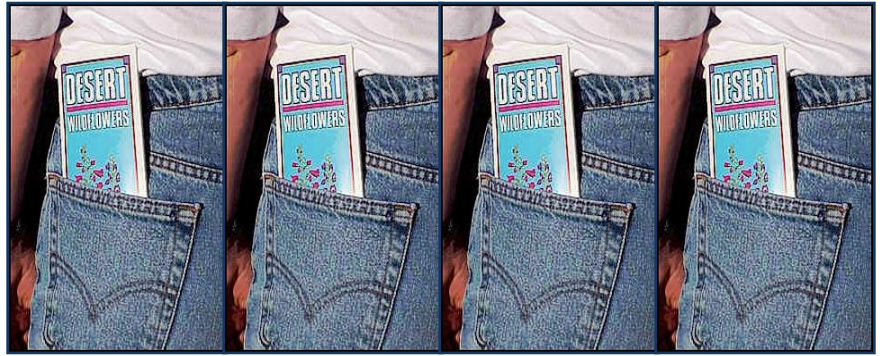


# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



**May 17, 2013**

## **A Thought for Today:**

**Waste your money and you're only out of money, but waste your time and you've lost a part of your life.**

**- Michael LeBoeuf**

## **The Rites of Spring**

I know we're all looking forward to a weekend that finally looks like spring! The last few days of sunshine have really boosted my spirits, and I hope the same is true for you.

As we approach the end of the year, everyone's calendar gets packed with activities. Regardless of the excitement, the staff at JPMS focuses on teaching right up to the last minute. That means we expect kids to be participating and learning every day as well. Your help in reminding your child that the end is near...but not here yet... makes a tremendous difference.

Please keep an eye on the **Save the Date** reminders in the remaining *Back Pockets*, too. Each week will bring a new set of due dates and final opportunities you will want to note. For example, today is the last day money can be borrowed in the cafeteria, and tomorrow is the final Saturday School. That doesn't mean there will no longer be students who fall behind on their work; it just means getting it made up and turned in will have to happen without the Saturday School option.

Before the end of May, library books will have to be returned, the activity buses will end, and we'll start collecting the textbooks and other materials we've loaned out over the year. You can save your family a lot of last-minute bustle if you're looking ahead to be ready for these processes.

Soon it will be time to empty the lockers and leave the backpacks at home. Please start reminding your kids to bring you the coats, hats, mittens and other personal items they may have been storing in their lockers. Clearing out as much as you can as early as you can makes the last few days a lot easier.

During exams, students return their last remaining materials on the day their exams take place. This way, they have almost nothing to carry back and forth from school, so we have them leave their backpacks at home. Backpacks are never allowed out of the locker during the school day, since there is no room for them in the classrooms. In the lockers, though, they take up so much space that it's easy for students to overlook a book or sweatshirt or other item that should be turned in or taken home. The goal is to see bare metal surfaces in time for students to clean their lockers for next year's occupants.

Thanks, and have a great weekend! — Charlotte Boucher

**A reminder for Algebra students...the High School Assessment is Monday! Be on time, report to your testing room first thing, and bring your calculator!**

# 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!



**Daniel Ballew**

**Nathaly Portillo-Rivas**

**Melanie Staszewski**

**Colin Fisher**

**Nicole Slebodnik**

**John Wasilik**

**Madison Peyton**

**Liam Speck-McMorris**

**Briona Winstead**

## Soccer Season Ends



Thanks to the members of the 2013 girls soccer team for all of their hard work and effort throughout the season. The girls played with passion and PRIDE in every game. I would like to wish the 8th graders good luck next year and look forward to another season with the 7th graders next year. - Coach Willett

We are proud of our team:

**Keila Alfaro, Jordan Allentuck, Killian Carney, Delaney Cecco, Tori Gruber, Haley Harkins, Kristen Hepburn, Alison Huber, Hailey Khalil, Rachael Macarin, Kelsey McLoughlin, Sophia Mense, Samme Mullikin, Danielle Torres, Rebecca Wallace, Emily Whitehouse, Emily Yin, Manager Madi Peyton**



