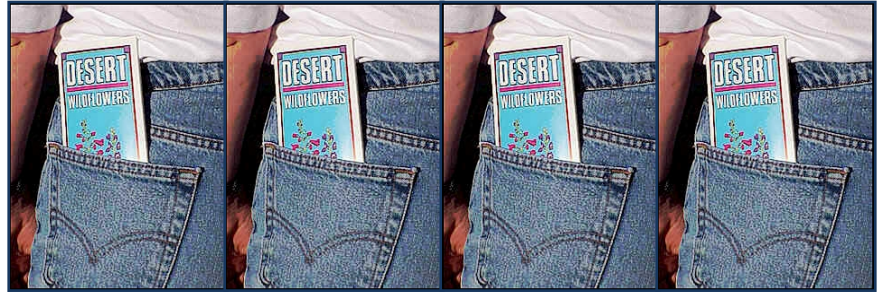


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



February 24, 2012

A Thought for Today:

I always tell my kids if you lay down, people will step over you. But if you keep scrambling, if you keep going, someone will always, always give you a hand. Always.

- Morgan Freeman

MSAs Are Just Around the Corner

With the incredible weather we've had this winter, it's small wonder if everyone's internal calendar is a little off; even those of us with imprints of the school year rhythms built into our genes are finding ourselves gasping at the prospect of beginning the Maryland School Assessments (MSAs) in just 10 school days!

I'm very proud of the excellent work our students and teachers have done this year, so the coming tests are not terribly threatening. On the other hand, the stakes are high, and the bar has been raised to very high levels. This year, schools are expected to have 85.7% of all students scoring proficient or advanced in Math and 90.4% reaching the same level in Reading. That's a tall order.

The bottom line is, we need every student at JPMS looking forward to the MSAs with PRIDE. Not only must our school reach those high goals, but each group of students must as well. White, African American, mixed race, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific islander, special education, limited English proficient and students receiving free or reduced meals are all measured separately as well as contributing to our all-school scores – and missing the mark in just one of those groups causes our whole school to fall below standard, no matter how well the rest of the students perform.

Of course, a small school like ours has an added concern in that some of our student groups are so small that each child counts as several percentage points. For example, in one of our student groups, we have only 21 students. That means each student counts as almost 5% of the group. If just three students have bad days and test poorly, we could fall below the target in both Reading and Math. Clearly, we cannot afford to leave a single child behind!

MSA scores are important tools for us as we place students and manage the instructional program to meet individual needs. They also are the measure by which our school is judged by the federal and state governments.

In the coming weeks, please have a chat with your child about taking the coming assessments seriously and doing his or her best. We don't want to make our students anxious, and we aren't desperately cramming in test practice hoping for last minute gains – we just want our kids to show what they know. When they act with Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort, they can't help but make us proud. As I tell them all the time, when our students **do** their best, they **are** the best. Thanks!

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!



Joe Brashear

Blake Hinkson

Trevor Magaha

Jacob Drissel

Alison Huber

Maureen Miller

Casey Harkins

Kelliann Lee

Brady Pearre

Woo Hoo for Amanda!

Recently we reported that 8th grader Amanda Warfield had won our local round of the National Geographic Bee, and now it's a great pleasure to announce that she has qualified to move on to the state competition!

In order to qualify for this round, local winners must take a written test. Only those with the best scores move on to the state championships. On Friday, March 30, Amanda will compete against other qualifiers from around the state of Maryland at the Community College of Baltimore County in Catonsville.

Congratulations, Amanda! We're cheering for your continued success!



Coming Soon to a Middle School Near You!

Starting on March 2, 2012 the Read Across Maryland program will begin.

People of all ages are challenged to read for 30 minutes for 30 days. Students at John Poole M.S. will have two opportunities to win prizes. Students who turn in their calendars, signed by their parent with a list of the books they have read will have their names entered into a drawing for various gift cards. Students can also choose to compete in a drawing for a Kindle Fire or Amazon gift card by completing the registration form on the back of their calendar and sending the form and a list of the books they have read to:

Radical Readers
MSEA c/o Angela Booker
140 Main Street
Annapolis, MD 21201

Entries must be postmarked by April 2, 2012.

