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A Thought for Today:

Who kept the faith and fought the fight; The glory theirs, the duty ours.

- Wallace Bruce



It's Memorial Day

Much has been said and written about the Common Core. Some folks think the new curriculum is great and others have begun to warn against flaws in its design or implementation – or both. I guess we'll just have to see what comes of this latest school reform initiative. If the past is any indicator, there will be some good and some bad and the challenge will be to know the difference.

One thing I believe is true, however, is that the Common Core's renewed emphasis on thinking skills is a good thing. In the fastpaced world our children will inherit, it is not enough to know the facts, because the facts seem to change from moment to moment.

We have to teach our kids how to locate the most current information, evaluate its validity, and use it to solve problems. In other words, they need to be able to think clearly and creatively.

The component of this kind of thinking that is hardest to develop in a high-speed environment is reflection: examining an idea from multiple perspectives, and weighing its surface meaning against its practical and ethical implications. It's just too easy to jump to an easy conclusion, get carried away with an emotional flare-up, or settle for the pat answer so we can move on quickly, get done quickly, rush on to the Next Big Thing.

Of course, the Next Big Thing for us and our students is summer vacation, but before we go there, Memorial Day is a perfect occasion for reflection. Many of us have family members who have given their lives or a significant part of their youths in service to our country. What does that mean to us today? How would our lives be different if brave soldiers, police, first responders and others were not making those sacrifices for us? What responsibilities do we have to the peace and safety of future generations?

Shakespeare has Hamlet say, "...there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." If we want kids to know the good from the bad, we need to help them think – clearly and creatively. It will make them more successful at school and in life.

I hope the holiday weekend brings you and your family relaxation, fun and a few moments of reflection. Knowing our families' contributions to history is a meaningful legacy for all of us, and understanding the debt we owe to the sacrifices of others is the greatest tribute we can give the heroes who have made our way of life possible. — 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!

Nicholas Ferguson Tyler Morningstar Molly Sherman

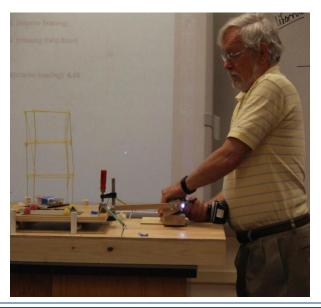
Shake, Rattle, and Roll

After learning about seismic waves in their Investigating Earth and Space Systems class, eighth grade science students participated in an enrichment activity using an earthquake shaker table. Ryan Johnston Krishna Ponnapalli Colin Staszewski



James Kavanagh Taylor Ramirez Samantha Thomas





The students constructed a tower using linguine, hot glue and gumdrops. The towers were tested on the shaker table that simulated seismic surface waves in lateral movements. The students were able to observe when the shaker table reached a matching resonance with their tower structures.

Mr. McKnight, our volunteer, constructed the shaker table for JPMS students to use in the Earth's Materials and Processes Unit. He gave a presentation about mechanical resonance prior to testing the student built structures.

Thank you, Mr. McKnight!

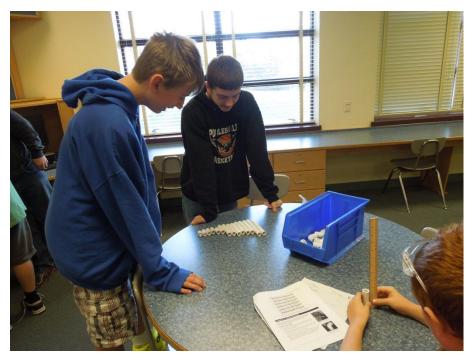
Sharing the Sea Perch Experience

By Clara Jackson

This year in Mr. Grotenhuis' engineering class, the lucky kids were able to construct Sea Perches (a.k.a. submarines). No sitting around just reading about things in this class! The students got to work together with a



group of their peers to construct an actual working machine which gave us experience in the electrical, mechanical, and structural fields of engineering.



