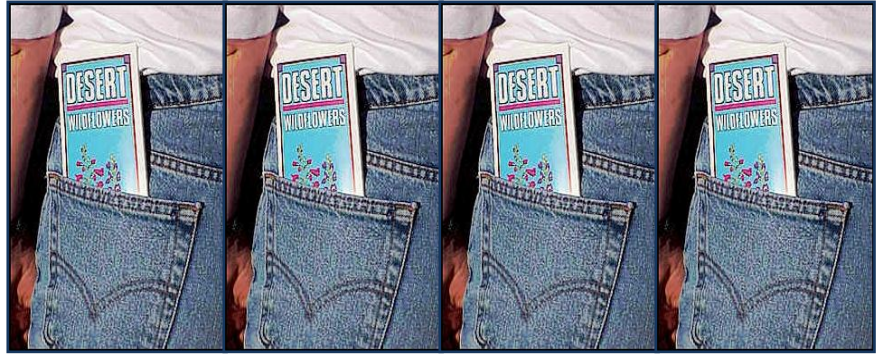


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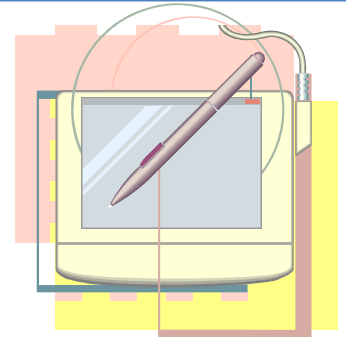
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A Thought for Today:

**Literacy is not a luxury; it is a right and a responsibility.
If our world is to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century, we must harness
the energy and creativity of all our citizens.**

- President Clinton

It's Not Okay To Be a Reluctant Reader



It's been interesting to see how students are responding to the tablet computers in the 7th grade pilot. They love the technology and all the beautiful graphics, but even this glitzy little machine requires students to read. They aren't restricted to black type on a white page anymore, but they still need to read and write to do everything from searching for an image that will illustrate their project to engaging in an online discussion with other students.

Our 7th graders are enjoying using their tablets, but to me, the value of this kind of technology is not that it "makes learning fun." It's always fun to learn something you *want* to know. The real benefit is that the tablet allows students to be more creative in their learning, and that makes them want to know *more*.

Right now we are offering a number of opportunities to encourage your child to work on his or her literacy skills. **Tuesday night, May 7, is Literacy Night** – a nice way to share language arts activities with everyone in the family; there will be games and crafts for all ages. This is a really busy season for everyone, especially for kids involved in sports. That's why we are offering pizza to purchase starting at 6:00. You don't have to squeeze dinner in – you can have it here!

We're also running the **Book Fair** this week through Tuesday night. You will still be able to buy books, posters and school accessories at Literacy Night, but the Book Fair closes that evening. Our students have been very pleased with the selection of books this year, and it's not too early to begin stocking up for summer reading.

All my adult life I have been very thankful that I found a job I love to do. As our lives focus more and more on technology, all jobs will require us to solve problems, use technology creatively, and read and write well, because computers will be part of everyone's workplace. Can you imagine how awful it would be to hate every day in your working life because you hate to read? Can you envision how limited advancement will be for employees with poor literacy skills? We need all our kids to be good readers and writers; if we can help them enjoy it, their lives will be enhanced forever.

See you at Literacy Night!

- 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!

Courtney Bourque

Hannah Leibrand

Patrick Ramazon

Matthew Convers

Cassandra Maier

James Royal

Sara Himmelfarb

Lev Malinin

Samantha Thomas



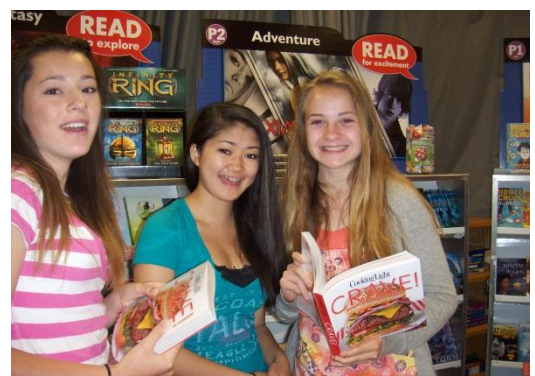
The Book Fair is open!