Details are available on the Read Across Maryland website:

<http://www.readacrossmaryland.org/>

On March 2nd we will start off the fun by wearing red and white clothing. Students will receive related materials next week in English classes. Remember that March 2nd is the birthday of Dr. Seuss!

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME and JOIN THE PTA

- Sharon Armstrong - President
- Marilyn Soltis - Vice President
- Dawn Albert - Vice President
- Dreama Hemingway - Secretary
- Sue Van Meter – Treasurer
- Lori Kocur – Membership & Volunteers
- Anne Donovan – Staff Appreciation

To All 8th Grade Parents:

Please join us for the next “8th Grade Dinner Dance” planning meeting to be held on February 27, 2012 at the home of Karen Carrillo, 18317 McKernon Way, Poolesville.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen at 301-349-4565 or karencarrillo@hotmail.com

It is always worthwhile and never too late to join the John Poole Middle School PTSA.

Your membership entitles you to receive the 2011-2012 JPMS Student Directory at no charge!

Please contact Lori Kocur at kocurs@verizon.net for membership information or to register as a JPMS Parent Volunteer. Once you are a registered volunteer, you will receive emails when opportunities to help out at school arise. It's as easy as that!

Show your kids how much you care and how important their school experience is to you – register to volunteer today!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13\[1\]%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/13[1]%20ptsa%20volunteer%20form.pdf)

Dear Members of the Selby and Brooks Families:

The John Poole Middle School (JPMS) Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) would like to recognize your contributions to our school community and extend our appreciation and gratitude for all Selby's Market has done to support our students and schools over the years.

You have welcomed graciously JPMS PTSA's setup of fundraiser tables in front of your store and display of flyers to advertise our events. You have made it more affordable for the PTSA to purchase food and supplies by providing a credit line and discounts and have personally helped many families in our John Poole Middle School community when they were in financial and emotional need.

Selby's Market's close relationship with the school and community is hard to come by these days. Thank you for your support and contributions. Words alone cannot truly express the appreciation. You will be missed!

Sincerely,

The JPMS PTSA

HELP WANTED!

PTSA PRESIDENT & TREASURER

Exciting positions for parents who care about our school community, want the best for our kids, and like to take an active role in school life!

Ideally, this is a two-year term. The current President and Treasurer have served for two years and are now transitioning with their kids to the high school.

The vice president and secretary are staying on in their jobs, so new officers will have experienced, hard-working support.

Doesn't this sound like a job you'd enjoy? Contact Sharon Armstrong or another of the current officers for more information.

Thanks!

PTA Fundraiser

on March 17th-18th shop at

Finders Keepers

Home • Garden • Gifts

19831 Fisher Avenue Poolesville MD

Vintage and cottage chic home décor and gifts for every occasion



Mention “JPMSPPTA” and 10% of
your total purchase will be
donated to your PTA!

Saturday March 17th 10am – 6pm

Sunday March 18th 12 – 5pm

For more info go to www.finderskeepershgg.com or find us on

Facebook



Donations Welcome for 8th Grade Dance



Now that we are in the second semester of the school year, the 8th graders at John Poole Middle School are looking ahead to moving to high school. In fact, planning is already underway for their annual 8th grade celebration dance, which will be held June 8, featuring a fun beach theme.

The dance committee is looking for donations for raffle and game prizes for the dance, such as gift baskets, gift cards, movie tickets, beach-themed merchandise, electronics, sports equipment, restaurant gift certificates, and popular store gift certificates. (Only new or unused items, please.) Financial donations are also appreciated so we can purchase prizes. Please take your donations to Mrs. Ogden in the middle school office before June 1 and clearly label them for the 8th Grade Dance. If you have any questions, contact Karen Micheals at kmicheals@cornetser.com or at 240-425-4446. Thank you for helping to make the dance a fun and memorable occasion for our children!



