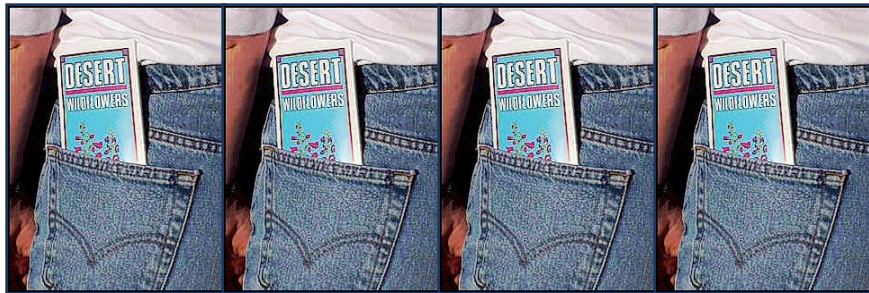


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



September 14, 2012

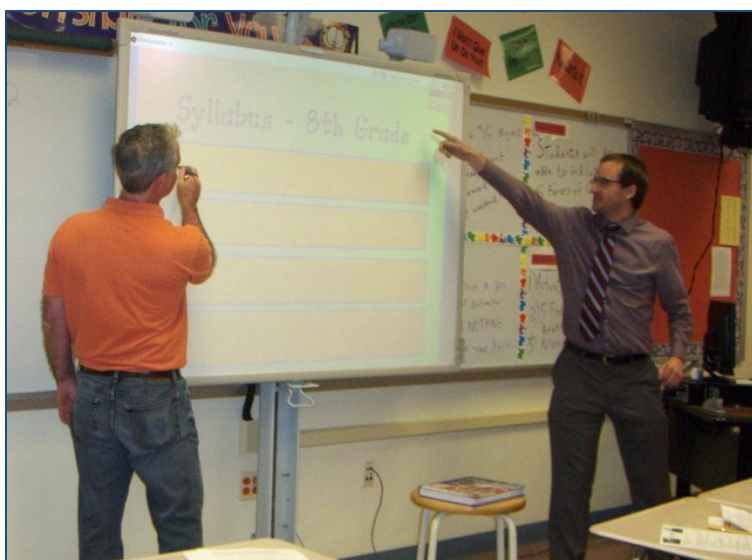
A Thought for Today:

If we are together nothing is impossible. If we are divided all will fail.

- Winston Churchill

Thanks for a Great Back to School Night!

Because we have families that support our school and a community that cares about education, we can offer our kids the very best opportunities to learn and grow. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us last night for this annual chance to meet your child's teachers and experience his or her day.



Thanks to our student guides who really enjoyed helping our guests navigate the building: **Courtney Bourque, Ellie Creedon, Julia Fisher, Kaley Fisher, Luke Hanscom, Morgan Harney, Jake Mason, Alessandra Molina, Austin Nichols, Madi Peyton, Natali Portillo, and Ari Quiroa.**

Don't wait until next year to come back and visit! Volunteers are always welcome, and we're ready to

answer any questions that may come up. Give us a call, send an email, or come by the office to let us know how we can work with you.

I hope you have all joined the PTSA, but if you didn't get a chance last night, membership forms are available at our website:

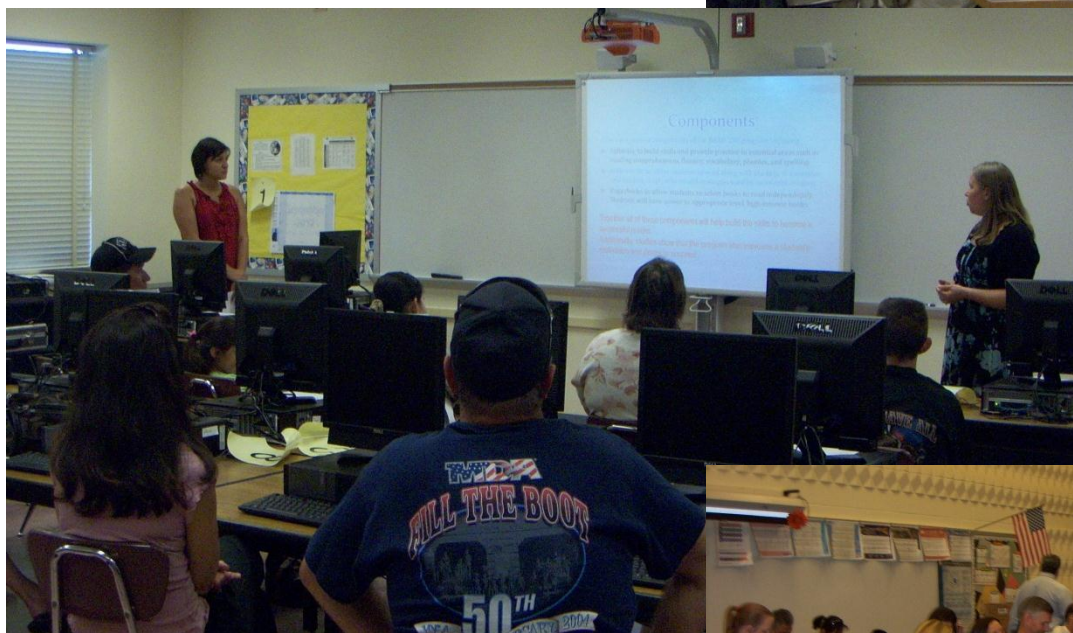
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John Poole is **your** school, and we are proud to work with you to make sure our students get the world-class education they deserve.

– Charlotte Boucher



**All over the
school, parents
learned about
the 2012 – 13
school year.**



**from the
technology
lab...**

to the computer lab...



**to the
music
room and
all our
other
classrooms**

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!

Kenydi Cross

Joseph Huff

Danny Papagjika

Carter Fry

Jennifer Jang

Colin Thomas

Bianca Gilpena

Eve Knudson

Carmela Wasalik



Locker Fashions

Open a locker door this year and who knows what you'll find – wallpaper? Carpet? A chandelier that really lights?

Students have been decorating their lockers for a long time, and we've gotten used to magnets, mirrors and snapshots – but these days, some lockers are sporting additional enhancements from air fresheners to disco balls.



Vivian Galentine, Morgan Harney, Caitlin Harris, and Bella Laubaugh were kind enough to let us peek into their lockers. Pretty snazzy, aren't they?



Social Studies Classes Focus on Remembrance and Service in Honor of 9/11

Middle school students were infants or toddlers on September 11, 2001, but they live in a world that has been indelibly marked by the events of that day. In order to help our students learn what happened, make sense of related events, and see ways that they can contribute to helping good come from sorrow, all our social studies classes offered special 9/11 lessons this week.

7th and 8th graders discussed the political, economic and social impact of 9/11, which they identified as a turning point in our history.

6th graders were especially fortunate to have Captain Troy Lipp, an incident commander of the Urban Search and Rescue Team from Montgomery County that responded to the Pentagon on 9/11, as a guest speaker. He shared his personal experiences and answered questions for each of Ms. Nachlas' classes.

Mrs. Arnold built on this tremendous presentation by emphasizing that everyone can honor our heroes by finding ways to help others. Even small actions like sharing a smile make a real difference. Projects and service at the community level can earn SSL hours for students in Grades 6 – 12. We all have parts to play, and we all can be heroes.



Thanks to Captain Lipp and our excellent staff for giving our students a very valuable experience!

Channel 5 News was so impressed by these lessons that they sent a reporter and photographer out. The story aired on the 5:00 news. If you missed it, you can

watch it online by clicking on this link:

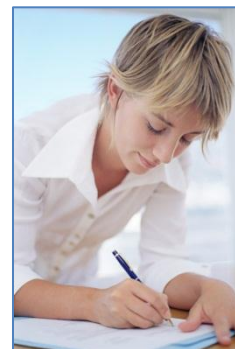
<http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/19516959/md-middle-school-students-receive-special-history-lesson-about-911>

Did you earn SSL hours this summer?

Don't let your summer hours get forgotten in a drawer or closet somewhere.

Get your SSL sheets completed with

- sponsor signature
- description of activity
- personal reflection answering all questions in full sentences
- Completed personal information including
 - ✓ first period teacher
 - ✓ student number



All hours are due on Friday, September 28th. This is a county deadline! SSL sheets can be handed into the main office, counseling office or directly to Mrs. Arnold.