Congratulations to the JPMS boys' soccer team on a successful season! Everyone dedicated himself and showed his PRIDE throughout the season. Best wishes to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they move on to the high School and to the 7<sup>th</sup> graders who will bring their great experience to next year's Timberwolf team. - Coach Owens

We are proud of our team:

**Christian Andrade, Aidan Briancon, Jake Drissel, David Esser, Carter Fry, Mickey Gross, Julian Hernandez, Brandon Kocur, Mickey Kovich, Yaniv Kovich, Glenn Mandere, Jake Mason, Trevor McFall, Danny Papagjika, Tyler Roy, Paul Szafranski, Luke Terrell, Donald Vogel, Manager Tucker Ross**

# PE Uniforms Will Have a New Look Next Fall

## Order Yours Now to Start the School Year with the Right Size

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to John Poole Middle School Physical Education program. The following information has been prepared to give you a head start on what is needed for Physical Education classes.

All students should have the following materials:

1. black or royal blue gym shorts and gray or royal blue T-shirt. These should be marked with the student's name with a permanent marker.
2. sneakers with laces. Shoes that slip on are not permitted.
3. sweatshirts and sweatpants (any color). These will be needed when cooler weather begins.



If you would like to purchase a JPMS uniform, we are taking orders until May 31, 2013. The PE Uniform that we have had for many years has finally been redesigned. The shorts are still mesh but now have a solid liner and are royal blue in color with the JPMS logo and paw print in charcoal gray and white on the leg. The new t-shirt, a "dri-fit, moisture wicking" material, is charcoal gray in color with the JPMS logo and a paw print in royal blue and white. The cost is still \$25.00 for the full uniform. Pre-ordered uniforms will be delivered to your student the first week of school in August 2013.

Reasons for recommending a student change into the clothing for PE classes include:

1. Reduce competition between students when selecting sportswear for PE class.
2. Distinguish between students' school clothes and their physical education attire; it is often difficult to make this distinction.
3. Provide attire that is very comfortable and allows students to move freely during class.
4. Promote good personal hygiene.

The completed order form must be turned in to JPMS by Friday, May 31, 2013. Make checks payable to John Poole Middle School and include your child's name at the bottom of the check.

**WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR STUDENT A UNIFORM ON TIME IF THE ORDER IS LATE!!!**

Order forms may be dropped off in the main office at JPMS or sent to John Poole Middle School, Attn: Kim Gerrie / 17014 Tom Fox Avenue / Poolesville, Maryland 20837. If you have any questions please contact me via phone (301-972-7979 ext. 144) or by e-mail [Kimberly S Gerrie@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kimberly_S_Gerrie@mcpsmd.org)

## JPMS TIMBERWOLVES PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM SALE

**Students first and last name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian(s) name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate below how many items of each size you would like to purchase.**

ITEM	PRICE	Youth L	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL
<b>Gray JPMS T-Shirt</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>Not Available</b>				
<b>Royal Blue Mesh Shorts w/ JPMS logo</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>(Size 14- 16 6.5" Inseam)</b>	<b>(28-30 Waist 8" Inseam)</b>	<b>(32-34 Waist 8" Inseam)</b>	<b>(36-38 Waist 8" Inseam)</b>	<b>Not Available</b>

**Total # of items ordered** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Paid \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash/Check #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders must be received by Friday, May 31st to be guaranteed  
delivery the first week of school.**