New Clubs are beginning next week! See below for classes and times! These classes are great opportunities for the students at JPMS. Please join us! It is the purpose of RecXtra to serve all students, please do not hesitate to submit club suggestions for your child. Please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org

Upcoming RecXtra Clubs:

Boxing Fitness: Thursdays -- 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15. Registration forms are available in the main office.

RecXtra needs your donations for upcoming classes. Don't throw it away!!! Recycle with us! You may drop items in the RecXtra Box in the Main Office. Thanks!

- Magnets
- Yarn
- Fabric cuts or scraps
- Scrapbook supplies
- Spray paint--any color
- Beads and Jewelry making supplies
- Old and unwanted jewelry

Montgomery County Department of Recreation is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please call a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist @240-777-4925V /240-777-6974 TTY to request accommodations no later than two weeks prior to the activity.

Need a Dependable Car? In the Market for a Computer?



Students in the Montgomery County Public Schools Automotive Body/Technology programs and Network Operations programs will be selling used cars and computers from 9:00 -11:00 AM this Saturday, February 25, at Damascus High School, 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus

The cars and computers are refurbished and tested by the students as part of their classroom and lab studies. You can be sure you are getting good quality products that you can trust!

For information on the cars, visit www.autocareers.org or call Mike Snyder at 301-929-2164. All vehicles are Maryland State inspected.



Each computer includes 1 GB RAM, CD-ROM drive, floppy disk drive, color monitor, keyboard, mouse, network interface card and eight USB ports. For information on the computers, visit www.itfcareers.org or call John Brewer at 301-929-6975.

Proceeds of this annual sale benefit the Montgomery County Students Automotive Trades and Information Technology Foundations.

Sales are cash or check with valid ID only.

Snow date for the sale is Saturday, March 3.



Announcing –

Yearbooks

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered through Jostens only. If you do not pre-order a yearbook, you are not guaranteed a yearbook. You can go to www.jostens.com today to pre-order your yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Aulls at Kelly_M_Aulls@mcpsmd.org.

Donations Needed for Drama

The drama program is in need of donations for *Annie Jr.* as well as for the drama program. We need plastic boxes with covers and handles (bigger than shoe box size). Any old flannel nightgowns, pajamas, dress socks and clothing that could pass for the 1930's would be great. If you do make any donations, please make sure Mrs. Turner has your name. Thank you!

MSI Soccer

The Poolesville 6th/7th grade boys MSI recreational soccer team has openings for a few new players. Practices will be held in Poolesville. Please contact Lori Kocur at kocurs@verizon.net or at 301-349-9670 for more information.

Girls on Track

Girls on Track will be starting the spring session on March 6th. We will meet every Tuesday and Thursday after school for 10 weeks. Interested girls can register on line at www.girlsontherunofmoco.org

If you have questions or need assistance with the registration process, go to the health room and speak with Mrs. Salyers or Mrs. Sypes. Financial assistance is available.

PAA Girls Youth Lacrosse

PAA Girl's Youth Lacrosse will begin in late February. There will be practices 2 days a week during the season with games on the weekend starting the middle of March. The girls' games are mostly on Sundays this year. We will be playing in the Metro Girl's Lacrosse League in Montgomery County.

Poolesville Girl's Lacrosse Spring 2012 Registration is now open. Please fill out the form on the website, www.paafalcons.com/girlslax, print it and send it along with a check to the address on the form. Registration will close on **February 24th, 2012**, so that rosters can be entered and uniforms ordered. **We will be closing rosters soon, as teams are filling up.** For more information regarding girl's lacrosse, please contact Vin Harkins at vinharkins@aol.com

Soccer Tryouts

Attention all students in 7th or 8th grade who are interested in playing soccer for John Poole Middle School! Tryouts will begin Wednesday, March 14. Before you try out, you must have all the necessary paperwork completed and an updated physical on file in the nurse's office. You can pick up a packet of information from your PE teacher, the main office, or Mr. Young. Packets need to be returned to the coaches the first day of tryouts.