After adding some netting and weights to our Sea Perches, we tested them to make sure that they were weighted properly (not too much or else they'll sink and never come back up, but not too little or they won't dive properly).

Finally with everything fixed and in place, we were ready to test them at the Naval Surface Warfare Center. After practicing a little more, we were ready to see which group could collect the most ping pong balls in the giant tub.

Erik, Sean, and Kelsey's group won, but the competition was close and it was fun! This was an



awesome experience and I would highly recommend this class!







STAR Award Winners

The STAR Scholarship Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation to help African American and Black students achieve their higher education goals. Star's purpose is to show African American and Black students that there is hope, the community cares, and studying pays.

STAR offers honor roll achieving African American and Black students in the 6th-8th grades, the opportunity to win \$25 or \$150 STAR Merit Awards.

We are proud of our JPMS winners. Congratulations to

Dylan Drain Franklina Hovor Roshawna Marshall Heather Robinson

Coming In the Next Issue -

No, this is not an audition for the next *Hunger Games* movie – it's one of the students who participated in this week's three - day Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip really getting into the experience!

Watch for more information and pictures from this great trip in next week's *Back Pocket*!



Congratulations to Our Wonderful Music Students on a Great Spring Concert!

Orchestra

Alexis Abrigo Jocelyn Alvarez Marcus Antolli **Eleanor Boyle** Vincent Chim Meghan Dower **Joseph Esser Travis Fraley** Isabel Gibbs Isaac Kasuske Mackenzie Kovach Lukas Lightcap **Roshawna Marshall** Krishna Ponnapalli **Brennah Ringling** Heather Robinson Melanie Staszewski **Tiara Ventura Roger Yerger Begonia Zapata**

Jazz Band

Sydney Allentuck Christian Andrade Morgan Bliss Aidan Briancon Grace Clark Jennifer Jang Ryan Johnston James Kavanagh Raymond Kinzie Stephanie Parker Anya Speck-McMorris John Thompson

Chorus

Anna Akdag Remy Anderson Kyra Bertolini Grace Bodmer Samuel Bodmer Gwen Boe **Gabriella Brooks** Madeline Burdette Lydia Caballero **Jessica Carey** Rebecca Carin Lauren Chilla Kristina Chu Carla Dacanay **Bryce Davis** Lillian Dice Nicole Duran Madison Folk John Foster Alyson Gotlewski **Caitlin Harris** Jessica Hawkins Franklina Hovor Maureen Hueting Tania Jackson Jackson Krasche **Emily Lewis** Maddison Magaha **Casandra Maier** Amirah Paksima Julia Pavlick Wilhelmina Prasada-Rao Marie Quaranta **Renee Quaranta Taylor Ramirez Bostyn Smith** Malik Smith **Bryce Taylor Cole Taylor** Juliana Vrolijk **Ashley Windsor Breanna Young**

Concert Band

Jordan Allentuck **Christian Andrade Diana Arias Thomas Behrens** Stefanie Beltran Morgan Bliss Cassandra Campbell **Nicolas Cayzedo** Grace Clark Erik Eklof Matthew Gimbrere Ethan Hinds **Paige Houston** Chloe Insalaco Jennifer Jang **Ryan Johnston Bubby Jones** James Kavanagh Andrew Kindel **Raymond Kinzie** Jackson Krasche Kelliann Lee Darrell Marshall Jacob Marshall **Andrew Mullins** Guv Norton Julia Ouart **Stephanie Parker** Wilhelmina Prasada-Rao Renee Quaranta **Robert Queen** Alison Ransom **Franco Rivas** Jose Roque Nicole Slebodnik Liam Speck-McMorris John Thompson **Triana Wallace** John Wasilik Avery Whitney-Blum

Band 6

Sydney Allentuck Samuel Allgood Aidan Auel Michael Ballew **Dwight Bevley** Shirlev Chen Nicholas Ferguson **Dovid Fischer** Maxwell Fisher Leo Guillette **Oriol Guitart** Chase Hanscom Andrew Johnson Michelle Lu Celine Macairan Zacharv Onderko Emma Parker **Nathaly Portillo-Rivas** Jacob Roe **Brandon Sier Bailev Smith** Anya Speck-McMorris **Clare Wilson**

> Pictures coming next week!

