



**January 31, 2014**

# **John Poole's BACK POCKET**

## **A Thought for Today:**

**The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.**

**- Patrick Young**

## **Groundhog Day Is Upon Us!**

My hopes are up for this weekend's weather. I know the forecast is for a cloudy Sunday, but the weatherman has been wrong before. I want those clouds rolling in, though, on Groundhog Day, because I'm about ready to kiss this winter goodbye. It's been cold and messy and dark, but now change is in the air, and I'm ready for it!

Among the changes we are working on these days are the processes that get us ready for the 2014 – 2015 school year. February brings registration cards, counselors visiting classrooms, and parent meetings to discuss the choices of classes and electives. Please check out the dates for all these events; they appear further along in this issue. Getting your questions answered early means getting those registrations turned in on time, and that makes it most likely your child will be able to get the classes he or she really wants. Thanks for helping us move smoothly through our registration activities!

Another big change on the horizon has to do with our assessment program. This is scheduled to be the last year for Maryland School Assessments (MSA) and the field-test administration of the test developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). JPMS is scheduled to give the PARCC to two sections in March and the MSA to the rest of our students. More information is coming from MCPS in the next couple of weeks, but the annual testing events will be different for us and our students this year. You'll want to be keeping up with the latest information, and we'll pass it on as we get it.

Of course, we're in the midst of the middle school roll-out of Curriculum 2.0, a huge change in teaching and learning that has finally worked its way up through the elementary schools to our doorstep. If you have older children who have already gone on to high school, you will find that the changes in course names, sequences and expectations might take some getting used to. Next year, for example, JPMS will not be offering a course named IM, but the following year IM will return, not as an advanced math option, but as the on-level 7<sup>th</sup> grade math class that leads directly to C2.0 Algebra in Grade 8.

So change is basically the one constant this spring in middle schools, but we will be there with you and your kids to help us all navigate the unfamiliar waters ahead. And, of course, some things never do change. Like clockwork, our students are beginning to feel the spring fever bug kicking in. Please work with your child to keep on focus, keep putting in the meaningful effort required to do his or her best, and keep displaying the lovely manners and respectful attitudes you taught him or her at home. Thanks for your support, and keep your fingers crossed on Groundhog Day – I'm ready for spring!

**- Charlotte Boucher**

# Hallway Heroes

**Hallway Heroes** are students we honor for demonstrating exemplary **PRIDE** behaviors as they move from class to class, helping to keep our hallways safe and comfortable for everyone.

The students recognized below consistently demonstrate **Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication** and **Effort** everywhere they go at JPMS. They are **Hallway Heroes** and we are proud to celebrate their high expectations and their Timberwolf PRIDE!

**Peter Barry**

**Kylie Kuhlman**

**Mina Prasada-Rao**

**Sam Bodmer**

**Lindsay Lightcap**

**Finn Ryan**

**Paige Houston**

**Maddison Magaha**

**Bryce Taylor**



## Reader Leaders

This week, we had the pleasure of celebrating students who completed the first semester having made exceptional progress in reading. Our Reading Specialist, Ms. Grifone, organized an awards banquet at which students and their families enjoyed a delicious fried chicken dinner followed by presentation of certificates and free books.

We are proud to honor the accomplishment of the following reading students:

**David Barkdoll**

**Juan Barron**

**Owen Brill**

**Kyle Burns**

**Cameron Carney**

**Arianna Carr**

**Jessica Convers**

**Holly Cross**

**Mary Deffinbaugh**

**Alec DeLuna**

**Alayna Dockstader**

**Zach Fedders**

**Maddie Folk**

**Jakelinne Fuentes**

**Makayla LeMarr**

**Thomas Oram**

**Jeremy Ouart**

**Nathaly Portillo-Rivas**

**Giavanna Santorocco**

**Clare Wilson**

**Briona Winstead**







# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picture

All the winter weather we've been having has caused all sorts of problems. The Grade 8 class picture was snowed out once, and even the re-scheduled picture fell on the day of a delayed opening.

