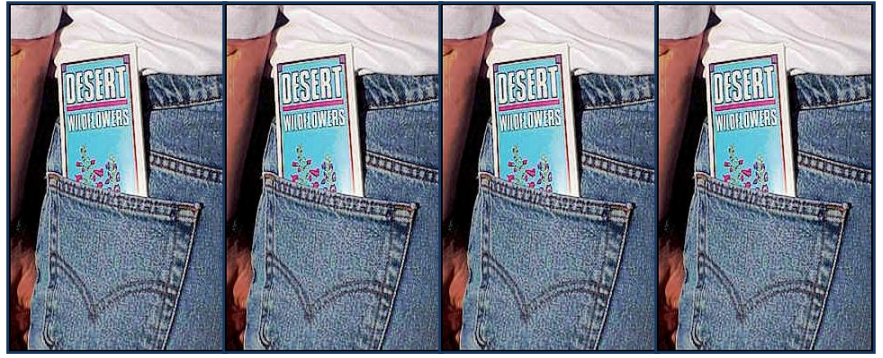


# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



**June 7, 2013**

## **A Thought for Today:**

**I'm not telling you it's going to be easy; I'm telling you it's going to be worth it.**

**- Art Williams**

## **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 report cards are ready to go home, we have no fourth quarter Honor Roll celebration, but we make sure awards are distributed before we head out for the summer.

Of course, the biggest honors are accorded our departing 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They have a special ceremony next Wednesday, June 12, to which parents are invited. Younger students get their awards here at school in front of their classmates. Distribution of subject awards for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Next week's *Back Pocket* will be the last issue of the year and will feature the names of all our student award winners; but first, we have to get through exams! We're almost there... - 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!



**Dewontay Ainsworth**

**Diana Arias**

**Dorothy Ballman**

**Daniel Bricker**

**Abby Carr**

**Paige Houston**

**Connor Miller**

**Nick Spano**

**Emily Yin**

## 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.

Congratulations to **May's Leaders of the Pack!**

### 6th Grade

- Purpose* - **Katrina Rowe**
- Respect* - **Sarah Mullikin**
- Integrity* - **Giavanna Santorocco**
- Dedication* - **Rachel Bupp**
- Effort* - **Aidan Auel**

### 7th Grade

- Purpose* - **Morgan Bliss**
- Respect* - **Estephan Lavanderos**
- Integrity* - **Stephanie Parker**
- Dedication* - **Mathew Hill**
- Effort* - **Triana Wallace**

### 8th Grade

- Purpose* - **Danielle Torres**
- Respect* - **Megan Grubb**
- Integrity* - **Julia Fisher**
- Dedication* - **D.J. Bricker**
- Effort* - **Victoria Pach**



# Beautiful Music

Congratulations to Ms. Sprague and her very talented students on a fabulous concert last week!



## Orchestra

Alexis Abrigo  
Kieran Barney  
Grace Bodmer  
Luc Branton  
Keyon Budd  
Rachel Bupp  
Vincent Chim  
Carla Dacanay  
Isabella Garner  
Isabel Gibbs  
Haley Harkins  
Sara Himmelfarb  
Maureen Hueting  
Mackenzie Kovach  
Lukas Lightcap  
Glenn Mandere  
Roshawna Marshall  
Michael Payne  
Nathaly Portillo-Rivas  
Brennah Ringling  
Catherine Savage  
Daria Sharifi  
Samantha Thomas  
Tiara Ventura  
Roger Yerger  
Begonia Zapata

## Jazz Band

Christian Andrade  
Thomas Behrens  
Morgan Bliss  
Kenydi Cross  
William Field  
Jennifer Jang  
Ryan Johnston  
James Kavanagh  
Raymond Kinzie  
Brandon Kocur  
Lev Malinin  
Stephanie Parker  
Gavin Preblich  
Daria Sharifi

