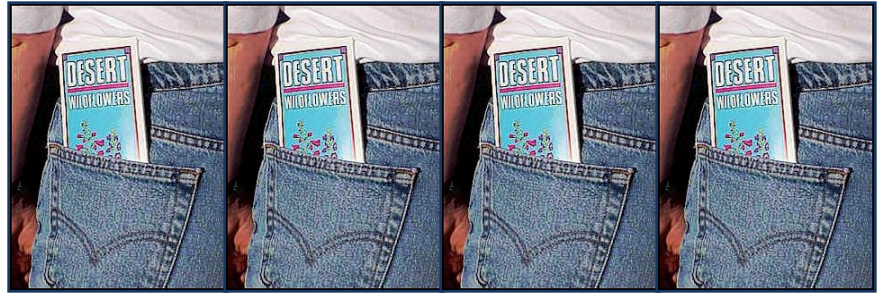


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



September 28, 2012

A Thought for Today:

Your regrets aren't what you did, but what you didn't do. So I take every opportunity.

- Cameron Diaz

Quarter One Is Already Half Done

The reason Friday is an early dismissal day this week is to allow teachers to work on the grading and other paperwork that prepares for interims to go out next week. Interims! Already!

Interim progress reports tell you how your child is doing academically at the mid-point of each quarter, while there is still time to get back on track and end the marking term strong. Edline makes the online grade books accessible to every parent, so there really should be no surprises when the report card comes home. You can make sure of it by using your Edline account effectively.

A lot of parents like working through their child's account. It saves the parent having to manage a separate account, and it promotes the parent and child checking grades together. I'd like to encourage every parent to open his or her own account, however. That way, you are not dependent on your kid's logging in for you, but, more importantly, you can communicate faster with us here at school.

When you open your own Edline account, you activate email communication that cannot be associated with a student account. Interims go out electronically to parents with their own Edline accounts; other parents have to wait for the interims to arrive by snail mail. Those lost days can translate into stress at home as you try to make sure everything gets handed in before the deadline.

October 6 is the first Saturday after interims go out, so that is our first Saturday School of the year. Here's how Saturday School at JPMS works:

- Every Wednesday, we check Edline and identify students who have a grade lower than C in any class. We generate a letter that tells the student to get that grade up ASAP or expect to be invited to Saturday School. It's not a bad idea for you to start asking on Wednesday afternoons if your son or daughter has received a Saturday School letter that week!
- From Wednesday afternoon through Friday morning, students turn in missing work and arrange to reassess low grades. This catching up can mean your family has a much better weekend!
- Teachers post updated grades on Edline and send us the names of students who have cleared their assignments. (It takes 24 hours after the teacher posts grades for them to appear online.)
- Friday afternoon, we remove all the names we can from the Saturday School list, and the remaining students get a Connect Ed call reminding them to come Saturday morning from 8:00 to 11:00 to get their work done here at school. **If you do not get the phone call, your child got everything taken care of and you do not need to bring him or her on Saturday.**

Saturday School does not meet at the beginning of a quarter or when there is a three-day weekend. Otherwise, Ms. Lemon and I are there to make sure every child has a chance to get the materials and help he or she needs to be successful. Just give us a call if you have any questions. Thanks! — 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!

Hannah Bush

Bryce Davis

Elena Lavanderos

Lydia Caballero

Stefan Fessenden

Theresa Nardone



Julia Corfman

Nathan Hall

Maria Trucios Villarreal



Media Center Opens a New Reading Nook

Ms. McIntyre and Mrs. Seligman are always looking for ways to make the media center comfortable and inviting. Their latest innovation is the reading nook – and **Cassie** and **Killian** are already enjoying a cozy moment with a good book. Reading is a great way to relax, de-stress and perk up an ordinary day with extraordinary adventures!

Student Artwork in the Principal's Gallery

One of the great privileges of being the principal is getting to enjoy wonderful student work from classes all over the school. These colorful abstracts were created by 7th graders **Kellie Dahlin** and **Mackenzie Mullett** in art. They are currently brightening my office - drop in and see for yourself how talented our students are!



Snapshots from Outdoor Ed



Our kids had a great time from the moment they arrived until they got off the buses tired but glad to be home.

They learned together in the dining hall, on the confidence course, around the campfire, in the outdoor classroom, studying the stream, and all over the Smith Center!





Thanks to
Ms. McIntyre
for taking
these
pictures!

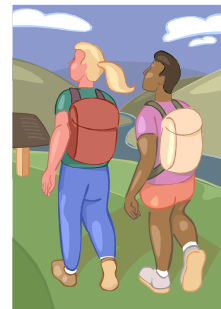
Thank you to our Outdoor Education Parent Volunteers!