This time, we couldn't change plans because of the photographer's schedule and the 12 dozen doughnuts we had on order from Krispy Kreme! The kids made it easy, though, by being very cooperative, and the doughnuts sure disappeared fast!



After a long break in the season, the girls' basketball team continued on their winning ways Wednesday. Their 37-30 overtime victory came against a strong Baker MS team, who was also undefeated. **Sarah Mullikin** led all scorers with 19 points including a big 3 pointer in overtime. **Erin Green** and **Kelliann Lee** were huge on the boards with 7 and 8 rebounds respectively. Other defensive standouts were **Haley Harkin**, **Kalie Terragno** and **Hannah Bush**. Their defensive pressure forced Baker into many turnovers.

On Thursday, the Lady Timberwolves tried to keep their unbeaten streak alive against Neelsville MS. In a game that saw *every member of the girls' basketball team* score, JPMS dominated Neelsville 41-7. **Madeleine Thompson** led all scorers with 6 points. **Megan Roldan** was next with 5 points. **Hannah Bush**, **Sarah Mullikin**, **Bridgette Hammett**, **Haley Harkins** and **Alli Haddaway** finished off the balanced scoring with 4 points apiece. Next Wednesday, the girls host Rocky Hill MS in what should be another exciting contest.

The boys' basketball team played their 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the season on Tuesday against Baker MS. The boys kept the score close most of the game only trailing by 3 points at the end of 3 quarters. With the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter starting with a score of 20 to 23, Baker MS exploded for 16 points including 7 from the free throw line to seal a big road victory, 39 to 31.

In the boys' second game of the week, they hit the road to play the always tall and very athletic Neelsville MS. The Neelsville student body always packs the gym tight and makes more noise than you can imagine. Our boys fell behind very quickly, finding themselves down 10 to 0 midway through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. After a timeout, the boys settled into their offense, kept their cool and at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter only found themselves down by 4 with a score of 12 to 8. After a strong second quarter performance, the boys outscored Neelsville 9 to 5 to find themselves tied at 17 apiece. In the second half, Neelsville outscored our boys 17 - 11 to bring home the victory for Neelsville, 34 - 28.

# Grade 7 Chicken Wing Lab

This time of year, chicken wings make us think of Super Bowl snacks – unless you are a 7<sup>th</sup> grader doing a dissection lab in science! This week our students did a great job practicing laboratory protocols as they learned hands-on about physiology.



Thanks to Mrs. Yesnick for sharing the photos!

# Student Transfer Application Season

**February 3 -  
April 1, 2014**

ROCKVILLE, Maryland—Montgomery County parents/guardians who wish to request a Change of School Assignment (COSA) for their children from their home school may begin the process during the upcoming transfer season—February 3 through April 1, 2014.

Except for students in the Northeast Consortium (NEC), Downcounty Consortium (DCC), and Middle School Magnet Consortium (MSMC) areas, students in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are assigned to a school on the basis of their place of residence or their Individualized Education Program (IEP) and are expected to attend their home school. Assignment changes for students from one school to another are permitted under the following limited circumstances:

- An older sibling attends the requested school in the regular program, absent a boundary change
- A continuation in a feeder pattern from middle to high school, except when affected by boundary change, application program acceptance, or consortium choice guidelines
- A documented, unique hardship situation
- A student selected for an exempt program

The transfer process begins in the home school, where parents/guardians may request the Change of School Assignment Information Booklet that contains the COSA form, describes the process, and provides useful information. Beginning the first week of February 2014, the COSA booklet will be available in schools and online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/transfers). The booklet will be available in both English and Spanish. Exempt programs that do not fall under the transfer guidelines are listed in the information booklet.

There is a different process to access the elementary language immersion programs. Full information and copies of the Elementary Immersion Interest Forms are available at all elementary schools and online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms). Grade 5 students currently enrolled in immersion programs should submit a COSA if they wish to continue in the immersion program at the middle-school level.