## Chorus

Dewontay Ainsworth  
Gwendolyn Boe  
Eleanor Boyle  
Madeline Burdette  
Taylor Byrd  
Alona Carr  
Josephine Caruso-  
Dipaolo  
Lauren Chilla  
Paris Copeland  
Danielle Creedon  
Bryce Davis  
Nicole Duran  
John Foster  
Julianna Garrett  
Mackenzie Gross  
Julian Hernandez  
Tania Jackson  
James Klimkiewicz  
Jackson Krasche  
Erin Larkin  
Samuel Lee  
Emily Lewis  
Maddison Magaha  
Ava McEachern  
Maureen Miller  
Katheryn Morrow  
Theresa Nardone  
Jeremy Ouart  
Victoria Pach  
Samuel Pavlick  
Natali Portillo  
Marie Quaranta  
Taylor Ramirez  
Samuel Ritter  
Bostyn Smith  
Shelby Smith  
Melanie Staszewski  
Bryce Taylor  
Colin Thomas  
Cassandra Volkle  
Juliana Vrolijk  
Emma Welch

Emma Whitehouse  
Megan Windall  
Briona Winstead

## Concert Band

Jordan Allentuck  
Christian Andrade  
Diana Arias  
Daniel Ballew  
Michael Basehore  
Stefanie Beltran  
Katherine Benitez  
Morgan Bliss  
Quinlan Brenholtz  
Aidan Briancon  
Cassandra Campbell  
Jay Colmes, Jr.  
Kenydi Cross  
Kellie Dahlin  
James Dutton  
Erik Eklof  
Michael Gross  
Lucas Hanscom  
Ethan Hinds  
Taneka Jackson  
Jennifer Jang  
Ryan Johnston  
Raymond Kinzie  
Jackson Krasche  
Kelliann Lee  
Lev Malinin  
Darrell Marshall  
Connor Miller  
Julia Montone  
Sean Oliver  
Stephanie Parker  
Renee Quaranta  
Robert Queen  
Diana Quiroa  
Thomas Riegert  
James Royal  
Daria Sharifi  
Nicole Slebodnik  
Liam Speck-McMorris

John Thompson  
Donald Vogel  
Triana Wallace  
Dalton Webber  
Marc Whitehouse  
Avery Whitney-Blum  
Breanna Young

## Band 6

Jocelyn Alvarez  
Nicholas Beaton  
Thomas Behrens  
Matthew Bruckner  
Nicolas Cayzedo  
Grace Clark  
Travis Fraley  
Garrett Fultz  
Noah Garner  
Matthew Gimbrere  
Paige Houston  
William Jones  
Garrett Karns  
James Kavanagh  
Andrew Kindel  
Elena Lavanderos  
Benjamin Miller  
Andrew Mullins  
Guy Norton  
Julia Ouar  
Wilhelmina Prasada-Rao  
Alison Ransom  
Ethan Richardson  
Megan Roldan  
Jose Roque  
Jose' Silva  
Nikolas Sofelkanik  
John Thompson  
John Wasilik  
Clare Wilson







Special congratulations go out to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Daria Sharifi, who participated in the District level Solo & Ensemble Festival, received a superior rating, and went on to earn another superior rating at the State level. Daria's talent and conscientious work ethic have made her a star of our music program for the last three years. We will miss her as she goes on to shine at PHS!





# Eight Students Win STAR Scholarship Foundation Awards

The STAR scholarship program recognizes outstanding black and African American students with certificates and scholarships of \$50 to \$1000 dollars. Chosen by College and community leaders, the STAR applicants are evaluated on the basis of their grade-point averages, community service, and interviews.

Middle school students are eligible for Merit Awards ranging from \$25 to \$150 by maintaining high grades and demonstrating positive school citizenship.

The STAR Scholarship Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) foundation that was started and initially funded in 1992 by Paul Peck. STAR is all volunteer and over 98% of all money goes to scholarships. Peck has extended STAR into Washington DC; Oakland, CA; Richmond, VA; and Arlington County, VA. To date, the STAR Scholarship Foundation has awarded over \$1.01 million in merit scholarships and merit awards.

This year's STAR Scholarships were awarded Thursday night at a ceremony held at Walter Johnson High School. Congratulations to our STAR Merit Award winners!