End of the Year Awards

All year long, we recognize our wonderful students for their many accomplishments in and out of the classroom. Because school is out when fourth quarter report cards are ready to go

home, we have no Honor Roll celebration this marking term, but we make sure awards are distributed before we head out for the summer.

Of course, the biggest honors are accorded our departing 8th graders. They have a special promotion ceremony next Thursday morning, June 12, to which parents are invited. Grade 8 Awards will be presented at the promotion. Younger students get their awards here at school in front of their classmates. Distribution of subject awards for 6th and 7th graders has already begun this week.

Here are the end-of-year awards for which *all three grades* are eligible:

- **Perfect Attendance** (No days missed during the school year)
- Straight A's (All A's during the first three marking terms of the year)
- **Subject Awards** (Exemplifies the school vision; personifies JPMS PRIDE; GPA is among the top 5% of the class in that subject)

These awards are given only to 8th graders:

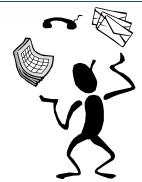
- **Perfect Attendance** (No days missed for all three years)
- Straight A's (All A's in Grades 6 and 7 as well as during the first three marking terms of Grade 8)
- **Presidential Award** (GPA greater than 3.5 for every marking period in middle school through Quarter 3 of Grade 8)
- Academic Improvement Award (Significant overall improvement in GPA from Quarter 1 through Quarter 3 in 8th grade; exemplifies the school vision; personifies JPMS PRIDE)
- Service Learning Award (All students who have earned more than 100 SSL hours by April 30 of Grade 8)
- Odd Fellows Award (Two students who have earned the most SSL hours through April 30 of Grade 8)
- American Legion Award (Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship, and Service; nominated by all staff and selected by staff vote)

The highest accolade we accord our 8th graders is **The Linda Fiore Memorial Award**. Named for the first principal of John Poole Middle School, this award focuses on the qualities Mrs. Fiore established through her leadership as hallmarks of our school. The honoree must have attended JPMS all three years and consistently demonstrated academic growth, effective interpersonal skills, effective use of technology, and perseverance in overcoming obstacle(s) and/or problem-solving. Selection is made by nomination and vote of the staff.

In this year's final issue of the *Back Pocket*, which comes out on June 13, we'll feature the names of all our student award winners; but first, we have to get through exams!



Ending an Unusual School Year with Some Different Procedures



It has been a long time since the school year has had to be extended due to missed winter days, and this year's calendar adjustments came late enough in the school year that we have really had to think creatively to be able to fit everything into the last few days of school in June. We recognize that many families have made plans well in advance to end the year with events that cannot be reorganized now, and it's too late for us to change bookings we made months ago for Smokey Glen, Hershey Park, buses, and all the other pieces of the end of year activities that require reservations and deposits. So we've decided to handle some aspects of our closing procedures differently this year, beginning with exams.

As you probably remember from the exam schedule at the end of the first semester, we have typically scheduled exams by class period, working in two each day during exam week. This time, we are scheduling exams by subject.

Since all grade levels have a county-wide English final, we will begin with English on the morning of June 6. All students will be taking their exams until about 10:00 AM when we will

return to a schedule that sends students to all their classes for shortened periods. After lunch, classes will continue, but students who take Spanish 1 will be pulled out to take their Spanish exam.