For information about assignments for students residing in the NEC, DCC, or MSMC areas, please contact the Division of Consortia Choice and Application Program Services at 301-592-2040 or visit the website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/schoolchoice](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/schoolchoice).

For more information about the transfer process, parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the principal at their home school. Non-English speaking students and parents/guardians who may require assistance may contact ASK MCPS to get the information they need by telephone at 301-309-MCPS (6277).

Telephone operators who speak English and Spanish are available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parents who speak languages other than English or Spanish who call the ASK MCPS telephone line and identify their language will have their questions answered through a telephone interpreter.

**FYI:**  
**COSA stands for**  
**Change of School**  
**Assignment**

John Poole Middle School



- Jennifer Kasten - President
- Neile Whitney - Vice President
- Hisaho Blair - Secretary
- Michelle Hobbs – Treasurer
- Wendy Gotlewski – Membership & Volunteers



## Spotlight on... Registration

Watch for forms to come home and parent meetings this month about registering for next year's classes.

Questions? Ideas? Opinions?  
Getting in touch with your PTSA is as easy as sending an email message!

JPMSPTSA@gmail.com

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/4.%20PTSA%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

It is not too late to join the JPMS PTSA. Membership provides a great way to get involved and to keep in touch.

Directories will be distributed soon. You haven't missed your chance to claim one.

It is very easy to join. All the information is found on the JPMS homepage under the parents tab. If you have any questions please email Wendy Gotlewski, membership coordinator at [gotlewski@msn.com](mailto:gotlewski@msn.com).

The graphic features a green football field background with yard lines. At the top, '2014' is written in white. Below it, 'SUPER BOWL ADS' is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, the text 'Advertisers Take Their Messages to the Second Screen — and to Kids' is written in white. At the bottom, there is a black television set on a stand. Below the TV, there is a black remote control and a green button with the text 'What to watch out for' in white. The background of the entire graphic is a light blue gradient.

**2014**

**SUPER BOWL ADS**

Advertisers Take Their Messages to the Second Screen — and to Kids

Advertisers are gearing up for Super Bowl Sunday with big social media campaigns that make viewers — including kids — part of the marketing. Help your kids recognize the new strategies that blur the line between content and advertising.

What to watch out for

JPMS Counselors will discuss registration for 2014 – 2015 in science classes with

- 6<sup>th</sup> graders on February 13 and
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders on February 13.

PHS Counselors will discuss registration for next year in Grade 8 English classes on February 7.

JPMS Counselors will visit Monocacy and Poolesville Elementary Schools to meet with 5<sup>th</sup> graders about registration for next year on February 10.

See the “Save the Date” page for information on evening meetings.

# BRING YOUR 'A' GAME

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Thu., Feb. 6 ■ 7pm ■ Comcast Center

Maryland Women's Basketball invites elementary & middle school students to join the Terrapins for the Bring Your 'A' Game on Thursday, February 6 when the Terps host Pittsburgh at Comcast Center at 7pm. Elementary and middle school students can claim a **FREE general admission ticket** when they present a report card or school assignment with an 'A' grade (or a 'P' or 'ES' grade for elementary school students) at the ticket window on game day. Regular general admission ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for youth ages 3-17.

1.800.IM.A.TERP ■ [umterps.com](http://umterps.com) ■ #GoTerps



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

MARYLAND

February 6, 2014



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an opportunity to purchase a piano or keyboard for your family. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has an agreement with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc. to provide MCPS with new grand and upright pianos to be used in schools. Schaeffer's Piano Co., Inc., located in Rockville, Maryland, is the area's oldest piano store. This agreement also provides MCPS families and staff an opportunity to purchase these and other pianos for considerably reduced prices at a piano sales event.