✿ Alexis Abrigo  
✿ Dwight Bevely

✿ Demetrius Jackson  
✿ Roshawna Marshall

✿ Darrell Marshall  
✿ Ava McEachern

✿ Michelle Moraa  
✿ Triana Wallace

## Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony

Wednesday, June 12

12:45 - 2:00 PM

in the Auxiliary Gym

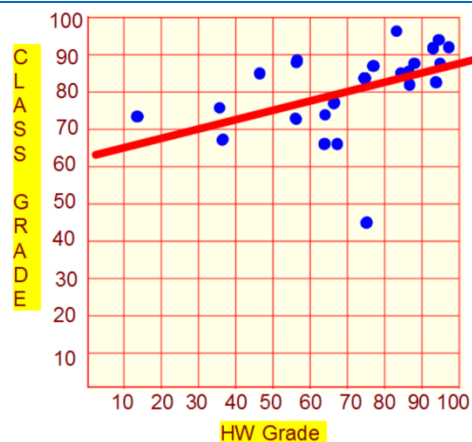
Families of all 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
are invited to attend





# Math That Really Counts

On May 24, Mr. McKay's first and third period Algebra Prep classes investigated the relationship between homework and class grades by plotting actual data points, creating a trend line, then analyzing the results. Mr. McKay used actual data taken from 23 students in first period for the analysis to authenticate the investigation. Once the students began plotting the points on the coordinate plane, it was clear that there was a substantive positive relationship between a student's homework grade and their success in the course (see scatterplot for proof!). When asked to provide a conclusion of their investigation, several students provided encouraging responses:



"The more homework you do, the higher your grade is." - DJ Bricker

"Positive correlation...the more the homework grade goes up, the class grade goes up." - Dylan Friendlich

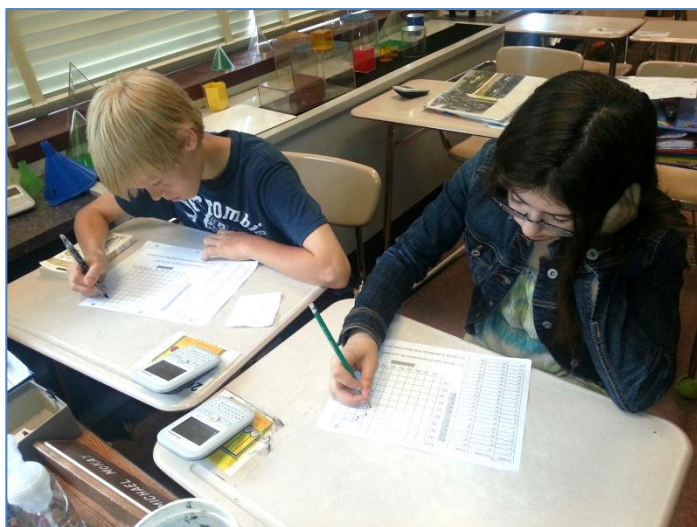
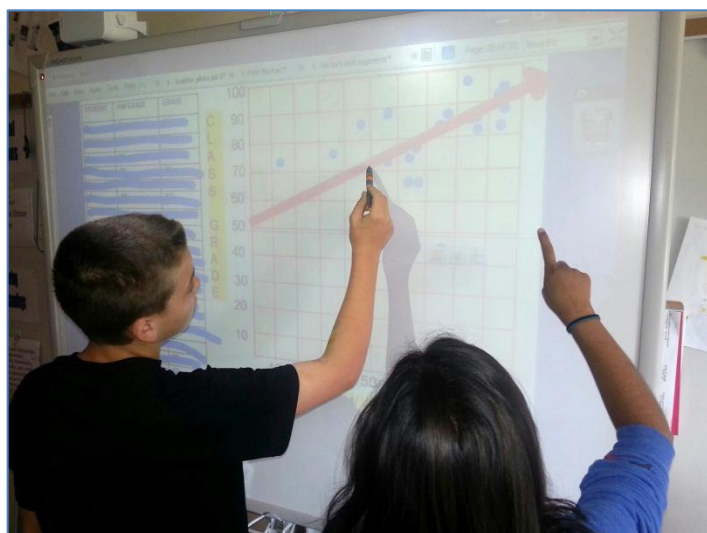
"Positive...the better your HW percentage, the better your overall grade is." - Michael Collins



"The more you do your homework, the better your grade is." - Jake Mason

"It is a positive correlation because as the homework grade increases, the class grade increases." - Ashley Szymaniak and Maria Trucios

"We analyzed homework grade and class grade. There is a positive relationship because as homework grades go up, class grades go up." - Antonnia Atkins



# Another Honor for JPMS

This week we received the Press Release below from the Character Education Partnership, an international organization of educators focused on developing good school citizens. John Poole is being recognized for designing and implementing Best Practices in Character Education. Our PRIDE is showing!