On June 9, 8th graders will take their US History exams in the morning while the rest of the students maintain a regular schedule. That afternoon, Spanish 2

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE	
Review Day – All Exams	June 5
Exams – English (AM)/Spanish 1 (PM)	June 6
Exams – US History (AM)/Spanish 2 (PM)	June 9
Exams – Math (AM)/Science (PM)	June 10
Make-up Exams by individual arrangement	June 11 - 13
Exams – Electives/PE in class periods	June 12
Final Exam Make-up Day (AM)	June 13

students will be pulled out for their exams.

Algebra and Geometry students will take their exams on the morning of June 10. 8th graders will take science that afternoon. Classes that do not have a county-wide final exam, such as Math 6, Math 7 and Algebra Prep, Science 6 & 7 and World Studies 6 & 7, will take their exams, which are shorter, during regular class time.

Class activities will be held, as previously scheduled, on June 11.

During June 12, which will operate on a regular class schedule, PE/Health and elective classes will give their exams.

The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on June 12 as well, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. These students should report for orientation to PHS on the morning of the 13th. It's the same bus, but a new destination! Thanks for your flexibility.

Eighth Graders – It's Your Time to Shine!



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Join your friends for a Night Under the Stars At the 8th Grade Dance!

> June 6, 2014 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Cost: \$25 Fun, food, music, games, prizes!!

Please put your RSVP and check for \$25 in the box located at the front office by May 23.

Dress up in your nicest school clothes – no shorts, please!

For financial assistance, please see Mrs. Arnold.



All SSL Hours Jan. through May Turn in by June 6th!

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 6, 2014). Senior hours are due earlier. Don't miss this deadline!
- Middle school students who successfully pass select courses and fully participate in the SSL aspects of those courses will be awarded 10 SSL hours on the final report card.
- 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 activities in private residences.
- Get MCPS Form 560-50, *Individual SSL Request* approved by Mrs. Arnold <u>before</u> school is out. During the summer months when school-based SSL coordinators are not in their buildings, SSL questions and requests for preapproval may be referred to the SSL Office 301-279-3454.

SSL Hours Opportunity

If you love soccer this is perfect for you!

July 19-27

Maryland SoccerPlex, Germantown MD

The Maryland State Youth Soccer Association will be hosting the US Youth Soccer National Championship from July 22-27 at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Germantown MD.

The US Youth Soccer National Championship serves as the crown jewel of competitive youth soccer as the nation's top 96 youth soccer teams, in the Under-13 through Under-19 Boys and Girls age groups, compete for the US Youth Soccer National Championship title.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks from July 19-27 for:

- set up the weekend prior (ages 16 and over)
- ball kids (completed 5th grade and over)
- parking attendants (ages 16 and over)
- hydration crews (ages 16 and over)
- take down the last day (ages 16 and over)

This event has been approved for SSL for those who have completed 5th grade through seniors. If interested, visit the volunteer signup website at http://goo.gl/FhvmMm to choose your task(s) and timeslots(s) or contact us for more information at ncsvolunteer@msysa.org.





Under 21 Activities from the Rec Department!

Do you want to have fun, make friends, get student service learning hours, and help your community? Then join the MONTGOMERY COUNTY Recreation

Montgomery County Department of Recreation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). This committee plans under 21 activities such as Teen Café, Soccer, Basket Ball events and activities for students on half days, weekends, and holidays. The goal of YAC is to decrease the amount of bullying, drugs, underage drinking and violence in our county. So join YAC.

Applications are due by August 29, 2014. Together we can reach out to make a difference for youth in Montgomery County. For more information, call 240-777-8080.

MCPS GIVE BACKpacks



The MCPS GIVE BACKpacks campaign is under way and needs your help to raise funds to purchase backpacks filled with school supplies for MCPS students in need. Last year, MCPS parents, staff, and community members generously donated more than \$100,000 to the GIVE BACKpacks campaign, and nearly 15,000 students in 41 schools received backpacks filled with school supplies. We're hoping to serve even more students this year. A backpack filled with school supplies only costs \$10, and donors have the option to sponsor an

individual student, a classroom, a grade level, an entire school, or a cluster of schools. Additional information is available at <u>www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org</u> or by calling 301-309-MCPS.

