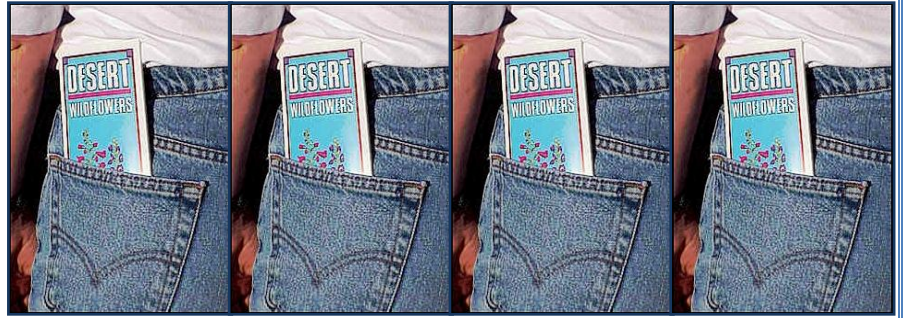


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



March 15, 2013

A Thought for Today:

It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.

- Leonardo da Vinci

Another Milestone Accomplished

Whew! MSAs are over!

We have come through the past two weeks of unusual schedules, a snow closing, and end-of-marking-term assignments with amazing grace (so to speak!) Thanks to your help and our kids' dedication, we had very few absences during testing, so there remain very few make-up assessments to complete. It was my good fortune to get to hand out the treats at lunch for test-takers who put in their best effort (essentially everyone), and I heard the excellent manners you taught our students over and over again as they asked, "May I have a green one, please?" or received their twizzlers with a "Thank you" and a smile. Sometimes my job is a joy.

Now we are one week from Spring Break and another kind of crunch is on. Everything graded needs to be turned in this week; every reassessment scheduled during the next five days; and every make-up task accomplished so that grades can be prepared before the students return in April. If you are not already on top of Edline or your child's agenda book, please take time this weekend to check in and make sure it all gets done and handed in before the end of term.

Next week is also Red Ribbon Week – a time when we focus on making good choices about substance abuse and living healthy. Kids will have fun dressing up each day (Monday is wear Red and/or Blue to support Red Ribbon/Blue Ribbon messages), but the lessons in classes will focus on the very serious issues kids this age confront. I think of the spirit days as the spoon full of sugar that helps the medicine go down. We don't want to scare or shame our students; we want to build enthusiasm for the positive alternatives to the exciting but risky choices that are so tempting to young adolescents.

I hope you have seen the letter from the PTSA that went out this week. Last year, you all bought us the fancy mobile Promethean board in our media center. This piece of equipment is used every day and at many evening events, too, to enhance lessons and motivate our kids. It's a fabulous upgrade in our school-wide resources. This year's goal is equally exciting. The PTSA would like to purchase a WeatherBug weather station for our school. It's several thousand dollars, but the learning opportunities that would result are invaluable. Not only would our science and technology classes be hooked into the Earth Networks system for real-time access to weather, climate and environmental data from around the world, but John Poole would be part of the local weather monitoring network that keeps us informed and alerts us to potential tornados, flooding, and other weather-related dangers. If you can contribute to the fund-raising appeal, I hope you will. Thanks!



– 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!

Michael Basehore

Garrett Fultz

Vivian Galentine

Jessica Hawkins

Katherine Heimbach

Noel Kirkpatrick

Cooper Myers Mallinger

Lucas Stroud

Camden Wolin



Hanging Out with the First Lady



Check out the Poolesville 6th grade Falcons at their recent basketball tournament! Sasha Obama played on one of the opposing teams, and her mom was kind enough to take a photo with the team players and coaches Steve and Ann Marie Thomas. How exciting!



Congratulations to Our Poolesville Idol Participants!

John Poole was well-represented in the Poolesville Idol talent show sponsored by the PHS chapter of the National Honor Society as a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. All our kids did a great job, and several took home trophies!

- * **Theresa Nardone** and **Ellie Creedon** took Second Place over all with their rendition of *Cups* by Anna Kendrick
- * **Courtney Bourque** and **Josephine Caruso** won Best Dance/Theater for their performance of *She Said, She Said* by Bryan Starchman
- * **Izzy Gibbs** was awarded Most Energetic for her dance solo
- * **The JPMS Phantom Players** were named Best Group for *Iowa Stubborn* from *The Music Man* by Meredith Wilson

You can enjoy this number and more when the Phantom Players bring *The Music Man* on stage May 10 and 11 as this year's Spring Musical.