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Promising Practices in Character Education Announced for 2013

**Hundreds of effective strategies that develop good character in young people are recognized.**

May 29, 2013

Washington, DC— The Character Education Partnership (CEP) has announced that it will award 262 Promising Practices to schools, districts, and youth-serving organizations from across the United States as well as from Canada, China, India, Mexico, and New Zealand.

“These best practices offer educators and others working with young people practical ways to develop empathy, conflict resolution skills, and good citizenship,” said Lara Maupin, Program Director. “CEP is excited about being able to recognize these educators and share their work with others around the world.”

This year’s winning practices include unique anti-bullying programs, creative ways to integrate character and academic subjects, effective strategies for developing student leadership, and activities that build community – within the school and beyond.

**CEP’s 2012 National and International Promising Practices in Character Education represent:**

- 6 nations
- 25 states – with the largest numbers from Missouri (122) and New Jersey (27)
- 180 public schools, 16 charter schools, 12 private schools, 7 youth-serving organizations, and school districts

CEP sponsors the annual program to showcase innovative best practices that are having an impact across the nation and abroad. CEP encourages educators with similar needs to learn from and even replicate these successful initiatives. CEP will honor the 2013 recipients at the 20th National Forum on Character Education, to be held in Washington, DC, October 24-27, 2013. [Learn more](#) by searching CEP’s database of Promising Practices.

# 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...

## Our Final Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, June 11  
at 6:30 PM in the media  
center

## 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!

## 2012 Individual School Progress Report Card

This week we received from the Maryland State Department of Education copies of the official report on our school's 2012 standardized tests. We sent these reports home Thursday, but please notice that they are filled with last year's data!

JPMS has already shared with you our excellent performance on the 2012 MSAs, and all the data has been available online since last fall, so there is nothing new in this report. On the other hand, our kids did very well, so we can all enjoy hearing about it again. Thanks!

## EXAM SCHEDULE

**June 6 Review Day – Exams**  
**June 7 Exams – Periods 2 & 6**  
**June 10 Exams – Periods 1 & 5**  
**June 11 Exams – Periods 4 & 7**  
**June 12 Exams – Period 3**  
**June 13 Exam Makeup Day**

## REMEMBER:

## DRIVE FOR SUPPLIES RUNS MAY 28 - JUNE 12

Donating new or gently used school  
supplies can really help others.  
Donation boxes are in social studies  
classrooms.





## **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks are on sale from now until the end of the year. The cost of the yearbook is \$32. Checks can be made payable to JPMS. Contact Mrs. Aulls with any questions.

## **Student Obligations in the Cafeteria**

We have stopped loaning money and started collecting money owed to the cafeteria. The cashiers have already told students 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!

## **Textbooks and Other Borrowed Materials Are Due**

It's amazing what textbooks cost these days! Many of our books cost between \$50 and \$100 to replace. Don't get a bill at the end of school – help your child account for anything he or she borrowed from JPMS this year. Under the bed - in the trunk of the car – piled up with the winter boots – misplaced materials could turn up anywhere. The sooner they are located and returned, the better.

## **Orientations for Middle and High School Students set for August 22**

Student Orientation Day for the 2013 – 2014 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 22. Look for specific information from your child's school over the summer. Orientation Day is an opportunity for middle and high school students to meet their teachers for the upcoming school year, learn about class schedules, and ensure that students are ready for the first day of school. Classes start on Monday, August 26.

Contact your child's school for more information and questions regarding the school's programs and schedules.

## **Summer Reading and Math Assignments Are Now Online**

Visit the JPMS website to download a copy of the summer work in reading and math. It's front and center right on our home page.

The reading assignment is the same for all grades, but the math packets are marked for the class you will be entering in the fall. There are separate assignments for students going into Math 6, Math 7, IM, Algebra Prep, Algebra and Geometry. The work is the same for students in Math 7 and Math 7 Boost.

Teachers will send home hard copies of this work, and additional hard copies will be available in the JPMS main office during the summer, but you can always get your assignments online.

## MCPS Give BACKpacks Campaign

The MCPS Give BACKpacks campaign is under way and needs your help to raise funds to purchase 50,000 backpacks filled with school supplies for MCPS students in need. The Give BACKpacks drive will support families that are struggling financially and cannot afford basic necessities like school supplies. A backpack filled with school supplies only costs \$10, and donors will have the option to sponsor an individual student, a classroom, a grade level or an entire school. Additional information will be posted at [www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org](http://www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org) in the coming weeks.