Upcoming SSL Opportunities – Four great ways to serve

1. September 29th is a "Day to Serve"

Governor O'Malley has declared that September 29 is a Day to Serve across our state. Here in Poolesville, members of the community have joined local churches in organizing a food drive for WUMCO (Western Upper Montgomery County Help) in response to the governor's declaration. What a wonderful way to make a difference right here in our community!

Community members, including students, who volunteer to help pick up food in their neighborhoods can ensure the food drive's success. You would first drop off flyers to the doors of your neighborhood or people on your street stating that you will be picking up food on September 29th for this cause. Participants will then place the food outside on their porches for you to collect. To volunteer (and earn SSL hours) contact Melissa: melbybing@gmail.com.

2. World of Montgomery Festival

KID Museum (Kids International Discovery Museum) is organizing an International Village at the World of Montgomery Festival on **October 21, 2012 from 12:00 - 5:00pm**. The Festival is an annual event organized by Montgomery County with the mission of celebrating, exploring and sharing the diverse cultural heritages of County residents. The International Village will highlight prominent cultures of the people who have come to Montgomery County from around the world.

This year's International Village will focus on four countries El Salvador, Ethiopia, India and China. Not only can you learn about these foreign lands and societies, but there will also be a variety of entertainment including a film festival, cooking demonstrations and many other activities for the whole family.

Students can earn SSL hours by helping with the International Village.

Before the festival, students can help by creating and distributing posters and flyers or by helping to organize displays and activities.

On October 21, students can hand out programs, maps of the International Village and Passports for kids. There will also be opportunities to set up, clean up, and staff the various displays and activities.

More information is available at: <https://volunteer.truist.com/mcvc/org/opp/10532974332.html>



3. Community Service Day 2012!

Make a difference in your community during Montgomery County's 26th Annual Community Service Day on Saturday October 27th. Look for projects the whole week of October 22nd-28th.

This is a great way for students to receive Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. Check the Community Service Day website for great volunteer opportunities or plan a project of your own. Support a cause that is important to you. Lead a cleaning project at your school or start a collection drive. See volunteer opportunities or register your project at www.montgomeryserves.org/community-service-day-2012

4. Work for the 2012 General Election

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking school-age students, grades 6-12, to serve as Election Day student aides during the 2012 Presidential General Election, Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to serve on Election Day and, if applicable, to receive Student Service Learning (SSL) credits. Students are placed in neighboring precincts according to their home addresses. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action. This program is available to all students within a public, private, independent, religious or home-school setting located in Montgomery County. U.S. citizenship is not a pre-requisite to participate. Students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply.

Click Here To Register: <https://www4.montgomerycountymd.gov/BoardOfElections/registerGuardianFv.seam>

Is it time to clear some space on your book shelves?



Mrs. Lindsay is seeking donations of Young Adult literature for a classroom library. Fall is a perfect time to clean off those dusty bookshelves and closets; please consider donating any middle school level books – even the dusty ones! – to Mrs. Lindsay in room 108.

Homework Club

The Homework Club is a valuable resource that allows students to complete many of their assignments. This opportunity is a quiet place where students can go to work on homework assignments in a focused and structured school setting. Students will bring home a contract to be signed and returned to school. The Club meets on Tuesdays in the Media Center from 2:30- 4:00 pm, starting on September 11, 2012. Attendance is an important indicator of student commitment and will be taken daily.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hardy, Homework Club Coordinator at 301-972-7978.

EpiPen Use for Severe Allergic Reactions – a new law

A new Maryland law (*Epinephrine Availability and Use*) requires all school districts in Maryland to establish a policy that authorizes school personnel to administer auto-injectable (EpiPen) epinephrine to a student who is determined to be, or perceived to be, in anaphylaxis, a sudden, severe life-threatening allergic reaction. Under this policy, EpiPens must be administered regardless of whether the student has a known severe allergy that causes anaphylaxis, or has a prescription for epinephrine. As part of the mandated requirements, training will now be provided to all staff members on the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, and training will be provided to selected staff members in every school on the procedures for administering EpiPen auto-injectors to students suffering from anaphylaxis. Please contact the Department of Student Services at 301-279-3192 for more information.

