Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for November 27 - December 1, 2023.

Welcome back!  I hope everyone had a great relaxing holiday break and enjoyed time with family and friends.

This week our 6th grade students go to Skycroft on Monday through Wednesday for Outdoor Education.

I also wanted to take a moment and introduce Claudette Talley to our community.  Earlier this fall, I sent a few messages sharing that MCPS has partnered with Worksource Montgomery, Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove through part of the Maryland Blueprint Legislation and the MoCo CAP (Montgomery County Career Advising Program) initiative to provide career coaches to secondary schools.  Ms. Talley is the career coach assigned to us and she will be working with our students and staff 2.5 days a week and she met several families at conferences last week.

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**John Poole MS Athletics - 7th and 8th Graders:**  JPMS Girls and Boys Basketball Registration opened up on Monday, Oct. 30.  Registration closes on Friday, December 1st.

Before you register you must have completed the doctor's [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%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C67ec86f412f84d777abf08dbc9ad7787%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638325519098858774%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IQg%2F6jevcKqHPB6EG1n0Uz2U%2Bf6r3HOcybAPoTzg74I%3D&reserved=0) (within two years) and also 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%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C67ec86f412f84d777abf08dbc9ad7787%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638325519098858774%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l1RfHO7ffvKVThhpSCUxp3i9f1NDe6G%2Fry3FGNCrov8%3D&reserved=0) to learn more about the JPMS Basketball Season

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**JPMS Parent/Guardian Feedback Survey**

Since we are now a quarter of the way through the 2023-2024 school year, we are encouraging our stakeholders to reflect and asking them to provide some feedback.  This month, students will complete a feedback survey in their Period 2 class and staff will be given time to complete a similar feedback survey.  We would greatly appreciate it if parents/guardians completed [**this feedback survey**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSd13usMoCFHUJombTYajui5zIeAeCfLrYCW1z2y-wTjkAXEvA%2Fviewform&data=05%7C01%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7Cbaf86fdb6ef242bf031208dbeed7f06a%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638366383471454372%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ec2B%2B3suKLdqjh9MJbLIhwFIQgdec%2Fd4nwxyy6RwApQ%3D&reserved=0) by **Friday, December 8th**.  **If you currently have multiple children at JPMS, then please complete the survey multiple times (once per child).**  All stakeholder feedback is anonymous and will be reviewed and then used to help determine how JPMS can continue to improve as a school.  We thank you in advance for your helpful feedback!

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MCPS Culture of Respect Lesson Module

All students were asked to complete the Culture of Respect lesson during TAP.  This lesson is a county-mandated asynchronous module that reviews different examples of how to support a respectful environment at all MCPS schools and events. Students who complete this 30 minute lesson will receive 2 SSL hours towards their graduation requirement. If your student was unable to complete it earlier during TAP, they can still access it through myMCPS Canvas.  We will try and provide more time for students to complete the lesson after the break.   **You have until December 1st to complete it and earn your SSL hours.** If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor for support. Earn those hours!!

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**YEARBOOK NEWS:**

The 2023-2024 John Poole Yearbook is currently available for purchase at Jostens.com. Personalization is available through January 26, 2024.

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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%7C01%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7Cbaf86fdb6ef242bf031208dbeed7f06a%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638366383471454372%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jwaAHRG7B9N7Zn1De3MQ9vzSX%2BBZMoxcnwPMKCwFLwU%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%7C01%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7Cbaf86fdb6ef242bf031208dbeed7f06a%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638366383471454372%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=C7URGXGdvjinAliSCuXNicB5KiEQ1wAnDOrzHhO4XEk%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:

Monday, November 27 - Wednesday, November 29:  Outdoor Ed for all 6th-grade students.

Friday, December 1 - Registration closes for winter sports registration.

Thursday, December 14 - Grade 7 field trip to Medieval Times

Thursday, December 21 - Grade 7 field trip to Finance Park

Monday, December 25 - Tuesday, January 2 - NO SCHOOL.  Winter Break

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green