This year's liquidation sales event will take place on February 15, 16, and 17, 2014, at 105 North Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16, 2014, are by appointment only to provide an opportunity for you to purchase these pianos before they are offered for sale to the public on Monday, February 17, 2014. All pianos will carry a 15-year transferable warranty. Each piano will come with a bench and one free in-house tuning.

For additional information, you may visit the Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc. website at [www.schaefferspiano.com](http://www.schaefferspiano.com). To make an appointment for February 15 or 16, call the Schaeffer's Piano Company appointment desk at 301-424-1147. No appointment is required for Monday, February 17, when the sale will be open to the general public from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 15, 2014

Sunday, February 16, 2014

Monday, February 17, 2014

Call 301-424-1147 to schedule an appointment

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Open to the General Public, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

We are grateful to be working with Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc. to support our school music programs and help MCPS keep new and well-maintained instruments in our schools each year. If you have any questions, please contact Schaeffer's Piano Company, Inc. at 301-424-1144.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Bowers  
Chief Operating Officer

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

850 Hungerford Drive, Room 149 ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20850 ♦ 301-279-3626



### **Attention Parents!**

The yearbook club needs your help! Anyone with pictures of John Poole Middle School students participating in school activities or any out of school activities, please send the pictures in for possible yearbook pictures. This includes any sports pictures and snow day pictures! The yearbook club would love to do a sports page and a snow day page but we need pictures from you to make this happen. Please send all pictures in on a CD to Kelly Aulls or e-mail them to [Kelly\\_m\\_aulls@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kelly_m_aulls@mcpsmd.org) Thanks!

### **SSL Opportunity**

Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church will be hosting a free taco dinner on February 5. The event is open to the entire community. Opportunities are available for middle and high school students to help set up (4:00 - 5:30 PM), serve (5:30-7:30 PM), and clean up (7:30-8:30 PM). Students are welcome to help for any or all times listed. To sign up to help, or for more information, please contact Kirsten Lewis at 301-349-2750.

### **Math News**

If you've been watching the roll-out of Curriculum 2.0, you may have some questions about math programming for your child now that the middle and high school courses are being included in the roll-out. This is why we have featured evening meetings about the changing math curriculum several times both last year and this. Now you can get up-to-date information online at the MCPS website. This link will take you to resources in writing, videos, and powerpoints you can check out at your convenience. <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/math/>

### **A Tip from a PHS Parent**

At this month's PTSA meeting, a parent of a student in the Science, Math and Computer Science Magnet at PHS (known as Smacks) commented that it was very helpful, especially in that house, to have experience writing computer programs. Middle schools don't typically offer computer programming as an elective, but there are apps and websites that can get kids started at home. If your child is especially interested in science, math and computers, you might want to check out the ideas at this website: [http://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/raising-a-hacker-cool-tools-to-help-kids-learn-to-code?utm\\_source=011614\\_Parent&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=weekly](http://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/raising-a-hacker-cool-tools-to-help-kids-learn-to-code?utm_source=011614_Parent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly)

### **Sign Up for AlertMCPS**

Sign up for AlertMCPS to receive text messages or emails from MCPS during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. You can also sign up to receive alerts specific to your child's school. AlertMCPS messages are available in both English and Spanish. Visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertmcps.aspx> to subscribe.

## **Suscríbase a AlertMCPS**

Inscríbase en AlertMCPS para recibir mensajes de texto o correos electrónicos de MCPS durante las emergencias relacionadas con el clima y otros eventos importantes que afectan las operaciones del sistema escolar. También puede inscribirse para recibir alertas específicas de la escuela de su hijo. Los mensajes de AlertMCPS están disponibles en Inglés y Español. Visite <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/alertmcps.aspx> para suscribirse.

## **Snow Days**

The Montgomery County Board of Education builds snow days into the school calendar each year. If we go beyond the snow days, the Board has built five “contingency days” onto the end of the year. MCPS has used all our snow days so far this year—December 9 & 10 and January 3 and 22. If we have additional snow days, it is possible that MCPS will have to move the last day of school back in order to meet the state-required minimum 180 days of instruction. Questions? Check out the online school calendar at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/calendars/>.