Students have begun visiting the Book Fair with their English classes. This is the perfect opportunity for students to browse for books for summer reading. The JPMS summer reading program requires students to read one fiction and one

nonfiction book and there are many to choose from at the Book Fair. There are also books for younger readers, adult books and even cookbooks. At the Book Fair there is something for everyone! We will be open next Tuesday during Literacy Night so please stop by. Our Book Fair is also on line:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/johnpoolemiddleschool1>

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!



Student Leaders of the Pack

At JPMS, we focus every day on helping our students to be as successful as possible, both academically and personally. Part of that focus is instilling the core values of **Timberwolf PRIDE: Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Effort**, because we believe these qualities will support all students being the successful learners they want to be today and becoming the positive, contributing members of our community they can be all their lives.

Each month, the staff recognizes five students in each grade who are leaders and role models because they routinely demonstrate the components of Timberwolf PRIDE. We celebrate them at a ceremony on the first Friday of each month where they receive a certificate and are served a breakfast treat. Their pictures are proudly posted on a bulletin board in the front hall during the month in which they are being honored. Because MSA and spring break leaves so little time on our spring calendar, we honored March and April Leaders of the Pack at a combined ceremony this morning.

Congratulations to all our wonderful **Leaders of the Pack!**

March Leaders of the Pack

6th Grade

Purpose - **Trey Edwards**
Respect - **Cade Seely**
Integrity - **Josephine Mallow**
Dedication - **Izzi Gibbs**
Effort - **Dwight Bevley**

7th Grade

Purpose - **Elias Garcia**
Respect - **Kathleen Van Houten**
Integrity - **Melanie Staszewski**
Dedication - **Ryan Kasten**
Effort - **Jose Silva**

April Leaders of the Pack

6th Grade

Purpose - **Grace Clark**
Respect - **Tommy Behrens**
Integrity - **Maddie Peek**
Dedication - **Johnny Wasilik**
Effort - **Julia Pavlick**

7th Grade

Purpose - **Cassie Campbell**
Respect - **Becca Carin**
Integrity - **Paris Copeland**
Dedication - **Perry Dominici**
Effort - **Michael Fetchko**

8th Grade

Purpose - **Jake Mason**
Respect - **Alessandra Molina**
Integrity - **Cooper Myers Mallinger**
Dedication - **Olivia Romano**
Effort - **Gabe Fernandez**



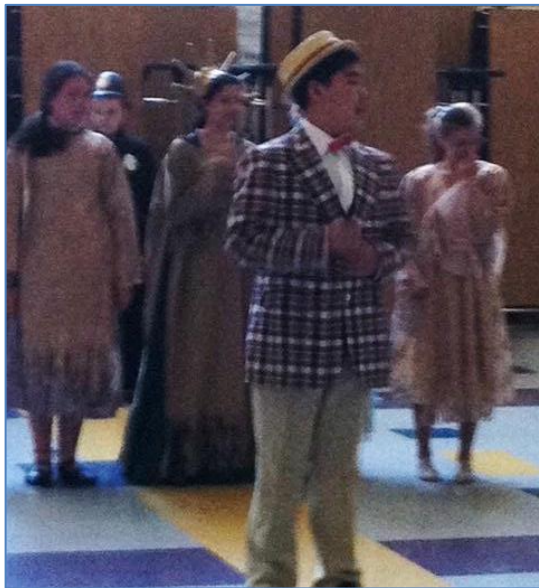
8th Grade

Purpose - **Patrick Budd**
Respect - **Michael Chilla**
Integrity - **Brandon Kocur**
Dedication - **Beth Roberts**
Effort - **Rebecca Wallace**

The Music Man Opens Next Week



Our wonderful drama club has put together another great production you won't want to miss. Recent shows have been so successful that this year's musical is moving to the high school auditorium. Come out next Friday or Saturday night at 7:00 PM for a delightful show – and don't forget: **it's at PHS!**



Grade 6 Celebrates Earth Day

Each year, our good friends at LAND generously donate their time and materials to work with our sixth graders as they learn about proper care of the gardens and trees on our school grounds. Thanks to these great partners in education! As you can see from the photos, the students had fun while they worked! Be sure to check out what a good job they did the next time you come to school.