Summer Institute for the Gifted

The **Summer Institute for the Gifted** offers summer programs that combine academics with social, cultural and recreational opportunities for students ages 4 – 17. Catalogs for the 2012 **Summer Institute** are now available. If you are interested in residential, commuter, and day programs for gifted and academically talented students, go to <http://www.giftedstudy.org/> for information.

Montgomery College Summer 2012 Youth Programs

Registration is now open for courses for students in grades K - 12 held on all three campuses, Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring. There are over 200 exciting full- and half-day courses that cover a wide range of topics, such as art, music, science, math, writing, sports, robotics, study skills, engineering, wood working, technology, and more.

The summer program runs for an eight-week period from June 18 – August 10, 2012. So, if you are interested in doing something really different and fun this summer, **REGISTER NOW online, by fax, by mail, or come to the Rockville Campus, Campus Center, Room 220. CI**

spaces fill quickly, so register right away!!

For registration information, access our website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummerbrochure.html> or contact the Youth Programs Office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

Boys Soccer Coach Needed

JPMS is looking for a qualified boy's soccer coach who has experience coaching and working with middle school students. The season runs March 14, 2012 to May 17, 2012. Practice is only 3 days a week, Tuesday – Thursday, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. There are 5 games during the season. If you're interested in applying for the vacancy, please email Mr. Young to set up an interview at Terry_W_Young@mcpsmd.org. Thanks!

Superintendent to Hold Four Forums This Spring

Superintendent of Schools Joshua Starr will be holding four forums this spring, each focusing on a specific topic—English Language Learners (March 12 at Kennedy HS), Gifted Education (March 22 at Magruder HS), Special Education (April 16 at Seneca Valley HS), and Social and Emotional Learning (May 10 at Whitman HS). Each forum will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and will provide an opportunity for parents, staff, and the community to hear about the latest trends and research, find out what's happening in our schools, and share their thoughts and ideas with Dr. Starr, guest panelists, and other participants. Interpretation and childcare will be available. Additional information is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org or by calling 301-309-MCPS (6277).

El Superintendente de Escuelas Joshua Starr estará realizando cuatro foros durante esta primavera, cada uno de ellos enfocado en un tema específico—Estudiantes de Inglés Como Segundo Idioma (English Language Learners) (12 de marzo, en Kennedy HS); Educación Para Estudiantes de Alto Potencial (22 de marzo, en Magruder HS); Educación Especial (16 de abril, en Seneca Valley HS); y, Aprendizaje Social y Emocional (10 de mayo, en Walt Whitman HS). Cada foro se realizará de 7:00 a 8:30 p.m., y ofrecerá una oportunidad para que los padres, el personal y la comunidad conozcan las últimas tendencias e investigaciones, para que sepan lo que está sucediendo en nuestras escuelas y para que compartan sus opiniones e ideas con el Dr. Starr, con los panelistas invitados y con los demás participantes. Habrá a disposición servicio de interpretación y cuidado infantil. Se puede obtener información adicional en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org, o llamando al 301-309-MCPS (6277).

Doodle 4 Google

Google is famous for the doodles that occasionally replace the Google logo. The Doodle 4 Google competition challenges children in grades K-12 to create their own play on Google's logo. Doodles are judged in four grade groups: K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. There is one national finalist in each grade group. One national winner receives a \$15,000 college scholarship, a trip to the Google New York office, a laptop computer, a digital tablet and a t-shirt with his or her doodle. (The winner's school or after-school program also receives a \$25,000 technology grant.) The other three national finalists receive a \$5,000 scholarship, a trip to the Google New York office, a digital tablet and a t-shirt with his or her doodle. The registration deadline is in early March and the doodle entry deadline is in mid-March. Thanks to Mr. Terrell for bringing this opportunity to our attention. Look for more information online at

http://www.google.com/doodle4google/#utm_source=sem&utm_medium=google&utm_campaign=SKWS