**Director: Donald (Dee) Turner**

### **The Cast**

**Ashely Angueira** — 11th grade — Jacey & Travelling Salesman

**Dottie Ballmann** — 7th grade — Alma Hix

**Courtney Bourque** — 8th grade — River City Townsperson

**Taylor Byrd** — 7th grade — Oliver

**Becca Carin** — 7<sup>th</sup> grade — Wa-Tan-Ye Girl & River City Townsperson

**Josephine Caruso-DiPaolo** — 8th grade — Mrs. Paroo

**Grace Clark** — 6th grade — River City Townsperson

**Ellie Creedon** — 8th grade — Marian Paroo

**Gabriella Copobianchi** — 7th grade — Eulalie M. Shinn & Pick-A-Little Lady

**Bryce Davis** — 6th grade — Charlie Cowell & Featured Dancer

**Nicole Duran** — 7th grade — River City Townsperson

**Izzi Gibbs** — 6th grade — Amaryllis

**Mackenzie Gross** — 8th grade — Winthrop & Traveling Salesman

**Sara Himmelfarb** — 8th grade — River City Townsperson

**Chloe Insalaco** — 7th grade — Zanetta Shinn, Conductor, Pick-A-Little Lady & Featured Dancer

**Clara Jackson** — 7th grade — Mrs. Squires

**Claire Jensen** — 8th grade — Traveling Salesman, Ethel Toffelmier & Pick-A-Little Lady

**Bubby Roland Jones** — 6th grade — Harold Hill

**Eve Knudson** — 6th grade — Wa-Tan-Ye Girl & River City Townsperson

**Sam Lee** — 8th grade — Mayor Shinn

**Katie Morrow** — 7th grade — Traveling Salesman, Wa-Tan-Ye Girl & Featured Dancer

**Maureen Miller** — 7th grade — Grace Shinn & Traveling Salesman

**Theresa Nardone** — 8th grade — Ewart & Traveling Salesman

**Guy Norton** — 6th grade — Constable Lock

**Jeremy Quart** — 7th grade — Traveling Salesman & River City Townsperson

**Melanie Stasewski** — 7th grade — Olin

**Bryce Taylor** — 7th grade — Marcellus

**Alivia Tetlow** — 7th grade — Wa-Tan-Ye Girl & River City Townsperson

**John Thompson** — 7th grade — Tommy Djilas

**Juliana Vrolijk** — 7th grade — River City Townsperson



**This year's  
spring musical  
was fabulous!**

**The cast and crew  
put together a  
professional  
production from  
beginning to end,  
with gorgeous  
scenery, lovely  
costumes, exquisite  
singing and splendid  
dancing.**

**Months of hard  
work went into  
creating this  
outstanding show,  
and it paid off in  
two great evenings  
of entertainment we  
will not soon forget!**

## **Tech Crew**

**Aliva Atkins** – 6th grade – Tech Crew

**Aidan Auel**—6th grade—Tech Crew

**Trey Edwards** – 5th Grade – Tech Crew

**Noel Kirkpatrick**—6th grade—Tech Crew

## **Production Staff**

**Stage manager:** **Beth Fayard-Jones**

**Vocal director:** **Gracie Jones**

**Choreographer:** **Claire(Bear) Jones**

**Set Design:** **Jeff Jones**

**Drops:** **Jones Family, PPA**

**Costumes:** **Kari Auel, Dee Turner, Beth Fayard-Jones, Nanci**

**Neibauer & Gail Howard**

**Sound:** **DHS Students**

**Videographer:** **Tim Link**

**Lighting:** **Peter Marshall, Andy Pilla**

**Online ticket sales:** **Carrie Jackson**

**Concession coordination:** **Dawn Albert Gross**

**Ticket Sales:** **Anne Marie C. DiPaolo, Lynn Yaworski, & Lauren Gross**

**House Manager:** **Sabrina Sanchez**

**High school Techs:** **Dylan Blanc, AJ Gross, Kelly Van Meter, Julia Link, Katie Turner, Lauren Gross & Alex Wiley**

**Extra volunteers:** **Doolsville High School Students**

**Ground Crew:** **Michael Kundson, Andrew Wink, Adam Auel, & Brad Miller**

**Adult tech:** **Kerry Reed—DHS Alumnus**

**Congratulations**  
**on a great**  
**production!**

# 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.

## 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](http://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.**