Uso de "EpiPen" Para Reacciones Alérgicas Graves

Una nueva ley de Maryland *Disponibilidad y Uso de Epinefrina*, requiere que todos los distritos escolares en Maryland establezcan un reglamento que autorice al personal escolar administrar epinefrina auto-inyectable (EpiPen) a un estudiante que se haya determinado o se haya percibido que está en estado anafiláctico, que es una reacción alérgica súbita, grave y que pone la vida en riesgo, se haya o no identificado que el estudiante tenga anafilaxia o que tenga una receta para epinefrina. Como parte de los requisitos del mandato, ahora se proveerá a todo el personal capacitación para conocer las señales y los síntomas de anafilaxia, y personal determinado recibirá capacitación en todas las escuelas sobre los procedimientos para administrar auto-inyectores de epinefrina a estudiantes que padecen de anafilaxia. Por favor comuníquese con Department of Student services, llamando al 301-279-3192 para más informes.

How to Receive Emergency Information from MCPS

MCPS parents can receive emergency information from the school system in a variety of ways including *MCPS QuickNotes*, Alert MCPS, Twitter, the MCPS website, MCPS TV, and a recorded telephone information line. Please visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency for more information on how to keep in touch with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and stay informed in times of emergencies.

Cómo Recibir Información de MCPS en Emergencias

Los padres de estudiantes de MCPS pueden recibir información del sistema escolar en casos de emergencia de varias maneras incluyendo *MCPS QuickNotes*, Alert MCPS, Twitter, el sitio de Internet de MCPS, MCPS TV y la línea de información con mensajes grabados. Por favor visite www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency para más información sobre cómo mantenerse en contacto con Montgomery County Public Schools y para mantenerse informado en momentos de emergencia.



BLUE RIBBON WEEK IS COMING!



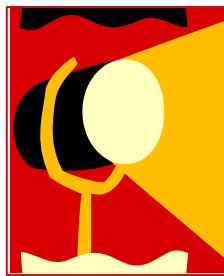
September
24-28

Wear Blue
on
Monday
9/24

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 next PTSA meeting

Tuesday, October 9

6:30 pm

in the Media Center.

Mark your calendar now!

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>

Attention 8th Graders!

The PTSA will once again be sponsoring Magnet Classes offered to JPMS students. This is a great opportunity to prepare for magnet testing. Information will be sent to 8th grade parents in the next couple of weeks to confirm specific dates for these classes.

The class size will be limited, so interested families should respond as soon as possible after receiving the information.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Arnold or contact Dreama Hemingway at ddmoney001@yahoo.com.



Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser

Proceeds from the sale will fund activities for students including field trips, academic awards, cultural events, and much more!

**Sale Ends
October 12th**

No Sales Tax Is Charged

Questions: Please contact Emily Pavlick at emilypavlick@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



Welcome back JPMS students and parents!

It is our goal to provide activities to meet the desires of all students. If you have any suggestions for programs or interests, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org. Some of the programs offered this year are Books and Boxing, Babysitting Club, Jewelry Making, Zumba Class, Scrapbooking, Game Room, Book Club and much more. Keep checking the *Back Pocket* for upcoming classes.



Stay Connected

The new *Stay Connected* website serves as a one-stop shop for all the tools that students, staff, and parents may use to stay informed and connected with MCPS. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/stayconnected/ for more information.

Spanish Speakers Needed

The Board of Elections is seeking registered voters with Spanish speaking fluency to serve as election judges. If you are interested, you can access the election judge questionnaire at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/elections/ElectionJudge/2012qonlineapplication101411.pdf>

Policy CNA

The Montgomery County Board of Education approved changes to Policy CNA, which guides the distribution of informational materials and flyers in schools. Under the revised policy, nonprofit organizations will be able to send printed materials home with students in elementary schools up to four times a year. However, such distribution no longer will be allowed in secondary schools. The revised policy will still allow MCPS, government agencies and Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) to distribute printed materials in all schools at any time during the year.

How to Raise a Reader

Common Sense Media has a great website I often explore looking for good ideas about how to help kids learn to manage the media and technology appropriately. Currently, they are featuring articles about turning kids into lifelong readers. It's well worth a few minutes to look over their recommendations, book lists for children from pre-school to Grade 12, and managing the apps devices that can link old-fashioned reading to new-fangled devices.