Kohl's Cares® Scholarships

The Kohl's Cares® Scholarship Program recognizes and rewards young volunteers who help make their communities a better place. To be nominated, students must be between the ages of six and 18 and not yet a high school graduate as of March 15, 2012. Each student must be nominated by someone age 21 years or older. Nominations close for 2012 on March 15. Visit <https://www.act.org/kohls> for more information. Click the **Register Now!** button to nominate a student. Again, thanks to Mr. Terrell for passing on this information.

Homework Hotline Live

Ask teachers for help Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4-9 PM, on MCPS TV's Homework Hotline Live (HHL). Watch teachers on TV as they work with you to solve homework problems. **Here's how to ask your question:**

- From 4 to 6 PM, call **301-279-3234** (STILL THE BEST--talk directly with a teacher).
- From 4 to 9 PM, send a text message from the Homework Hotline website (AskHHL.org); send a text message from your cell phone to **724-427-5445**; post a message on the [HHL Facebook wall](#), or send an e-mail to question@AskHHL.org.

It's Blue Monday again...

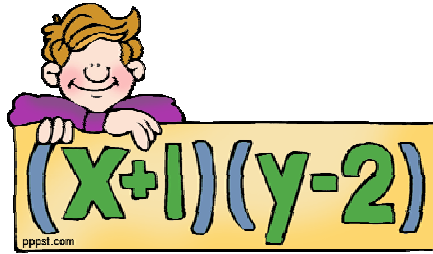
This Monday, February 27, remind your kids to wear blue to show their support for a safe and friendly school environment.

The Blue Monday lesson will address cyber bullying and cyber safety. Ask about it at dinner Monday night.

Remember: every member of our school community can be a HERO:

Helping Everyone Respect Others!

Algebra 2 Jumpstart



Our Honors Geometry students are among our Best and Brightest students at JPMS; we want them to have every opportunity to be the Best and Brightest at Poolesville High School! All Honors Geometry students are invited to attend a very special *Summer Program* that will give you a *Jumpstart* into Algebra 2!

Over the past two years, Mrs. Aulls has developed this curriculum to help strong students refresh their Algebra skills so they are ready for excellence in high school. It has been a year since Honors Geometry students took Algebra – of course those skills are a little rusty. This class is a great way to review Algebra 1 concepts so JPMS students are ready on Day 1 to excel in Algebra 2. Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity which is available only to John Poole students.

The class will run Monday through Friday for three weeks at John Poole Middle School. The first day of class is Monday, July 9th and the last day is Friday, July 27th. The class will be from 9:30am – 11:30am. Students will need to have their own transportation to attend this program. There *may* be afternoon transportation if there are other summer programs at John Poole MS.

There is a small fee of \$10 for this great opportunity to jumpstart your Algebra skills (checks made payable to JPMS). Fill out and detach the reservation slip below and return it with your registration fee to Mrs. Ogden in the main office or Mrs. Aulls in room 309 as soon as possible and no later than Friday, March 30th.

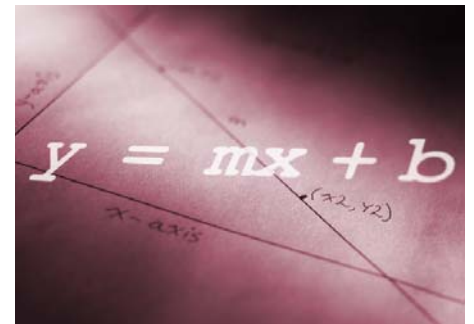
I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.

Student Name: _____

2012-2013 Math Course: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Please provide a name and number below of someone who can be reached in case of an emergency.