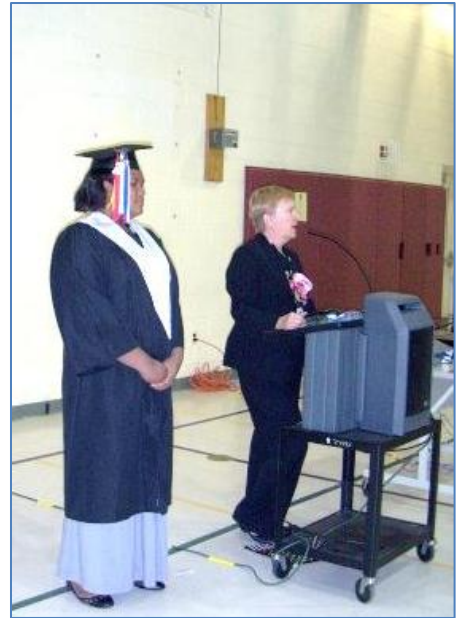


Career Day Was Great

One of the highlights of the 8th grade at JPMS is Career Day. This year was no exception.

Months of hard work and preparation went into making sure everything was in place for the more than two dozen presenters who gave our students a chance to learn about opportunities in different fields ranging from health and safety to being an entrepreneur.

The day began with Mrs. Billie Bradshaw, the Magnet Programs Coordinator at PHS, demonstrating the graduation regalia our students will wear just four years from now as they complete high school. Then they heard an inspiring presentation on goal-setting from local business owner and JPMS graduate Mr. Josh Funk.



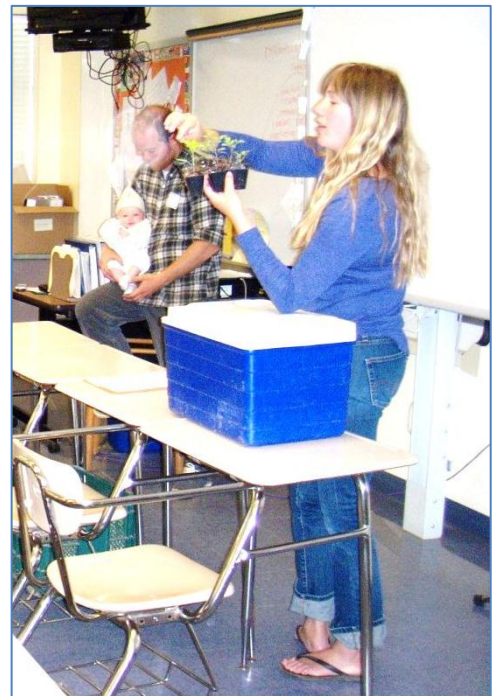
After a snack, students rotated through the four presentations they had chosen from among the career presentations. The afternoon was divided among three activities: Mr. Kenny Ray Horton spoke about his career in music and the military; Ms. Norma Winfell discussed the preparation that students need to start now in order to make a successful application to college; and ninth grader Courtney Williams returned to JPMS with her parents and her award-winning dog to demonstrate how an interest in animals has led to a family commitment to dog training.

It was a full day, and our students did a great job welcoming our many guests. Because they showed



their maturity and respect, the efforts of our wonderful team of volunteers who put all the details in place paid off beautifully. Thanks to the parents and community members who are so generous in supporting Career Day!







Our PRIDE Is Showing!

Congratulations to **Aidan Auel**, **Alec De Luna**, and **Danny Geehreng** who represented JPMS at the Maryland History Day competition on Saturday. They truly showed their John Poole PRIDE when they enthusiastically presented their project, "The Power of Ancient Roman Weapons", to the History Day judges. Their final project is on display in the Media Center – come see it this Tuesday at Literacy Night.

Spanish Classes in the Computer Lab

The seventh grade tablet pilot is not the only new technology our students are trying out this semester.



Spanish students have been learning to use a new

program called Audacity that allows them to work on their listening and speaking skills on the computer. This gives them a chance to hear more than just their teacher's voice using the language and to record their speaking tests for Mrs. Peace to review later.

Imagine how much instructional time is saved when the teacher does not have to make all the other students wait while she listens to one student complete the required oral tests!



Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

Students prepare, act, and reflect with approved service organizations.

- Documentation of service performed during the second semester is due to the school SSL coordinator by the "First Friday in June" (June 7, 2013). Senior hours are due earlier.
- Middle school students who successfully participate in Outdoor Education in Grade 6 and pass English in Grade 7 and US History in Grade 8 with full participation in the SSL aspects of those courses will be awarded 10 SSL hours for each year on the final report card.
- High school students who successfully pass the second semester of National, State, and Local Government and fully participate in the SSL aspects will be awarded 8 SSL hours on the final report card.
- Documentation of service performed during the second semester is due to the school SSL coordinator no later than the "first Friday in June" (June 7, 2013). Don't miss this deadline!
- SSL hours are awarded to MCPS students by adult supervisors (not relatives) who represent approved, official, nonprofit, tax exempt organizations. All SSL must occur in public places. No SSL in private residences.