Vaccination Clinics

All Maryland school students entering 7th grade in August 2014 must show proof of one Tdap (Tetnus-diptheria-acellular pertussis) vaccination and one Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccination. 7th grade students who do not provide proof of Tdap and Meningococcal vaccinations will be excluded from attending 7th grade.

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will offer FREE Tdap and Meningococcal vaccinations for 7th graders who have not been vaccinated. On June 13, 2014 from 1:00pm through 4:00pm, there will be three vaccination clinics:

Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School 11800 Monticello Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20902 **Julius West Middle School** 651 Great Falls Road Rockville, MD 20850

Rocky Hill Middle School 22401 Brick Haven Way Clarksburg, MD 20871

A parent or guardian must be present at the time of vaccination. The student's immunization record should be brought to the vaccination appointment. The vaccination clinics are by appointment only. Make your appointment online at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Resident/vaccination.html or by calling 311.

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- Michelle Hobbs Treasurer
- Wendy Gotlewski Membership & Volunteers



Spotlight on...

Next Year!

Thanks for all your support this year! See you in the fall!

Questions? Ideas? Opinions? Getting in touch with your PTSA is as easy as sending an email message! JPMSPTSA@gmail.com

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website: http://www.montgomervschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/4,%20PTSA%20Membership%20Form.pdf

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

Directories have arrived and have been distributed. If you paid for a membership and did not receive a directory, please contact us a.s.a.p.

It is very easy to join. All the information is found on the JPMS homepage under the parents tab. If you have any questions please email Wendy Gotlewski, membership coordinator at <u>gotlewski@msn.com</u>.

Congratulations to our PTSA on earning Gold level membership recognition!

Parent Involvement Survey

The Maryland State Department of Education is conducting a survey of all parents/guardians of children receiving Special Education and related services. The purpose of the survey is to measure the efforts by school personnel during the current school year to help parents feel like valuable partners in planning for their child's special education program.

This is your chance to let your voice be heard at the state level. Whether you are pleased with the way your school is working with you or you have major complaints, please take the time to complete this important survey. It can be done online or returned to the Department of Education in the postage-paid envelope that you receive with the survey.

Want some more information? A short video is available at this website: <u>http://www.mdparentsurvey.com</u>, or you can contact Mrs. Eileen M. Fazio, instructional specialist, MCPS Department of Special Education Services, at 301-279-3135 or via email.

Remember, the survey closes on May 30! Don't wait to participate!



2013 School Progress Report Card for MCPS

This document was sent home with your child on Thursday. it provides you with state, county, and individual school performance data, as well as information on student attendance, graduation rates, and the professional qualifications of teachers at the state, district, and school level for the 2012-13 school year. Note that date: it's *last* year's information, so it has already come your way in various other formats, but the state sends this concise summary out each spring.

The Secretary of Education's Remarks to the National Schools of Character

Part of program at the ceremony I told you about in our front page article was remarks by the US Secretary of Education on the significance of being named a National School of Character. You can watch his congratulatory video at the link below. It's only a couple minutes long, but it speaks volumes about our work at JPMS! <u>https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=xw0pk9ceY6M</u>

RSVP for the 8th Grade Dance ASAP

The PTSA wants every 8th grader to be able to enjoy the end of year dance, so the RSVP date has been extended to May 28. The planning committee needs to know who will be attending so that food and supplies can be confirmed. Don't Put it off – make sure your child's RSVP is in as soon as possible! Thank you for your support.

The SSL Deadline is coming!

Search your closets, drawers, back packs and lockers for those SSL forms. Complete all the information and write a reflection with full sentences. All hours served from Jan to May 2014 are due on June 6th. Do not miss this deadline! Hand your forms in to Mrs. Arnold ASAP. Remember: any hours earned in 2013 are no longer eligible.