Congratulations to all these talented students!

March Is Youth Art Month

This year's Youth Art Month Contest was to design a flag with the theme "The Earth without Art is Just Eh" and three talented JPMS artists submitted beautiful designs.

Check out the flags created by **Julia Corfman**, **Kenydi Cross**, and **Mackenzie Mullett**!



Red Ribbon Pledge

I pledge to make wise decisions,

to be drug-free and

to support the

Red Ribbon Celebration

by taking a stand with my family

and my friends

against alcohol and drug use.



Red Ribbon Week Celebration

March 18-22

Stay Clean to Live Your Dreams!

Each year, Red Ribbon Week provides us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to a safe, healthy and drug-free lifestyle and show our dedication to education and prevention efforts in our schools and community. It is estimated that over 80 million young people and adults throughout the USA participate in this annual campaign.

The week of March 18 -22, we will celebrate each day with a theme and an activity that helps each of us make decisions to Live Our Dreams. Remember, students, that all outfits for theme days must be appropriate for school. Choose appropriate clothing and accessories, too.

Throughout the week, students will sign a banner like the one pictures above promoting a drug-free lifestyle. The banner will be on display in the school hallway. In addition, facts about the dangers of drug involvement will be read during the morning announcements and discussed in classes.

Red Ribbon Week alone cannot solve our state's drug problems, but it can raise awareness and encourage participation in drug-free activities. Talk with your kids about drugs. No matter how young children are, talking with them is one of the best things you can do to help keep them drug free.

Resources for Drug and Alcohol Issues:

How Parents Can Prevent Drug Abuse

<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/drug-abuse/alcohol-tobacco-and-other-drugs>

Parenting Tips for Drug Prevention

http://www.ehow.com/info_7833507_parenting-tips-drug-prevention.html

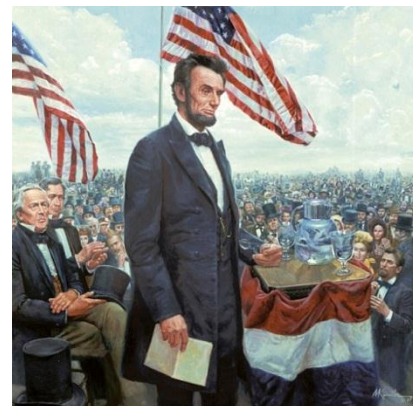
Day/Date	Activities
Monday March 18	Live Your Dream Wear Red and/or Blue
Tuesday March 19	Make Charmed Choices for Success Dress for success
Wednesday March 20	Look Away From Drugs Wear Glasses Sun glasses must be worn above your forehead
Thursday March 21	Twist Away From Drugs Backwards Day – wear tops backwards
Friday March 22	Spring For The RIGHT Choice Wear Crazy Socks and Shoes

PBA JV Boys Are Champs!

Congratulations to **Pete Barry, Michael Basehore, Ryan Haddaway, Ryan Kasten, Brian Jacobs, Trevor McFall, Tyler Morningstar, Brady Pearre, Tommy Poole, Robert Siegrist, John Thompson, Jack Tyler** and their Coaches **Rick Haddaway** and **Butch Barry** on beating Brunswick 37 – 35 last week to become Mid-Maryland League “A” Tournament Champions! The tournament brought our boys up against teams that had beaten them earlier in the season, but they prevailed and won the title!

An important reminder for 8th graders.

The 8th grade Ford's Theatre permission slip and payment are due on **March 18, 2013**. This field trip is an important part of our study of the Civil War in US History. Students will be learning about Abraham Lincoln and the impact that his assassination had on our country. It is important that all 8th grade students participate in this field trip. Any financial concerns can be direction to the Counseling office at 301-972-7980. A copy of this permission slip can be found on your child's Ed-line page for US History. Thank you!



The 8th grade teachers are looking to restock our shelves! Please consider donating middle school level books, especially current titles that your son or daughter has already read. Many students are vying for our copies of Uglies, Ship Breaker, The Secret Lives of Bees, and Chains, to name a few.

Please consider donating your used books to keep our kids reading!



Read Across Maryland

Now playing at a middle school near you!