### Campaña de Entrega de Mochilas de MCPS en Marcha

La campaña de entrega de mochilas de MCPS está en marcha y necesita su ayuda para recaudar fondos para comprar 50.000 mochilas llenas de útiles escolares para estudiantes de MCPS en necesidad. La campaña de entrega de mochilas apoyará a las familias que tienen dificultades financieras y no puede costear las necesidades básicas, como útiles escolares. Una mochila llena de útiles escolares sólo cuesta \$ 10, y los donantes tendrán la opción de patrocinar a un estudiante en particular, un aula, un nivel de grado o toda una escuela. Información adicional será publicada en [www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org](http://www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org) en las próximas semanas.

## Whalen Commons Summer Movie Line-up!

Movies start at 8:30 pm!

July 13 - **Madagascar 3**

July 20 – **Brave**

July 27 - **Peter Pan**

August 17 - **Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3**

August 31 - **Top Gun**

Bring a blanket, a picnic and enjoy a movie under the stars!

## 2013 MCPS Back-to-School Fair

Save the date! Plan to kick off the 2013-2014 school year at the MCPS Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. The fair is a great way for families to learn about school system programs and services while enjoying entertainment, children's activities and much more. Free transportation will be provided from 12 locations throughout the county. Please note that this year, backpacks will not be given out at the fair, but will be sent to schools for distribution to students in need. Visit [www.mcpsbacktoschoolfair.org](http://www.mcpsbacktoschoolfair.org) over the summer for updates.

### 2013 Back-to-School Set Fair de 24 de agosto

Reserve la fecha! Planee dar inicio al año escolar 2013-2014 en la Feria de Regreso a la Escuela de MCPS el Sábado, 24 de agosto de 11 a.m. a 2 p.m. en el Centro de Servicios Educativos Carver, 850 Hungerford Drive, en Rockville. La feria es una gran manera para que las familias aprendan acerca de los programas y servicios del sistema escolar mientras disfruta de entretenimiento, actividades infantiles y mucho más. Se proporcionará transporte gratuito en 12 ubicaciones a lo largo del condado. Tenga en cuenta que este año, las mochilas no se entregarán en la feria, sino que se enviarán a las escuelas para su distribución a los estudiantes que más lo necesitan. Para actualizaciones durante el verano, visita [www.mcpsbacktoschoolfair.org](http://www.mcpsbacktoschoolfair.org).



# Save the Date!

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



- June 7      8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance (6:00-10:00 p.m.)
- June 11      PTSA Meeting (6:30 p.m. in the Media Center)
- June 12      Last Day for Drive for Supplies  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony in the Aux. Gym (12:45-2:00 p.m.)  
Reading Banquet (5:30-7:00 p.m. in the APR)
- June 13      End of Year Activities  
❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Hershey Park (Leave 7:30 a.m.; Return 7:30 p.m.)  
❖ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Smokey Glen (Leave 8:00 a.m.; Return 2:00 p.m.)  
❖ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Picnic Lunch / Movie (11:12 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.)
- June 14      Last Day of School for Students (dismissed at 11:50 a.m.)  
8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be at PHS

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

- June 7      Exams – Periods 2 and 6 – periods 1 and 5 also meet**  
**June 10      Exams – Periods 1 and 5 – periods 4 and 7 also meet**  
**June 11      Exams – Periods 4 and 7 – periods 3 and 5 also meet**  
**June 12      Exams – Period 3 – all classes meet**  
**June 13      Final Exam Makeup Day**

# PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*



## Poolesville High School Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Friday, June 14, 2013

The orientation program for incoming students new to Poolesville High School is scheduled for Friday, June 14, from 7:25 to 11:40 am. This program will give students:

- an opportunity to become familiar with bus runs and the school facility
- a chance to meet classmates, Heads of Houses, and other school staff
- an introduction to high school policies, procedures, and services
- an overview of academic and extracurricular programs

7:20 – 7:30 am – Check-in  
(Auditorium Lobby)  
7:30 – 7:45 am – Welcome Assembly  
7:50 – 11:03 am – Facilities Tour  
11:08 – 11:21 am – House Meetings  
11:21 – 11:30 am – Refreshments  
(Cafeteria)  
11:40 am – Departure



# 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**