SSL Office: 301-279-3454

SSL Fax: 301-517-8166

# 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...

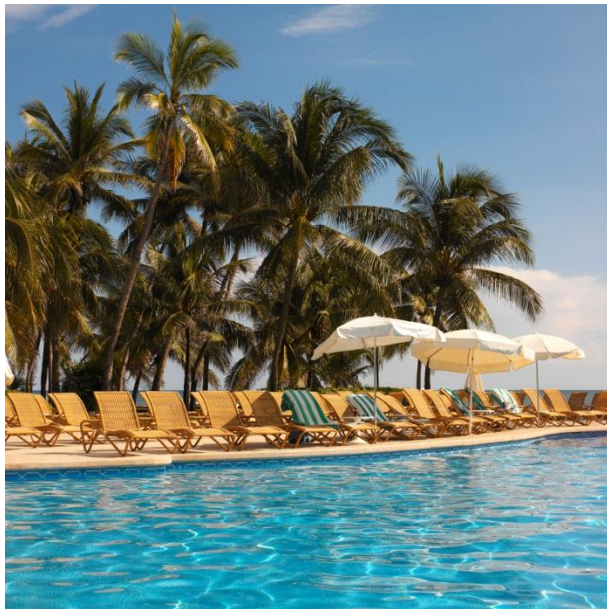
**Stepping Up to Serve**

We need officers and  
committee chairs for  
next year

## Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

There will be no PTSA meeting in May. Our next and final meeting for the year will be held June 11 at 6:30 PM in the media center. See you there!

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!



## 8th Grade "Island Adventure" Promotion Celebration

**June 7                      6:00 – 10:00 PM**

**May we borrow a few items  
to help make this event extra  
special for our kids?**

**Here's what we need for the dance:**

- Strands of mini lights (Christmas lights) in white or solid colors. We need lots and lots of lights.
- Patio umbrellas with stands. We would like to have a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 8 umbrellas.
- Large (3 feet or higher) artificial tropical plants. We need lots of plants.

We will pick up your contributions and deliver them back to you after the dance. Call or e-mail Charlotte Roberts at 301-349-5125 or robertsch@saic.com  
Thanks!

# 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](mailto: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!



## This Saturday Is Our Last Saturday School

Please keep checking your child's grades on Edline and keeping up with the agenda books straight through to the last day of school! We want every student to finish the school year strong!

## Superintendent's Book Club

Dr. Starr's next book club will be held on Tuesday, May 21, where he'll be discussing Rick Hess' new book, *Cage-Busting Leadership*. The event will be held in the auditorium of the Carver Educational Services Center from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Hess describes the premise of the book as follows: "I believe that two things are true. It is true, as would-be reformers often argue, that statutes, policies, rules, regulations, contracts, and case law make it tougher than it should be for school and system leaders to drive improvement and, well, lead. However, it is also the case that leaders have far more freedom to transform, reimagine, and invigorate teaching, learning, and schooling than is widely believed." Dr. Hess has met with school and system leaders across the country who have shared stories about evading or reshaping unnecessary and counterproductive constraints. Drawing on these stories, he shows current and aspiring leaders how they can cultivate and sustain powerful cultures of teaching and learning."

Joining Dr. Starr for the discussion will be the author, Rick Hess, director of education policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute; Marc Cohen, principal, Seneca Valley High School; Bonnie Cullison, Delegate, Maryland General Assembly, and VP for Programs, NEA Foundation; and Ronnie Galvin, executive director, IMPACT Silver Spring.

# Which school will be the winner of \$1000?

Poolesville Town Cleaners 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appreciation Event

## Double the Happiness

One, Voting for Schools

1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,000  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Week 4/1~4/13