## **Choose Respect Conference**

The Choose Respect Conference will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2014. This FREE annual event is intended for middle and high school students, their parents and youth service providers. It includes free food, live entertainment, raffles, prizes and interactive, educational workshops that get attendees talking about important topics such as domestic violence, dating abuse and how to identify and promote healthy relationships and friendships. The workshops are divided by age, as we all know the issues facing 6th and 7th graders are vastly different from those affecting 11th and 12th graders.

The second piece of the Choose Respect initiative is an annual Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest, where students are asked to create a 60-second video that brings attention to domestic abuse and dating violence. Winners are announced at the conference and receive cash awards, with a top prize of \$1,000. I am also attaching a contest flyer and the official rules/entry form.

Contact the Counseling Office for more details.

## **Prekindergarten and Head Start Registration to Begin March 3**

Registration for MCPS prekindergarten and Head Start classes will begin on March 3, 2014, and continue through the summer. These programs offer a high-quality educational experience for children in order to prepare them with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond. Children must be four years old on or before September 1, 2014, and families must be income-eligible to apply. For more information about eligibility guidelines, locations, and times of community registrations or required documents to complete an application, call 301-230-0676 or visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychildhood/prek/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychildhood/prek/).

## **Inscripción Para los Programas de Prekindergarten/Head Start Comienzan el 3 de Marzo**

La inscripción para las clases de pre-kindergarten y Head Start de MCPS comenzarán el 3 de marzo de 2014, y continuará hasta el verano. Estos programas ofrecen una experiencia educativa de alta calidad para los niños con el fin de prepararlos con los conocimientos y habilidades necesarias para el éxito en kindergarten y más allá. Los niños deben tener cuatro años de edad para el 1ro. de septiembre de 2014, y las familias deben tener ingresos elegibles para aplicar. Para obtener más información acerca de las pautas de elegibilidad, ubicaciones y horarios de los registros de la comunidad o los documentos necesarios para completar una solicitud, llame al 301-230-0676 o visite [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychildhood/prek/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/earlychildhood/prek/).

## Book Club Event Set for February 19

You are invited to join Superintendent Joshua Starr at a Book Club discussion on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville. The Book Club will discuss *Making Hope Happen* by Dr. Shane Lopez, a senior scientist with the Gallup organization, who will join Dr. Starr for the discussion. The book introduces readers to the scientific study of hope, its power, how to create it, and how to teach it to others to lead happier, more successful lives. Parents, staff, students and community members who wish to be a part of the studio audience for this free event are asked to RSVP to [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org). Those watching online or on MCPS TV (Comcast Channel 34) can participate in the conversation by sending questions via Twitter (using the hashtag #mcpsbookclub) or by sending an email to [ask@mcpsbookclub.org](mailto:ask@mcpsbookclub.org). Visit the MCPS website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org) and search "Book Club" for more information.

### Evento del Club del Libro Programado Para el 19 de Febrero

Usted está invitado a unirse al Superintendente Joshua Starr en su Club del Libro el miércoles 19 de febrero, a las 7:00 p.m., en el auditorio del Centro de Servicios Educativos Carver, 850 Hungerford Drive en Rockville. El Club del Libro discutirá *Making Hope Happen* del Dr. Shane Lopez, científico principal de la organización Gallup, quien acompañará a Dr. Starr para la discusión. El libro introduce el estudio científico de la esperanza, su poder, como crearlo, y como enseñarle a otros vivir una vida más feliz y exitosa. Los padres, personal, estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad que deseen ser parte de la audiencia en el estudio, durante este evento gratuito, deben confirmar su asistencia a [pio@mcpsmd.org](mailto:pio@mcpsmd.org). Aquellas personas que vean el programa en línea o por MCPS TV (Canal 34 de Comcast) pueden participar en la conversación enviando sus preguntas por Twitter (usando el identificador de tema (hashtag) #mcpsbookclub) o por correo electrónico enviando un mensaje a [ask@mcpsbookclub.org](mailto:ask@mcpsbookclub.org). Visite el sitio de internet de MCPS [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org) y busque "book club" para obtener más información.