On March 2, this year's Read Across Maryland program got under way. People of all ages are challenged to read for 30 minutes a day for 30 days.

Students at John Poole M.S. will have two opportunities to win prizes. Students who turn in their calendar, 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 a \$25.00 Amazon gift card. Details will be on the website: <http://www.readacrossmaryland.org/>

Students received related materials in their English classes. Remember that March 2nd was the birthday of Dr. Seuss!

Student Name _____

The more you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go!
-Dr. Seuss

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Read 30 of 30 MINUTES OR DAYS

READ ACROSS MARYLAND At Your Library March 2013

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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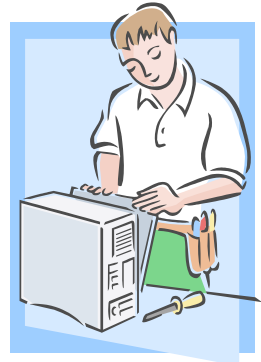


EIGHTH GRADE CAREER DAY 2013

April 25

7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS



Parents and community members are needed to share their occupations with us! We are looking for a variety of careers to represent all walks of life. Our eighth graders enjoy having you come and share your careers with them. We will be having both morning career presentations and afternoon special sessions for our Career Day, providing a variety of career panels offering learning opportunities for the students.

If you are interested, or have a friend or neighbor who would like to participate, please complete the form below. Your child may return the form by **March 21, 2013**. You may contact Mrs. Arnold or Mrs. Hardy, counselors at JPMS (301-972-7980) with any questions.

We also depend on parent helpers to organize this day and help with material preparation, registration, hospitality, student snacks, and lunch for presenters. This year, we are asking parents who are *not* presenters but who want to help with the materials and food to use **Sign-up Genius** online at www.signupgenius.com.

Here's how it works:

STEP ONE: Go to www.signupgenius.com

STEP TWO: Click on the GREEN Tab labeled "FIND A SIGN UP"

STEP THREE: Enter email of the Sign up's creator: judy.mckenney@comcast.net (all lower case)

STEP FOUR: Click on ACTIVE Sign-up: JPMS CAREER DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

STEP FIVE: Review available opportunities

STEP SIX: Click on "Sign up" to volunteer

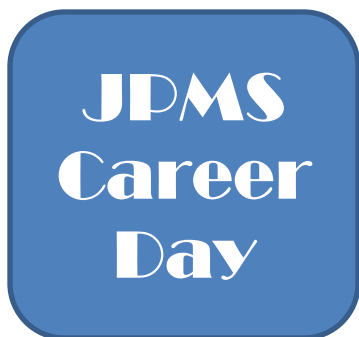
STEP SEVEN: If you are a current member of SignUpGenius, click on "I'm a SignUpGenius Member" and login to sign up

OR, if you are *not* a current member of SignUpGenius, Click on "I do not have a Sign up Genius Account" and enter the following information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email
- Re-enter email
- Choose a password



Now you will be able to see your choices and volunteer to help! Thanks!



STUDENT NAME _____

THURSDAY APRIL 25, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Parent Volunteer Information

Please use our on-line sign-up Genius: www.signupgenius.com (directions above) -- or you may complete and return this form to the Counseling Office.

____ Yes, I would like to volunteer to help on Career Day, April 25, 2013. I would like to help with:

____ Morning Presenter Breakfast

____ Noon Presenter Lunch

____ Donate Food for Presenter Breakfast/Lunch

____ Distribute Student Snacks

____ I am willing to coordinate one of the above



*You may start dropping any donations the day before to the front office. If you are bringing soda, juice or water it would be helpful to bring it on Wednesday so we can make sure it is chilled for the next day. **Hot lunch** items should be delivered to the school at 11:00 am to ensure they are still warm for lunch. Any other items must be delivered by 7:00 am on Thursday, April 25th.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: (H) _____

(Cell): _____

(Work): _____

Email address: _____





STUDENT NAME _____

THURSDAY APRIL 25, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Presenter Information

____ ***Yes, I would like to be a presenter: 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.*** My presentation will be:

____ 5 – 10 minutes

____ 10-15 minutes

____ 15-20 minutes

____ Informative

____ Interactive

____ Both

____ No, I am not available at this time

____ I have signed up to volunteer in another way.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Company: _____

Position/Occupation: _____

Audio visual equipment needed: _____

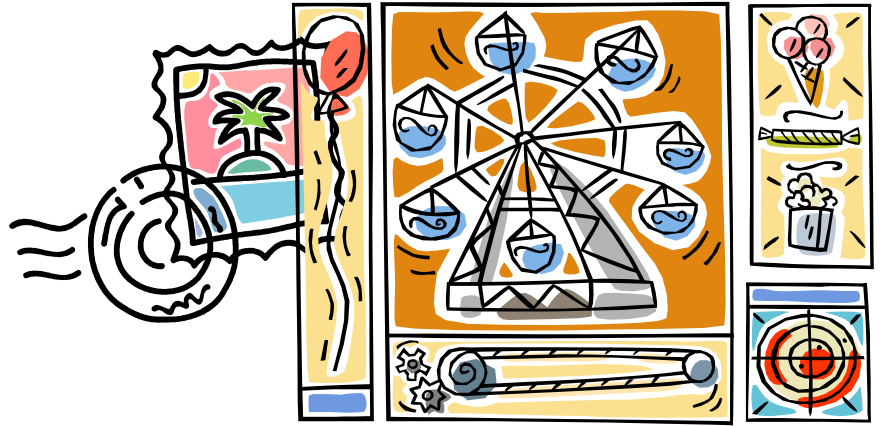
I would like to contact the presenters in my group before Career Day.

Please share my email address with them: ____ yes ____ no

Please provide us with a brief description of the presentation you will make to students.

Please give a brief description of your job responsibilities:

8th Grade Trip to Hershey Park



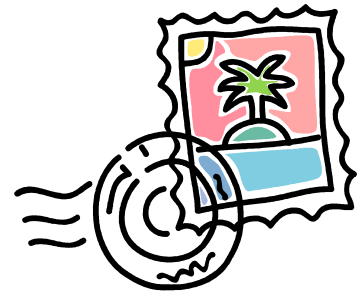
Planning is already under way for John Poole Middle School's annual 8th Grade end of the year trip on Thursday, June 13, 2013 to Hershey Park.

Eighth graders and their teachers will travel to Hershey Park via video coach buses using Rill's Bus Service for a great day of fun and adventure. Buses will leave John Poole Middle School at 7:30 AM and return at 7:30 PM.

Information about the trip was given out March 1 (today!) in Social Studies classes. Students need to return the permission slip/medical form to their Social Studies teacher with a check for \$73.00 payable to John Poole Middle School. This price includes transportation to Hershey Park and all rides and admissions in the park.

Payment is due no later than March 21, 2013; any outstanding financial obligations also need to be paid before March 21. Funds are available to students who need financial support. Please contact Mrs. Hardy, your child's counselor, for more information. Economic concerns should not keep any student from enjoying this celebration!

8th Grade "Island Adventure" Dance



Attention JPMS Parents!

We are looking for donations of Gift Cards for prizes during the 8th Grade Dance.

How can you help? It's easy – just pick up \$10.00 Gift Cards and send them to JPMS to the attention of Judy McKenney or Helen Trainor no later than May 17th, 2013.

Thank you so much for your donations...let's make this a dance the 8th Graders will remember for a lifetime!

Your Kid Wants a Yearbook!

If you haven't ordered it yet, you're risking running out of time. Supplies are limited, and the deadline for ordering is March 29. If you have been putting off ordering a yearbook, the only way to guarantee your child will get one is to act quickly.

All sales are online. Go to www.jostens.com or the JPMS website for a link to the order form. The time to act is now!

Your PTSA –

“Every child, one voice”

- Jennifer Kasten – President
- Dawn Albert - Vice President
- Dreama Hemingway - Secretary
- Wendy Roldan – Treasurer
- Lori Kocur – Membership & Volunteers
- Anne Donovan & Jackie Gaddis – Staff Appreciation



Spotlight on... Opportunities to Contribute

Be a volunteer; give your financial support. Please see the information below.

Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

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!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

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

What Is WeatherBug?

- * **An award-winning program**
- * **Support for learning concepts and skills in: Math, Science, Geography, Blogging, Video-casting, and Technology**
- * **Online interactive tools**
- * **Hands-on student activities**
- * **A new standard in lightning and severe weather detection that will benefit our whole community**
- * **A link to more than 8,000 schools nationwide all learning together**

We don't want to ask you to buy more stuff or to carry another sales form to your office, especially since those programs only pass on a part of the money collected to the school.