Earn SSL Hours Help African Families Enjoy a Springtime Nature Walk



Students and their families are invited to take part in [A Walk for Water](#), designed to engage local students in helping bring water and humanitarian aid to children and families living in Niger, West Africa.

Participation in this activity, sponsored by nonprofit [Amman Imman: Water is Life](#), is eligible for SSL credit for MCPS students.

- **When:** Saturday, May 11, 2013, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Where:** Locust Grove Nature Center at Cabin John Regional Park
7777 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, MD
- **Who:** Students of all ages and their families
- **What:** Walk 3 miles on wooded nature trails to raise funds and awareness
- **Schedule:** 9:00 AM check-in and pre-walk activities
10:00 AM rally
10:30 AM walk (around 2 hours)
- **Cost:** \$15/adult, \$10/student. Discounts available upon request.


Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please visit the [Locust Grove Information page](#) for links to online and paper registration options, and fundraising tools, or go directly to the [event registration page on FirstGiving](#).

DON'T WAIT TO GET SUMMER APPROVAL



Following the close of school June 14, 2013 and throughout the summer months, students submitting completed MCPS Form 560-50, *Individual SSL Request* to the SSL Office must allow

2 weeks for consideration and approval.

Remember: All SSL must be preapproved. (Either identified as MCPS SSL approved, with a graduation cap icon  on the website www.mpcsssl.org, OR approval of MCPS Form 560-50 in advance of the service.)

Granting approval of last minute submissions of MCPS Form 560-50 during the summer months cannot be guaranteed.

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...

Stepping Up to Serve

**We need officers and
committee chairs for
next year**

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:

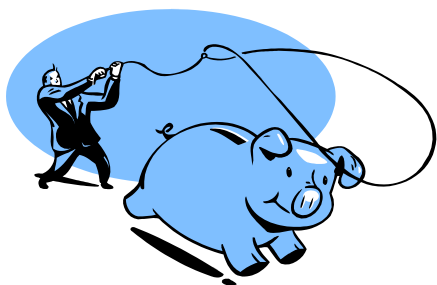
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/4.%20PTSA%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

We are still looking for parents to head committees or serve as a PTSA officer next year. Contact our President, Jennifer Kasten, or any officer to let them know you're ready to step up and take a leadership role. We need your skills!

Student Obligations in the Cafeteria

All of us know that a hungry child is not going to learn as well as one who has had a nutritious lunch. That's why our cafeteria provides options for students who forget their lunch money or who over-spend their accounts. We can make limited loans for most of the year, but when we get close to the end of the fourth quarter, we are required to zero out all accounts.

This year, **May 17** is the day on which we must stop loaning money and start collecting money owed. The cashiers in the cafeteria are already letting kids know if they owe money, so the quickest way to find out if your child has a negative balance is to ask him or her. If you're still not sure, you can call our cafeteria at 301-407-1037 or email the cafeteria manager at Kelly_a_moreland@mcpsmd.org.



You may find that your child needs a little money to make it through to the end of the year, or you may find there's a small outstanding loan to take care of. Our goal is to end the year with every account having a zero balance. If there is still money in your child's account on June 15, however, it will transfer over for next year – even to the high school.

Thanks for helping us end the year with our finances in order!



Noteworthy

May 6 -10 Is National Teacher Appreciation Week

Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

Parents or guardians of children receiving special education and related services were mailed the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services during the first week in April. Parents are asked to complete the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope by May 17, 2013. The survey may also be completed online. Please look for details in your survey packet. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system. Your voice can make a real difference for your child and many other children across the state of Maryland. To learn more, please visit www.marylandlearninglinks.org

P.E. Unforms Discounted

The P.E. Dept. has a limited supply of uniforms remaining from this year now selling for 50% off their original price. The shirts can be purchased for \$5.00 and the shorts for \$7.50. We currently have Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Large, Adult X-Large and Adult XX-Large shorts and Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult, Large and Adult XX-Large shirts. If you are interested in purchasing one or both, please contact Kim Gerrie at 301-972-7979 or e-mail at [Kimberly S Gerrie@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_S_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org). Stock is limited, so don't wait to get this great deal!