The web address is http://www.common sense media.org/new/how-raise-reader?utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=08.21.12_standalone ; I think you'll find the site both informative and interesting.

MCPS News Update

MCPS News Update and *Noticias de MCPS* (in Spanish) are weekly, five-minute news programs that are cablecast on MCPS TV and may be viewed online. English: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/news/
Spanish: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/es/news/

Fall 2012 Parent Academy

The MCPS Parent Academy is back with an exciting lineup of free workshops for parents. The 2012 Fall session of the Parent Academy will begin on Thursday, August 30, 2012. The Parent Academy helps equip parents with the tips and tools they need to help their children succeed. All of the workshops are free and are held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County. The schedule of workshops is available at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx

Academia Para Padres Otoño 2012

La Academia Para Padres de MCPS regresa con una interesante serie de talleres gratuitos para los padres. La sesión del Otoño 2012 de la Academia Para Padres comenzará el jueves, 30 de agosto. La Academia Para Padres ayuda a equipar a los padres con los consejos prácticos y las herramientas que necesitan para ayudar a sus hijos a triunfar. Todos los talleres son gratis y se ofrecen en escuelas y otros lugares en todo Montgomery County. El horario de los talleres se encuentra a disposición en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx

New Season of Homework Hotline Live!

The new season of the MCPS TV program Homework Hotline Live! (HHL) kicks off on Wednesday, September 12. HHL offers students in Grades K-12 free homework assistance from MCPS teachers. Students can call, send text messages, or email questions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Questions received by phone are answered between 4 and 6 p.m.; all other questions are answered up until 9:00 p.m.

Students can ask questions by:

- Making a phone call to 301-279-3234
- Visiting the HHL website <http://askhhl.org>
- Sending a text message to 724-427-5445
- Sending an email to question@AskHHL.org
- Posting a message to Facebook (Like *Homework Hotline Live*)
- Posting a "tweet" to Twitter (@askHHL)

Homework Hotline Live! can be viewed on MCPS-TV (Comcast 34, Verizon 36, RCN 89) and on the Web at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/

¡Nueva Temporada de "Homework Hotline Live"!

La nueva temporada del programa *Homework Hotline Live!* de MCPS TV se lanza el miércoles, 12 de septiembre. HHL ofrece a los estudiantes de los Grados K-12 ayuda gratis de maestros de MCPS para hacer las tareas. Los estudiantes pueden llamar, enviar mensajes de texto o hacer preguntas por correo electrónico los martes, miércoles y jueves, de 4 a 9 p.m. Las preguntas recibidas por teléfono se responden entre las 4 y las 6 p.m.; todas las demás preguntas se responden hasta las 9 p.m.

Los estudiantes pueden hacer sus preguntas:

- Por teléfono, llamando al 301-279-3234
- Visitando el sitio de Internet de HHL, <http://askhhl.org>
- Enviando un mensaje de texto al 724-427-5445
- Enviando un mensaje electrónico a question@AskHHL.org
- Poniendo un mensaje en Facebook (Like (Me Gusta) *Homework Hotline Live*)
- Enviando un "tweet" a Twitter (@askHHL)

Homework Hotline Live! (¡En Vivo—Línea Telefónica Para Ayuda con las Tareas!) se puede ver por MCPS-TV (Comcast 34, Verizon 36, RCN 89) y por Internet en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/

Walk to School Day is October 3

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October. Today, thousands of schools across America – from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico – participate every October.

Walk to School Day 2012 is scheduled for October 3.

Why Walk or Bike?

Communities and schools are using Walk or Bike to School Day as the first step to change community culture and to create options for getting around that are more inviting for everyone, both young and old. Here are some reasons to support walking and bicycling to school:

- **It's Fun!**

Walking and bicycling bring a sense of joy and independence.

- **Healthier Habits**

The trip to school is a chance for children (and adults!) to get the physical activity they need.

- **Cleaner Environment**

Replacing car trips to school with walking or bicycling can reduce congestion and air-polluting emissions.

- **Promoting Safety**

Building sidewalks, providing education programs and adding traffic calming measures are some of the ways to improve safety. Encouraging walking and bicycling to school can help build support for infrastructure improvements in the broader community.