Immunization Requirements for Students Entering 7th Grade

There are new school immunization requirements for the 2014-15 school year affecting students entering the 7th grade this fall. Your child will not be allowed in school without these vaccinations next fall. All children entering the 7th grade must have received a vaccination known as Tdap as well as a meningococcal meningitis vaccine. Call your health care provider to discuss if your child has had these vaccines or schedule an appointment for your child to receive a Tdap and meningococcal vaccination. Provide a copy of your child's updated immunization record to the JPMS Health Room - (301) 407-1029, as soon as possible.



After School Activities

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



If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to lead or to see offered at JPMS please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at <u>Winessa R Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org</u>. Activities begin after school at 2:30 p.m.

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

Algebra (Tuesday) Art Club (May 28) Homework Club (Tuesday) Drama Club (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday) Leo Club (Wednesday – Dates TBD) Jazz Band (Wednesday) Rocketry Club – (May 29) Speed and Agility (May 27 and 29)

Thank you to the Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel in our community who keep our nation strong and safe. Your service ensures our children's future.

Happy Memorial Day!

Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

May 23	Summer School Registration Due
May 26	Holiday - Memorial Day–No school for students and staff
May 27	SGA Field Trip to the US Capitol Drive for Supplies Begins and Runs Through June 12
May 29	Algebra HSA Exam Make-ups
May 30	Pass out Yearbooks at the end of the day in Homerooms
June 2	PHS Graduation at Mt. Saint Mary's
June 3	Reading Banquet – selected students (5:30 PM)
June 4	Incoming 6 th Grade Parent Orientation (7:00 PM)
June 5	Leader of the Pack (7:15 AM) Last Day for Backpacks Last Day for Activity Buses
June 6	Last day to submit SSL documents for the second semester. 8 th Grade Dance – 7:00-10:00 pm at Poolesville Baptist Church
June 11	End of Year Activities Grade 6 – Picnic Lunch/Movie (11:12 - 2:20 PM) Grade 7 – Smokey Glen (8:00 am – 2:00 PM) Grade 8 – Hershey Park (7:30 am – 7:30 PM)
June 12	 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony in the Aux Gym (10:00-11:30 am) 8th Grade Final Locker Cleanout (11:30 am) Final Locker Cleanout for 6th and 7th Graders at 2:15 pm Last Day to Access Lockers
June 13	8 th Graders to PHS for Orientation 6 th and 7 th Grade Preview to meet next year's teachers 4 th Marking Period Ends Early Release at 11:50 am

Coming this summer... Restroom upgrades!

Even a beautifully kept school such as ours requires routine maintenance to stay in top working order. This summer, our restrooms will receive new fixtures. It's great news, but it means the water will be turned off for big chunks of the summer, so there will be no summer activities at JPMS. Summer school will take place at Poolesville High School, and other community events we typically host will have to be scheduled elsewhere. Thanks for your patience.



PHS NEWS



The Class of 2014 Graduates on Monday, June 2 10:00 AM, Mount Saint Mary's College

Last Day of High School for Seniors - May 23

PROM – May 23, 7:30 PM

Graduation Breakfast – May 30, 8:00 – 8:30 AM

Graduation Rehearsal – May 30, 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Senior Picnic – May 30 – 12:00PM – 4:00 PM

Final Exam Schedule for Underclassmen: Review Day – June 5 Exams periods 1 and 2 – June 6 Exams periods 3 and 4 – June 9 Exams periods 6 and 7 – June 10 Exams periods 8 and 9 – June 11

Rising Senior Pictures – June 9 – 11, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Congratulations to Poolesville High School Named the #1 High School in Maryland for the 4th year in a row by the *Washington Post*! Awarded a Gold Medal by *US News and World Reports* as one of the Top 100 High Schools in the US!



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And Ask for...

Assistant Principal - Ms. Lemon Level Coordinator - Mr. Grotenhuis - Mrs. Lindsay - Ms. Nachlas - Mr. McKay - Mrs. Callaghan - Ms. Turnbull

Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Eisenberg

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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