Wouldn't it be easier just to write a check?

In case you missed it, the notice your PTSA sent home this week about fundraising activities is printed on the next page!

Are you interested in volunteering as either an officer or committee chair next year? We need your help!

Put your energy and talent to good use in support of our kids! Contact Jennifer Kasten or any of our officers to see how you can contribute to the important work our PTSA does.



JOHN POOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

Winter 2013

Together We Can Accomplish More

Your PTSA Board would like to take this opportunity to communicate in more detail with you what the PTSA is doing and request assistance with future plans of the association and our fundraising activities. Together with the school, your PTSA works hard to offer a variety of events to bring our community together. Math Night, Science Expo, Career Day, Geography Bee, class celebrations and other activities are all designed to enrich the experience of JPMS students. These events provide opportunities to celebrate the efforts and successes of our children.

In addition to these events, the PTSA, working collaboratively with the school and parents, have set funding priorities including staff appreciation events, cultural arts, curriculum support, year-end grade specific activities and dedicated projects that we focus on in a particular school year. Last year your PTSA purchased the beautiful mobile promethean board that is used daily in our media center and frequently at evening events. ***Our current dedicated project is to purchase and implement a WeatherBug Program at JPMS.*** The WeatherBug Program is truly innovative and supports improved education for our students. The WeatherBug Program will place a state-of-the-art WeatherBug weather station, Motion Camera, InstaCam, and WeatherBug Achieve online software at JPMS. Real-time weather data will be used for enhanced mathematics, science, geography, and technology education in the school.

To support funding priorities in the past, the PTSA has sponsored the sales of various products that were intended to be desirable to the community, such as Yankee Candle and Ethel's Chocolates. We have noticed this year a decline in the purchase of fundraising products, which is certainly understandable given the economic climate. Additionally, we live in a small community and many families have noted that between the schools, sports teams and clubs our children are involved in, we are all asking families to purchase similar or like fundraising products.

In response to the decline in interest and overlap in product sales, the PTSA is eliminating winter product fundraising sales and instead asking each family to make a monetary donation as they are able. This is a fundraising effort we are managing ourselves as we understand many families would prefer to give the money directly to the PTSA, rather than a fundraiser where only a portion of the money reaches our school directly.

To make this successful, we are asking every family to make a donation directly the PTSA. These donations would be totally voluntary, and some may prefer to donate time rather than money. ***We will run this fundraising campaign from March 1st – March 22nd.*** Once donations have been received, we can take stock of our accounts and then decide if any additional product fundraisers are needed or desired. The PTSA greatly appreciates your consideration to make a monetary donation. ***Your cash or check can be brought into the school and left with Darlene Umberger, at the front desk. You can also mail to Emily Pavlick, PTSA Fundraising: 18008 Bliss Dr., Poolesville, MD 20837. Checks should be made out to "JPMS PTSA."*** A receipt for the donation is available upon request.

Again, we appreciate your support in this effort. If you have any questions you can contact any PTSA Board member directly.

Thank you,

Jennifer Kasten
PTSA President

Student Service Learning Tips

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

- Spring break begins March 25 ...make a plan now to *serve* and *learn*!
- MCPS recognizes exceptional service contributions of students through the **Superintendent's SSL Award** which recognizes the accumulation of 75 hours of service during middle school, and the **Certificate of Meritorious Service** which documents 260 or more SSL hours by the year of high school graduation. All qualifying documentation for these MCPS SSL awards is due to our SSL coordinator, Mrs. Arnold, no later than the "first Friday in April" (**April 5, 2013**).
- The majority of SSL occurs in the official, nonprofit, tax exempt sector. For-profit assisted living facilities and for-profit nursing homes are the only for-profit entities where SSL hours can be earned. Direct service to residents in these facilities requires approval of MCPS Form 560-50, *Individual SSL Request* in advance.
- MCPS SSL approved faith-based organizations identify real need beyond their membership and assist students in using secular (non-religious) activities to address need in the greater community.
- One SSL hour is awarded for every one hour of service outside of the instructional day. (A maximum of 8 hours may be awarded within a 24-hour period.)



JPMS Phantom Players

Restaurant Night at Cugini's

Tuesday, March 19

5:00 – 9:00 PM

- This is a great way to support our Drama Club and spend some time with your family and classmates.
- You can dine in with your friends or carry out.