- **Community Benefits**

Reducing traffic congestion, boosting a sense of community, and improving neighborhood connections benefit the community.



**Have a great time at
Poolesville Day
Saturday, September 15**

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



September 15	Poolesville Day
September 17	Rosh Hashanah (No School for Students and Teachers)
September 19-21	Outdoor Education at the Smith Center (6 th Grade)
September 24-28	Blue Ribbon Week Monday: Wear Blue. Show our school colors Tuesday: Twin Day. Celebrate what we have in common Thursday: Wear colors, symbols or shirts of things you support Friday: Respect our differences. Dress in mismatched clothes
September 26	Yom Kippur (No School for Students and Teachers)
September 27&28	Vision and Hearing Testing
September 28	Early Release Day (students dismissed at 11:50 a.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.

Fall Sports Schedule

Softball Schedule

October 2	Boys play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 2	Girls play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:15 p.m.)
October 9	Boys play King at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 9	Girls play King at King (3:15 p.m.)
October 16	Boys play Clemente at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 16	Girls play Clemente at Clemente (3:15 p.m.)
October 18	Girls play Kingsview at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 18	Boys play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)
October 24	Girls play Ridgeview at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 24	Boys play Ridgeview at Ridgeview (3:15 p.m.)



Coed Cross Country Schedule

October 2	Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 9	JPMS at King (3:15 p.m.)
October 16	Clemente at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 18	JPMS at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)



PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



PHS Magnet Calendar – more information is available at the PHS Website.

Magnet Information Night	Monday, October 8, 2012	5 pm: A – M 7 pm; N - Z	PHS Auditorium
Application Form Available	Mid to Late September 2012		
Application Deadline	Friday, November 2, 2012	Hand delivered by 3 pm or Postmarked	

Athletic Schedule (partial)

Cross Country: 9/19/2012 3:30 PM (H) vs. Walter Johnson and Einstein
10/2/2012 3:30 PM (A) vs. Magruder and Northwest

Boys Varsity Football: 9/14/2012 6:30 PM (H) vs. Williamsport
9/21/2012 6:30 PM (A) vs. Walter Johnson
9/28/2012 6:30 PM (H) vs. South Hagerstown
10/5/2012 7:00 PM (A) vs. Pikesville
10/12/2012 6:30 PM (H) vs. Kennedy

Golf: 9/12/2012 3:00 PM (A) MCPS Girls Match #3 at Laytonsville
9/13/2012 3:00 PM (A) PHS, Blake, Blair, and Rockville at Needwood
9/18/2012 3:00 PM (A) Clarksburg, Blake, and Sherwood at Little Bennett
9/19/2012 3:00 PM (A) MCPS Girls Match #4 at Laytonsville GC
9/24/2012 3:00 PM (A) Magruder, Rockville, and Sherwood at Poolesville GC
10/1/2012 9:00 AM (A) MCPS Coed District Tournament at Poolesville GC
10/3/2012 12:00 PM (A) MCPS Girls District Tournament at Poolesville GC

Girls 9/19/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Blake	Boys 9/19/2012 7:00 PM (A) vs. Blake
Varsity: 9/24/2012 5:00 PM (H) vs. Seneca Valley	Varsity 9/24/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Seneca Valley
Soccer 10/2/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Gaithersburg	Soccer 10/2/2012 3:30 PM (A) vs. Gaithersburg
10/4/2012 5:00 PM (A) vs. Damascus	10/4/2012 7:00 PM (A) vs. Damascus
10/8/2012 5:00 PM (H) vs. Northwood	10/8/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Northwood

Girls Varsity Tennis: 9/18/2012 3:30 PM (H) PHS vs. Clarksburg High
9/20/2012 3:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Richard Montgomery High
9/21/2012 3:30 PM (H) PHS vs. Walter Johnson High
9/24/2012 3:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Gaithersburg High
9/28/2012 3:30 PM (H) PHS vs. Einstein High
10/4/2012 3:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Northwest High

Girls Varsity Volleyball: 9/18/2012 6:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Richard Montgomery High
9/20/2012 6:30 PM (H) PHS vs. Walt Whitman High
9/27/2012 6:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Churchill High
10/3/2012 6:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Kennedy High
10/5/2012 6:30 PM (H) PHS vs. Walter Johnson High



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
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**