### MCPS TV

*MCPS News in 90* and *Noticias en 90* (in Spanish) are 90-second updates on what is happening throughout the district. The shows are cablecast on MCPS TV and may be viewed at the following URL:

- *News in 90*: <http://bulletin.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>
- *Noticias en 90*: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/es/news/>

### After School Activities

RecXtra has returned to John Poole this year with a full schedule of after school activities. Students need to listen to the morning announcements or follow them [online](#) at our website to be ready to participate in the programs that interest them.



If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to lead or to see offered at JPMS please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at [Winessa\\_R\\_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org).

Activities begin after school at 2:30 p.m.

**Activity buses are provided on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays except on early dismissal days or the day before a holiday. They leave JPMS at 4:00 p.m.**

Algebra (Tuesday)

Homework Club (Tuesday)

Drama Club (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

**Basketball Practice** (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

**Extended Day Reading Classes** (Tuesday)

**Leo Club** (Wednesday – Dates TBD)

**Jazz Band** (Wednesday)

**Newspaper Club** (Wednesday)

**Math Extended Day** (Wednesday and Thursday)

**Running Club** (February 5, 12, 19 & 26; March 5)

# Summer 2014

The A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland

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## Stepping Stones



### Engineering Summer Camp

**"YOUR FIRST STEP TO UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD AROUND YOU"**

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Runs from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm daily

Work with University of Maryland engineering students to perform fun science experiments and engineering challenges.

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#### Contact Information

Vanessa Medley  
vmedley@umd.edu  
301-405-0315



#### Program Dates

Session I: July 14-18  
Session II: July 21-25

# *Give the gift that lasts a Lifetime!*



## **Order Your 2014 Yearbook NOW.**

Dear Parents & Students,

We look forward to an amazing year at John Poole Middle School! Our yearbook staff will be there to capture all the big events of the school year. Pre-order your child's yearbook **NOW**.

The cost of the yearbook is \$35, but you can purchase through January 31st for \$32.

Please order online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) as John Poole Middle School does not accept any in-school purchases.

Online payment options include credit card, debit, personal check, Bill Me Later, Paypal or monthly installment option. Yearbooks may sell out, so order **NOW** and reserve your copy today!

NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA? Order your child's yearbook today and then share one of the certificates below with them to let them know that they will be receiving a yearbook.

**Tenemos  
un anuario  
a tu  
nombre.**

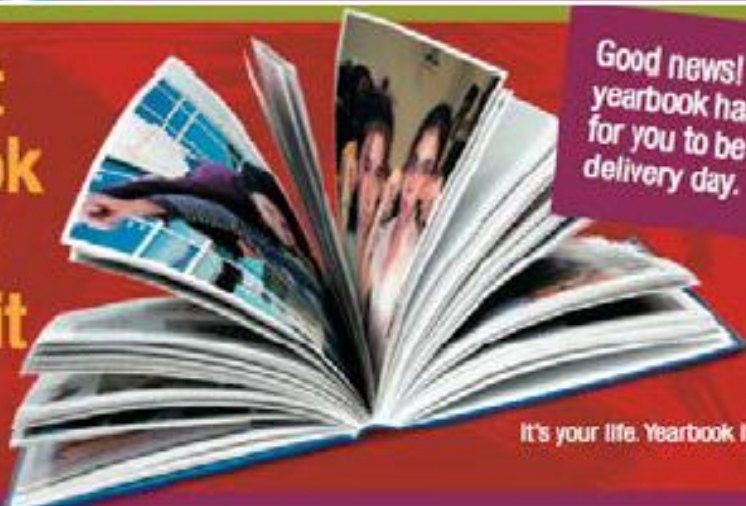


¡Buenas noticias! Se ha reservado un anuario personalizado para ti para que lo recojas el día de entrega.