**\$25 Any Comforters,**

**\$29 Any Down Comforters**

2<sup>nd</sup> Week 4/15~4/27

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Week 4/29~5/11

**3 For 2 on Sweaters**

4<sup>th</sup> Week 5/13~5/25

**3 For 2 on any Pants**

5<sup>th</sup> Week 5/27~6/8

**2 For 1 on Pants Hemming**



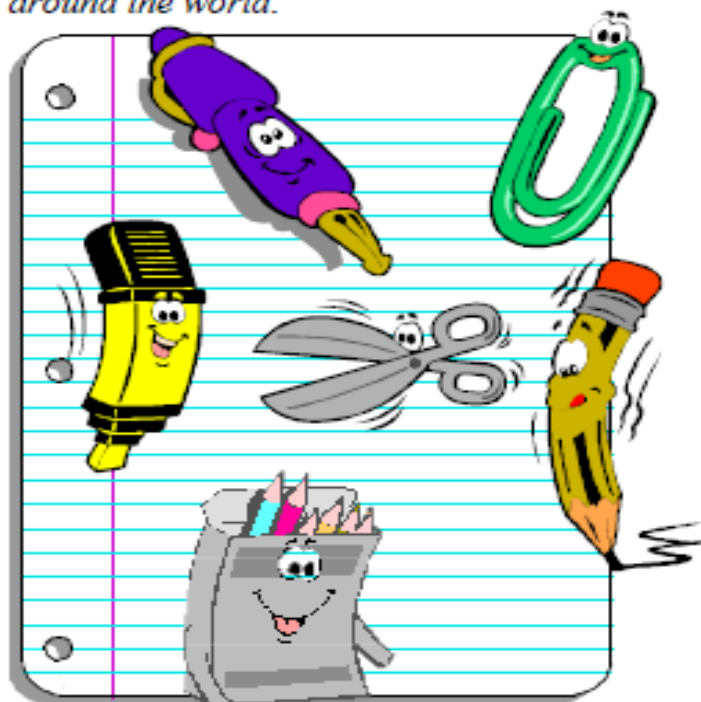
Where: Poolesville Town Cleaners  
19616B Fisher Ave Poolesville  
301-349-9420

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

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

# Drive for Supplies

*Helping students in need both locally and around the world.*



*Sign up to  
help and earn  
student  
service  
learning  
credit*



clean out  
the old  
backpack



clean  
out the  
lockers

## Recycling Emphasis



*Recycle items  
that can't be  
donated!*

A Community Service  
Project for MCPS

*secondary schools*



**DRIVE FOR SUPPLIES BEGINS ON  
MAY 28 THROUGH JUNE 12, 2013**

# Save the Date!

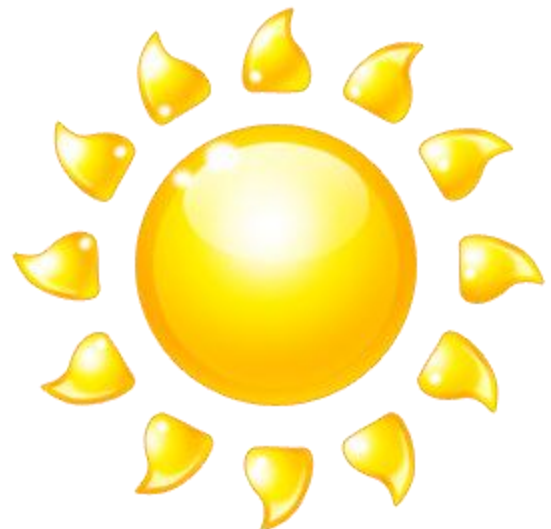
*Important events you won't want to miss!*



May 18	Last Saturday School
May 20	Algebra HSA – bring your calculator and be sure the batteries are fresh!
May 21	Green School Field Trip (selected students - Environmental Science)
May 23	Sea Perch Field Trip to Carderock Naval Center
May 24	Summer School Registration Due
May 27	Holiday, Memorial Day (No School)
May 28	Algebra HSA Make-ups Drive for Supplies Begin
May 29	All Library Books Due and Preliminary Book Check in all classes
May 30	Yearbooks Distributed Spring Concert (7:00 p.m.) Last Day for Activity Buses
May 31	Preliminary Locker Cleanout
June 3	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)

## 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.

# 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.**

***Graduation at Mount St. Mary's***

***MAY 31, 10:00 a.m. – Noon***

**POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**POMPON TRYOUTS**



**2013 – 2014**

**PHS Pompons are a dedicated group of exceptional academic/athletic students who support and represent Poole'sville 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.poole'svilleathletics.org>**

**Contact Coach Tanya Ventura with any questions:**

**[Tventura1@students.towson.edu](mailto:Tventura1@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

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



## **Our Vision:**

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

## **Our Mission:**

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

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