Walking Club

A walking club through intramurals will be held every Wednesday beginning April 24 until May 29. This club will allow you to work out with your friends. We will walk and talk about making healthy choices. We will walk on campus and also be taking advantage of the beautiful neighborhood of Hunters Run on our walks. ECA fees are required and students must be academically eligible. Paperwork can be picked up from the clubs sponsor, Mrs. Earle or in the locker rooms.

Have you been wondering about Facebook Home?

There has been a lot of advertising about the launch of Facebook Home in the last few weeks. For a good explanation of what it is exactly and what it can mean for kids, you might want to check out this website. http://www.common sense media.org/blog/what-facebook-home-means-for-your-kids?utm_source=041813_Parent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly . It's always good to get the facts on technology.

Time to Think About Summer School

JPMS will be holding summer school classes to support students entering grades 6 and 7 with reading and math. Summer school will take place July 1 through 26 with July 4th being a holiday. Students can attend summer school during the morning and still have their afternoons for the pool or other summertime fun.

The invitations for summer school have been mailed home to 5th and 6th grade students. Registration forms are due to the JPMS Main Office on or before May 24, 2013. Space is limited so the registrations will be first come, first served.

Which school will be the winner of \$1000?

Poolesville Town Cleaners 5th Anniversary Appreciation Event

Double the Happiness

One, Voting for Schools

1st place \$1,000
2nd Place \$500

P.T. Cleaners will Donate to Schools on Monday, 10 Jun

- Customers will put a sticker on a board for their favorite schools
- Every order has a right to vote
- A sticker will be given when you pick up your order

TWO, Items on Sale

1st Week 4/1~4/13

\$25 Any Comforters,

\$29 Any Down Comforters

2nd Week 4/15~4/27

**5 for 4 on Men's Laundry
Dress Shirts**

3rd Week 4/29~5/11

3 For 2 on Sweaters

4th Week 5/13~5/25

3 For 2 on any Pants

5th Week 5/27~6/8

2 For 1 on Pants Hemming



Where: Poolesville Town Cleaners

19616B Fisher Ave Poolesville

301-349-9420

Mon~Fri 7:30~7:00, Sat 8:00~5:00, Sun Closed

When : 4/1/2013~6/8/2013

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett cordially invites you to
the 9th Annual Reception for

“Understanding Diversity Through The Arts”

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**Best in Show: Anusha Jailwala
Kingsview MS, Teacher: Isabella Grimann**

Co-Sponsors

*The Office of Community Partnerships: The Committee for Ethnic Affairs
Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery County Public Libraries*

Rockville Memorial Library

Friday, May 17, 2013

6:30–8:00 p.m.

21 Maryland Avenue

Rockville, MD 20850

The works of the middle school
artists will be on display at
Rockville Memorial Library
from May 17 through
August 31, 2013

**Be sure to look for
the artwork of our
own **Kat Creedon** in
the display!**



Community Appreciation Event

ART EXHIBITION

Manna Food Center is recognizing 30 years of fighting hunger and feeding hope in our community. We are inviting all students in **Grades K – 12** to participate in a community-wide art exhibition to celebrate the collaboration and care of the community that helped build Manna.

- Submission theme is "fighting hunger and feeding hope"
 - Contest rules:
 - o 1 entry per artist
 - o 8 ½ x 11 or 8 ½ x 14 paper size
 - o Crayon, pastels, pencil, pen, & paint mediums as well as photography accepted. *No computer – generated artwork*
 - o Submission deadline is Friday, May 24, 2013
 - o Mail your submission to: **Manna Food Center, Attention: Volunteer Manager, 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877**
 - o **IMPORTANT!** Include on the reverse side of your entry: your name, phone number, email, school, grade
- Unfortunately, we cannot accept artwork without this information.*

Winners will be contacted and recognized at our Community Appreciation Event in June!

All submissions become the property of Manna Food Center and will not be returned. When you send in a submission, you are agreeing to allow Manna Food Center to display your artwork and/or post on our webpage or on Manna's social media outlets, such as, but not limited to Manna's newsletters, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Montgomery College

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS 2013

Summer Youth Programs 2013 at Montgomery College, Maryland

**WHAT CAN
YOUR KIDS
DISCOVER THIS
SUMMER?**

A few of this summer's offerings

Circus Camp • Engineering • Debate
Mathematics • Digital Art with PhotoShop
Chemistry • Biology • Science in Motion
Writing for the SAT • My Money MatterZ
Joy of Art • Woodshop Apprentice Basics
Digital Game Design and Creation
Adventures in Robotics • Interior Design
Web Design • Anatomy
AND SO MUCH MORE!