Saturday Adaptive Technology Sessions

MAKING LEARNING EASIER: Reading, writing, organization, and math for middle and high school students



- Kurzweil 3000
- Word Q
- Dragon
- iPad apps for reading books from online sites (e.g. Bookshare)
- Understanding Math

Students and parents are invited to take part in this free program. No reservations are required. Moira Williams, president of Envision Technology, Inc., and Speri Silverman, an instructional specialist working with Montgomery County Public Schools, will lead demonstrations and discuss five technologies to improve learning, especially as used in MCPS.

Saturday, February 25, 2012

1 to 3 p.m.

Davis Library

6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

240-777-0922

TTY 301-897-2203

If this flyer is needed in another format, or if sign language interpreters, cued speech, oral transliterators, or other accommodations are needed, contact drcinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov, or call 240-777- 0960, five work-days notice requested.

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Event Overview & Fact Sheet

What: The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of the Mid-Atlantic's 2012 Walk for Wishes® is a community-wide celebration and effort to grant wishes for local children with life-threatening medical conditions. Walkers of all ages will come together and enjoy a day that includes the walk itself, a Virtual Walk and ongoing family-fun festivities including: great music, face painting and balloon art, special guest appearances and other surprises.

Where: University of Maryland's Comcast Center

When: Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 8:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.

For added convenience for participants, there will be four "waves" of start times for walkers;

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Who: Everyone! Children who have received wishes, their families and other enthusiastic Mid-Atlantic supporters such as corporations, clubs, schools, families and friends can all be involved.

Why: To raise awareness and funds so that the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic can continue to serve local children. The average cost of a wish in the Mid-Atlantic region is \$7,500 and each year the Mid-Atlantic chapter grants more than 400 wishes. We rely on community members to help us grant these wishes.

How: You can get involved in this event in a variety of ways.

- **Sponsor** the Walk for Wishes and join other committed partners like UnitedHealthcare
- **Walk** and join the fun and festivities at the University of Maryland or via our Virtual Walk.
Registration is:
 - Adults - \$25
 - Kids six – 18 - \$15
 - Kids five and under - FREE!
- **Recruit** others to walk with you and share the power of a wish®
- **Pledge** your financial support and turn your dollars into wishes! Support your family, friends and co-workers by making an online donation via their personal fundraising Webpage
- **Volunteer** to be an event committee member or event day volunteer
- **Donate in-kind** goods and services to help reduce costs

For more information on how to get involved go to, www.midatlantic-walkforwishes.org



Our thanks to lead Star Sponsor - UnitedHealthcare



Come play Baseball and Softball in your hometown!

All Practices and Home Games will be in Poolesville

Games are played at either Halmos or Stevens Park

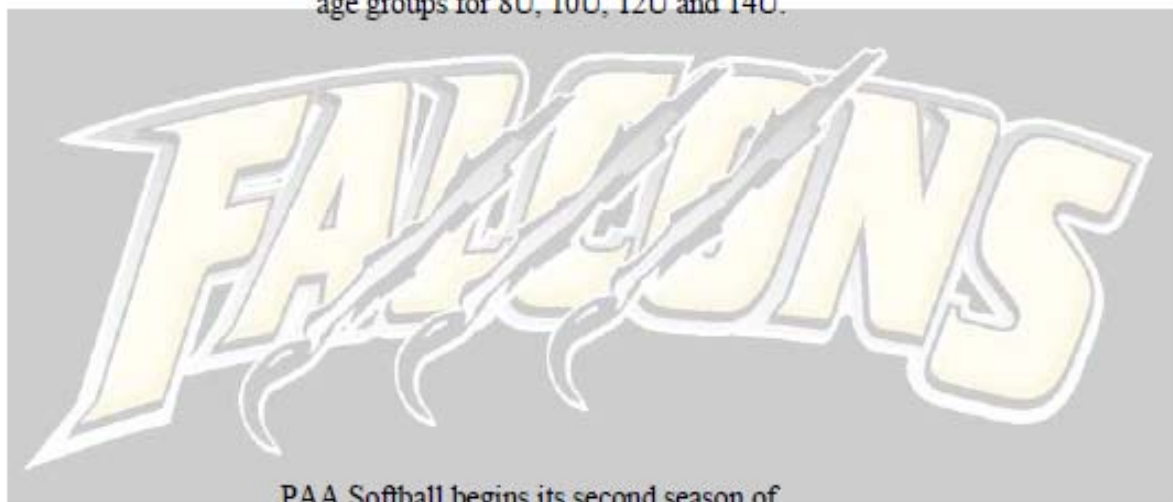
PAA Spring Baseball and Softball are almost here!