**Please drop your receipt in the
Leo Club container after you
place your order!**

Come join us at Cuginis! See You There!!!!



It is our goal to provide activities to meet the desires of all students. If you have any suggestions for programs or interests, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org.

Some of the programs offered this year are Books and Boxing, Babysitting Club, Jewelry Making, Zumba Class, Scrapbooking, Game Room, Book Club and much more. Keep checking the *Back Pocket* for upcoming classes.

Math Club – Wednesdays after school in room 300

Homework Club – Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school in the Media Center

Algebra Enrichment and Reading Enrichment – Tuesdays after school

Math Enrichment – Wednesdays and Thursdays afterschool

Rec Extra needs your donations for upcoming classes. Don't throw it away!!! Recycle with us! You may drop any of these items in the Rec Extra Box in the Main Office. Thanks in advance for your donations!

- Sewing supplies, thread, trim, buttons, fiber fill
- Scrapbook supplies (paper, scissors, stickers, etc.)
- Beads and Jewelry making supplies; old jewelry
- Magnets—too many on your refrigerator? We will take them!
- Fabric and fabric scraps
- Spray paint
- Yarn and knitting needles or crochet hooks

PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

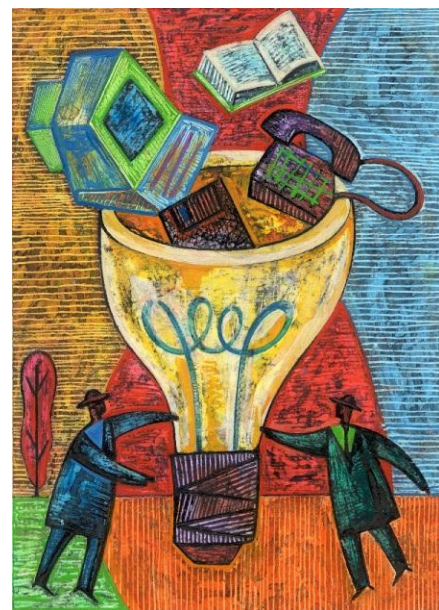
PBIS is conducting our recycling fundraiser again this year. Thank you for making last year's drive a great success!

This fundraiser helps us raise money for our Positive Behavior Program and protects the environment through the donations of your used consumer electronics. Your used items are recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. One hundred percent of the proceeds help fund PBIS.

We are collecting the following items:

Cell Phones	Laptop Computers	GPS Devices
Inkjet Cartridges	E-Book Readers	MP3 Players
Radar Detectors	Handheld Game Systems	
Digital Cameras	Digital Video Cameras	

Please drop off any of the above items you would like to recycle. There is a bin for cell phones, inkjet cartridges, and other small electronics in the school's foyer. Larger items can be dropped off in the office. We greatly appreciate your support!



Noteworthy



Tonight is Party Night at PES

Tonight - Friday, March 15 – you can party with DJ Valaree from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! There will be door prizes, a dance contest, and a chance to Draw and Color DJ Valerie's Car and win! Bring your best artwork of DJ Valaree's car and you might be the winner of a cool prize! Every ticket holder will receive a free glow stick and surprise at the door!

This is not a drop off event, and there is limited space available, so save \$1 per ticket and buy online at www.pespta.com/party

Writing Contest

All 7th and 8th grade students have received information about a writing contest sponsored by the Anne Arundel Peace Action. This statewide writing contest focuses on themes of peace and social justice. It is a particularly timely fit with the 8th grade literature, including the short stories "Indian Education" and "Harrison Bergeron" as well as the novels The Giver and Animal Farm. All students are encouraged to participate. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2013, so start writing!

Falcon Basketball Camps

Sign-ups for the 2013 series, which takes place the week after school lets out in June, start in mid-March. There is a Falcon Basketball Camp for every child from kindergarten through current 8th graders. For more information, look for Camp Info at www.PBAHoops.com. Early registration guarantees a spot in camp, and sibling discounts and scholarships are available.