Es tu vida. ¡Ponla en un anuario!



**We've got  
a yearbook  
with your  
name on it**



Good news! A personalized yearbook has been reserved for you to be picked up on delivery day.

It's your life. Yearbook it!



# Save the Date!



***Important events you won't want to miss!***

February 3 – 7	National School Counselors Week
February 14	Honor Roll Celebrations
February 17	Holiday, Presidents' Day (No School)
February 28	Interims Due Early Release Day (Students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.)

We are blessed with two extraordinary school counselors at JPMS. Next week would be a great time to remind them how much we appreciate the tremendous work they do!

## Meetings to Prepare for Next Year

All Meetings Begin at 7:00 PM

Parents of Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders meet in the JPMS APR: February 13

Parents of Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders meet in the JPMS Media Center: February 12

Parents of Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders meet in the PHS Auditorium: February 19

Parents and Students accepted to a magnet at PHS meet in the PHS Auditorium: February 11

## JPMS Basketball Schedule

February 5	Girls play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
February 5	Boys play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:00 p.m.)
February 11	Boys play King at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
February 11	Girls play King at King (3:00 p.m.)



Publication of the **Second Quarter Honor Roll** is delayed until next week because there were some errors in the roster we received from MCPS and we did not want to get it wrong. Watch for the full and correct Honor Roll in next week's *Back Pocket*, and mark your calendars for the Honor Roll Celebrations on **Valentine's Day!**

**Grade 8 – 8:40**

**Grade 7 – 10:30**

**Grade 6 – 12:50**

# PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*

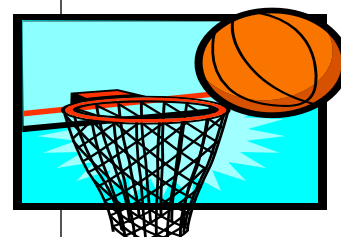


**PHS will put the Visitor Management System in place Monday, February 3. This is the same system we have at JPMS where you swipe your driver's license and get a badge to wear in the building. It will be just as easy at the high school as it is here. Thanks for your cooperation.**

## Poolesville High School Athletics (Winter)

### Boys Varsity Basketball

1/31/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Churchill HS at PHS
2/4/14	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS
2/7/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at Northwest HS
2/11/14	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS
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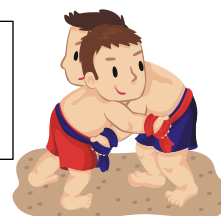


### Girls Varsity Basketball

1/31/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Churchill HS at Churchill HS
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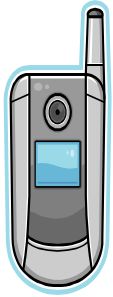
2/1/14	1:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at Northwest HS
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**Good Luck to the Poms at the County Championship Competition this Saturday, February 1!**

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## *And Ask for...*

Principal - Mrs. Boucher	Assistant Principal - Ms. Lemon
Technology & Arts IRT & Grade Level Coordinator	- Mr. Grotenhuis
English IRT	- Mrs. Lindsay
Social Studies IRT	- Ms. Nachlas
Math IRT	- Mr. McKay
Science IRT	- Mrs. Callaghan
Special Education IRT	- Ms. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Eisenberg

**JPMS**  
**Timberwolves**  
**live with**  
**P**urpose  
**R**espect  
**I**ntegrity  
**D**edication  
**E**ffort

## **Our Vision:**

**The Timberwolf community experiences joy in learning celebrates excellence and values positive relationships.**

## **Our Mission:**

**At John Poole Middle School our mission is to:**

- **promote joy in learning through motivation and engagement**
- **celebrate excellence by acknowledging achievement**
- **foster a shared responsibility for academic and social success**
- **value positive relationships thereby promoting a respectful and supportive learning environment**