Registration is open for both Baseball and Softball through PAA.

We are looking forward to another exciting baseball season, from T-Ball to 14U.

PAA Baseball is open to boys and girls. T-Ball is open for ages 3-6. We have age groups for 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U.



PAA Softball begins its second season of introducing the girls to the game of fast-pitch softball. As the girls learn the game and grow, they will become ready to move on to the more established leagues.

Most games are expected to be played in Poolesville with a handful of games played in the surrounding communities. The softball program is for girls 7 to 11.



First year players in PAA will need to provide birth certificates or other proof of age. Registration deadline is February 15th. Sibling and multi-sport discounts are available.

The registration forms can be found on the PAA website (www.paafalcons.com). Questions can be directed to Terry Pierce at 301-349-5115 or poolesvillebaseball@gmail.com.

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Pediatric Anxiety Seminar
Thursday, March 1, 2012
7-8:30 pm

CLINGY SHY STRUGGLING NERVOUS WORRIED SAD

Is Your Child Anxious? **What Parents Need to Know**

Presenter: Erin D. Berman, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, NIMH

Topics Include:

- Common signs and symptoms of anxiety in youth
- What parents can do to help a child who is struggling with anxiety
- Understanding treatment options
- Current research in pediatric anxiety conducted at NIMH

Seminar Location:



The Parent Resource Center
Communications & Community Outreach

Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services
2334 Gallows Road
Dunn Loring, VA 22027
Entrance 1, Room 100

Please register, seating is limited.

RSVP by Friday, February 24, 2012

Call: 301 - 402 - 8225 TTY: 1-866-411-1010

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email: kidswithworries@mail.nih.gov
<http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov>



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Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



February 27	Blue Monday
March 6	Interims Mailed
March 12-22	MSA Testing
March 22	JPMS Spring Recital (7:00 p.m.)
March 29	Third Marking Period Ends
March 30	Professional Day for Teachers (No School for Students)

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Boys Varsity Lacrosse

March 8	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Tuscarora HS at Tuscarora HS (Scrim.)
March 13	4:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at PHS (Scrim.)
March 17	TBA	PHS vs. Brunswick HS at Brunswick HS (Brunswick Play-Day)
March 17	TBA	PHS vs. Walt Whitman HS at Brunswick HS (Brunswick Play-Day)
March 17	TBA	PHS vs. Frederick HS at Brunswick HS (Brunswick Play-Day)

In case you need to call the PHS Counseling Office with registration questions, here is the office staff list:

Serving students whose last names begin with

[James Cappuccilli](#), Counselor

A - Fo

[Melissa Nagy](#), Counselor

Fr - Ho

[Barbara Martin](#), Counselor

Hs - M

[David Gysberts](#), Counselor

N - To

[Sarah Pavlik](#), Resource Counselor

Tr - Z

[Susan Hornburg](#), Secretary

[Libby Hillard](#), Registrar - 301.972.7913

Read about the PHS students who earned their way into the finals of this year's AbilityOne Design Challenge, a competition among high school students to create original tools to aid the disabled. Click on this link to the *Gazette* article:

[Pooleville students invent tool to assist disabled workers](#)

Call John Poole!

Main Office 301-972-7979
Counseling 301-972-7980
Cafeteria 301-407-1037
Health Room 301-407-1029



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
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Hardy

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Timberwolves
live with
Purpose
Respect
Integrity
Dedication
Effort

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**