JPMS Students Helping Others

Part of earning the Girl Scouts Silver Award involves serving the community, and three of our students in Troop 430 are conducting a Silver Award project called *Dress Fancy*. **Josephine Caruso-Dipaolo, Mackenzie Gross** and **Beth Roberts** are collecting donations of gently used party dresses in all sizes. The dresses will be resold on Saturday, March 16, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 17, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Poolesville Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Betty Ann Krahnke Center, a domestic violence shelter for women and their children. Donations may be dropped off at Town Hall, Poolesville Elementary School or Monocacy Elementary School between now and March 10. Whether you're making room in your closet or shopping for something new, you'll be helping women in need and supporting some great kids.

Montgomery College Summer 2013 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. The summer program runs for a 9-week period from June 17 – August 16. So, if you want to do something really different and fun this summer, register now online, by fax, by mail, or come to the Rockville Campus, Campus Center, Room 220. Classes fill quickly, so register right away!!

For registration information, access the Montgomery College website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthsummerbrochure.html> or contact the youth programs office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917.

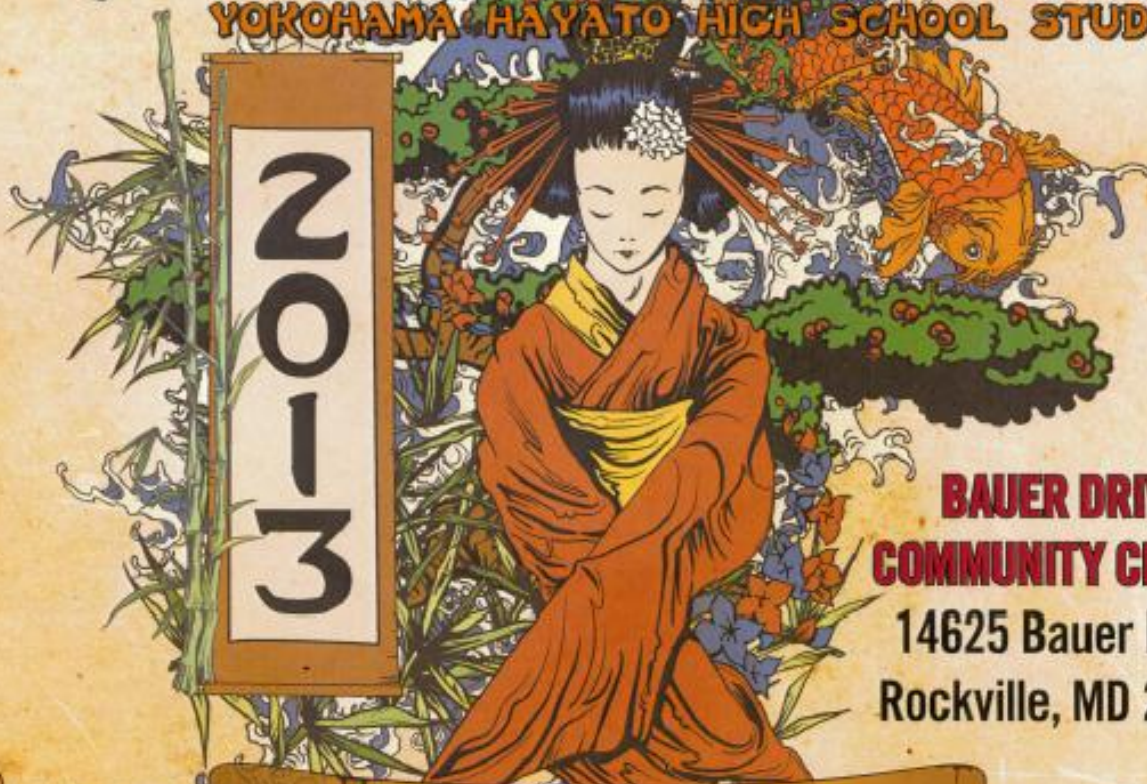
Yearbooks

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.



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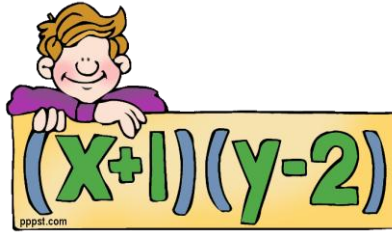
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Algebra 2 Jumpstart

Geometry students are some of our Best and Brightest students at JPMS; we want you to have every opportunity to be the Best and Brightest at Poolesville High School! You are being invited to attend a *Summer Program* that will give you a *Jumpstart* into Algebra 2!

Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity to refresh your Algebra skills so you are ready for excellence in high school. It has been a year since you took Algebra, and this is a great way to review Algebra 1 concepts so you are ready on Day 1 to excel in Algebra 2.

The class will run Monday through Friday for three weeks at John Poole Middle School. The first day of class is Monday, July 8th and the last day is Friday, July 26th. The class will be from 9:30am – 11:30a.m. You will need to have your own transportation to attend this program. There *may* be afternoon transportation if there are other summer programs at John Poole MS.

There will be 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 with your registration fee and return it to Mrs. Ogden in the main office or Mrs. Aulls in room 309 as soon as possible and no later than Friday, April 26th.

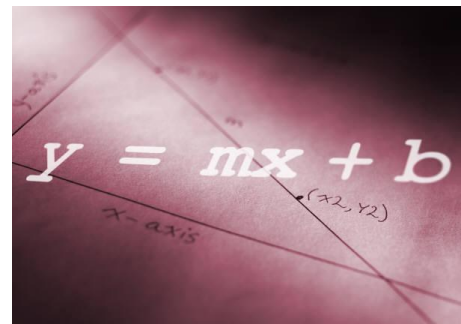
I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.

Student Name: _____

2013-2014 Math Course: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____



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

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



March 18	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue or Red for Red Ribbon Week)
March 18-22	Red Ribbon Week
March 19	Drama Club Fundraiser: Cugini's Night
March 21	Spring Recital (7:00 p.m.)
March 22	Third Marking Period Ends
March 25-28	Spring Break (No School)
March 29	Holiday, Good Friday (No School)
April 1	Holiday, Easter Monday (No School)
April 2	Professional Day for Teachers (No School for Students)

Soccer Schedule

April 10	Boys play King at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 10	Girls play King at King (3:15 p.m.)
April 24	Girls play Neelsville at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 24	Boys play Neelsville at Neelsville (3:15 p.m.)
April 30	Girls play Kingsview at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
April 30	Boys play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)
May 2	Boys play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
May 2	Girls play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.)
May 9	Boys play Baker at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
May 9	Girls play Baker at Baker (3:15 p.m.)



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

Mulch, Mulch, Mulch!

The PHS Athletic Booster Club's spring mulch sale is now underway and we need your support of our largest fundraiser of the year. Why not pay a competitive price for your mulch, have it delivered free within 10 miles of Poolesville High School, have a portion of your purchase be tax deductible, and support the PHS athletics programs all at the same time?

Orders can now be placed online at phsboosterclub.org or by phone to [240-793-5410](tel:240-793-5410). Time is running out to order, so place your order today. Orders are due by March 16 for delivery on March 23.

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Boys Varsity Lacrosse

March 15	4:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS (Scrim.)
March 21	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Damascus HS
March 23	10:00 a.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
March 26	10:00 a.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS
April 3	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard HS
April 8	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at PHS

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

March 21	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
March 23	12:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
April 3	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS
April 8	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at Sherwood HS



Varsity Baseball

March 21	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Walt Whitman HS at Walt Whitman HS
March 22	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Richard Montgomery HS at PHS
March 25	12:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at Gaithersburg HS
March 27	4:00 p.m.	PHS vs. DeMatha Catholic at DeMatha Catholic
April 4	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 6	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
April 9	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Rockville HS at Rockville HS



Varsity Softball

March 21	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Walt Whitman HS at Walt Whitman HS
March 22	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Richard Montgomery HS at PHS
April 3	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at Wheaton HS
April 4	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 6	1:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS
April 10	3:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Einstein HS at PHS

CoEd Varsity Track/Field

April 3 3:30 p.m. PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Damascus HS

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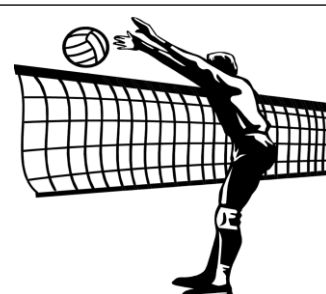
April 17 3:30 p.m. PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at PHS

CoEd Varsity Volleyball

March 21	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS
April 4	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS
April 8	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 10	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
April 12	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Walt Whitman HS at Walt Whitman HS

Boys Varsity Volleyball

March 21	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at PHS
April 4	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS
April 8	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
April 10	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
April 12	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Walt Whitman HS at Walt Whitman HS



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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. Hardy

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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**