Register Now!

Class sizes are limited.

www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth

240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917

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John Poole Middle School

THE TIMBERWOLF COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES JOY IN LEARNING,
CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE, AND VALUES POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS.



When you open your yearbook for the first time...and again in 10 years...What will you remember?



Order YOUR Poole Middle School 2012-2013 Yearbook

Order Online at www.jostensyearbooks.com

TODAY – May 3 – is the LAST DAY to order a yearbook online.

Very few yearbooks remain, and when they are gone, there will no more available!

Your child will not get one.

Any yearbooks that are not ordered online will be sold first come, first served,
and we know we will sell out.

The safest way to ensure that your child will get a yearbook is to order today.

Order online today at www.jostensyearbooks.com or at

http://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk_catalog.asp?CID=160767&PFID=2013011504173118063&GID

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



May 10-11	JPMS Drama Production at Poolesville H.S. (7:00 p.m.)
May 11	Saturday School
May 15	Interims Mailed
May 17	Music in the Park, Hershey Park, PA (Students in Band, Chorus and Jazz)
May 18	Last Saturday School
May 20	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
May 20	Algebra HSA
May 21	Green School Field Trip (selected students - Environmental Science)
May 23	Sea Perch Field Trip to Carderock Naval Center
May 27	Holiday, Memorial Day (No School)
May 28	Algebra HSA Make-ups

Soccer Schedule

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.

Don't Miss Literacy Night

This Tuesday

May 7

Pizza dinner at 6:00 PM
Activities begin at 6:30 PM

Games!
Crafts!
DRAMA!
BOOK FAIR!

Shakespeare!

**Bring the
whole family!**

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



May 17 – Prom at the Marriott at Rio 7:00-11:00 p.m.

May 20-23 – Senior Exams

May 23 – Senior Dinner at Maggiano's

May 30 – Breakfast, required rehearsal & picnic – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

May 31 – Graduation at Mount St. Mary's – 10:00 a.m. – Noon

PHS Wins More National Recognition

Our high school has been ranked as a Gold Medal School in this year's list of the country's top high schools published by *US News and World Report*

Read more:

<http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/bulletin/article.aspx?id=299606>

PHS Rocks the Challenge Index Again!

Each year, Jay Matthews, Education Reporter for the *Washington Post*, ranks US high schools according to the rigor of the courses they offer.

This year, our high school is again ranked #1 in MCPS and has moved up a notch to #3 in the Washington metropolitan area.

Congratulations!

Read more:

Gazette summary

[Montgomery high schools remain at top of challenge list](#)

Challenge Index

<http://apps.washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge/>

ABC's of America's Most Challenging High Schools by Jay Matthews

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/abcs-of-americas-most-challenging-high-schools/2013/04/11/ca4f27aa-a2fb-11e2-82bc-511538ae90a4_story.html

Spring Sports

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

May 3 5:15 p.m.

PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS

May 6 5:15 p.m.

PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS

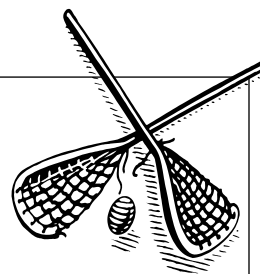
Girls Varsity Lacrosse

May 3 7:15 p.m.

PHS vs. B-CC HS at B-CC HS

May 6 7:15 p.m.

PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS



Varsity Baseball

May 4 2:30 p.m.

PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at PHS

Varsity Softball

May 4 2:30 p.m.

PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at PHS

May 6 5:15 p.m.

PHS vs. Magruder HS at PHS

POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL POMPON TRYOUTS



2013 – 2014

PHS Pompons are a dedicated group of exceptional academic/athletic students who support and represent Poolesville High School's outstanding reputation.

CLINICS – PHS New Gym

Tuesday, June 4 – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Wednesday, June 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Thursday, June 6 – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

TRYOUTS – PHS New Gym

Friday, June 7, 2012

3:30 to 6:00 PM

Tryouts begin at 4:00 PM....SHARP

You will need to read the Poms Tryout Packet and sign the last page. Tryout packets are posted on the PHS Athletics website, or you can pick one up in the Main Office:

<http://www.poolesvilleathletics.org>

Contact Coach Tanya Ventura with any questions:

Tventu1@students.towson.edu

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
Special Education IRT	- Mrs. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Hardy

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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**

