Leos Club**

Join Mrs. Crutchfield for LEOS Club to plan and implement service projects to support the Poolesville community.

**RecXtra Chill Zone**

Join the Chill Zone to relieve stress and find your center.  Play games, hang out with friends and learn strategies to take stress out of your life.

**NEW** **RecXtra Chess Club** starts this week, 2/21

Join Ms. Rice for our new RecXtra Chess Club.  The Chess club will meet every Wednesday.  Learn different strategies, compete against your friends, and take part in tournaments.

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**Intramurals:**

Intramural activities are open to ALL Timberwolves and are held right after school until 4:15 pm. Permission slips are located in the girls and boys locker rooms.

**Table Tennis is with Ms. Gibbs**

Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7

All skill levels are welcome.

All equipment is provided by JPMS

**Basketball is with Mr. Hartley**

Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, Apr. 24, May 1 & 15

All skills levels are welcome

Questions: Reach out to our Intramural Coordinator @ Kimberly\_S\_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org

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All students will soon be taking the Maryland State (MSDE) Survey and Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics.  Students in the 8th grade will also be taking the Science and Social Studies MCAP.  The MSDE survey is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2024, during TAP classes.  Please click on this link [http://marylandpublicschools.org/marylandschoolsurvey](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmarylandpublicschools.org%2Fmarylandschoolsurvey&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C6756b1513d2d4b4e3c0008dc3659e2f3%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638445006894479035%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=czhADCcszHcNa4Xe4LJh5EpZ0%2Bfdp2FTIX7X%2BxB4Nn0%3D&reserved=0) for details.

MCAP assessments of Maryland College and Career Ready Standards (MCCRS) will build a pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high school, mark students’ progress toward this goal from grade 3 through high school, and provide teachers with timely information to inform instruction and provide student support (<https://support.mdassessments.com/>).

All students will take the ELA/Literacy MCAP the week of April 15, 2024, and the Mathematics MCAP on May 1 and 8, 2024.  Students in the 8th grade will take the Science MCAP in their Science classes the week of March 12, 2024, and the Social Studies MCAP in their Social Studies classes the week of May 13, 2024.   Please email Jacqueline\_L\_Orrence@mcpsms.org with any questions.

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Please continue to check the [myMCPS Classroom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclassroom.mcpsmd.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C6756b1513d2d4b4e3c0008dc3659e2f3%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638445006894490202%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mF5n5Utu4JuwyvMCmTBOz26Z0e43tu08HcfZvK7GJCw%3D&reserved=0) calendar or our [JPMS school webpage](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fschools%2Fpoolems%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C6756b1513d2d4b4e3c0008dc3659e2f3%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638445006894497891%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CwBpXzQ5AYDlK%2F35eClHa%2FPjX0noz66RONA4zIdOVCU%3D&reserved=0) for the most updated information, including upcoming events, bus routes, and other happenings occurring at school.

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Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

Friday, March 1 - Early Release Day.  Students dismissed at 12:10

Monday, March 11 - Interims will be available in StudentVUE/ParentVUE

Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15 - 8th Grade Science MISA Testing

Wednesday, March 20 - Spring Student Picture Day

Thursday, March 21 - Book Wars

Monday, March 25 - Monday, April 1 - SPRING BREAK.  Schools and offices are closed.

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green