We had wonderful parent volunteers for Outdoor Education, and they helped to make the trip a great success. Thank you!

Kari Auel
Jennifer Barney
Tanya Beaton
Monte Bledsoe
Jessica Bodmer
Pamela Boe
Valerie Bupp
Stephanie Burdette
Laura Carey
Jennifer Cayzedo
Mark Corfman
Susan Corfman
Charlene Dacanay
Sarah Daken
David Davis
Debra Fraley
Patti Geehrens

Kelly Hueting
Susan Holmquist
Wendy Huff
Jeff Jones
Karen Kavanagh
Ellen Kirkpatrick
Paige Kovach
Cynthia Leitner
Steve Lightcap
Troy Lipp
Deepti Marshall
John McKew
Karen Mullikin
Christy Mullins
David Ouart
Tim Pavlick
Rachel Peek

Tracy Perkins
Shirley Prasada-Rao
Al Ramazon
Bridget Ramazon
Wendy Roldan
Lisa Rowe
Garth Seely
Irene Teodoro
Karen Terragno
Anne-Marie Thomas
Maria Wasilik
Kimberly Yourick
Susana Zapata



**Thanks to all families
who donated supplies
for Outdoor Education.
The students really
enjoyed the s'mores!**

Magnet Application Season Is Here

If there's an 8th grader in your house, it's not too early to begin thinking about the transition to Poolesville High School, where there are wonderful programs available for all students.

In October, applications will be available for the competitive-entry magnet programs that are open to students from across the county: **Global Ecology**, **Humanities**, and **Science, Math and Computer Science** Houses. Participation in one of these programs requires a special application, recommendations and testing that takes place in early December.

Families from all over the county will come to PHS for a meeting that describes these programs and clarifies the application process. This meeting is on **Monday, October 8, 2012**. If your last name begins with the letters A – M, you will attend at 5:00 PM; those whose last names begin with the letters N – Z will attend at 7:00 PM. It is very important for every family interested in one of the three competitive-entry programs to attend this meeting, even if you also attend other informational meetings this fall.

If the magnet programs are not for you, PHS has two other opportunities that provide wonderful and enriched programming any student can access. The **Independent Studies Program (ISP)** allows students to pursue a personal interest and combine classroom learning with work and/or

service experience to develop a personal portfolio. Formal presentation of the portfolio is part of the requirements for the ISP Certificate. The **Advanced Engineering Academy** is affiliated with Project Lead the Way, a national Pre-Engineering curriculum recognized by numerous universities. Students have the opportunity to learn the fundamental principles of engineering and earn college credit while they solve problems representing real-world situations.

There is so much to choose from at our wonderful high school that we have scheduled opportunities for our students and their families to work with PHS staff to clarify their options and prepare for the processes ahead.

On Wednesday, **October 10**, interested parents are invited to meet with Ms. Billie Bradshaw, PHS Magnet Coordinator, at 7:00 PM in the JPMS media center. This is a great opportunity to get personal questions resolved in a much smaller setting than the big meetings at the high school on October 8. Additionally, a special meeting with interested 8th graders is scheduled for Tuesday, **October 16** after school in the JPMS APR from 2:30 – 4:00 PM. At this event, Ms. Bradshaw will answer questions and help students explore the programs available to them next year.

These meetings do not replace the Magnet meeting on October 8! They will provide an overview of all the programs at PHS, while the October 8 meeting will go into important detail about the magnet programs only. If you are thinking of applying, don't miss going to the high school on October 8, but consider coming to the meeting later in the month at JPMS, too.

We are truly fortunate to have so much available to our students! Take advantage of all the opportunities by being informed and helping your kids make good decisions.

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One of JPMS' biggest fundraising efforts for the year, Yankee Candle, is now upon us! This week, your child brought home a sales packet for Yankee Candle. The sale has already started and runs through Friday, October 12th. Products will be delivered in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Be sure to turn all order forms in to the PTSA box in the JPMS office by October 12th. You can see some of Yankee Candle's most popular items set out on a display table in the main office. Please take a moment to look through the catalog and get excited for JPMS' first big fundraising event of the year!

Nominate Your Favorite Teacher

You might win an iPad



Each year, The Gazette runs a special recognition program for our community's favorite teachers. Students who are currently enrolled in a public or private school in Montgomery, Prince George's, or Frederick counties may nominate any teacher they would like to honor, as long as he or she is currently employed as a teacher in a public or private school in one of those three counties.

You need to go online to fill out a form in order to nominate your favorite teacher. For each teacher you nominate, you will be directed to an online page where you may enter into a sweepstakes to win an iPad. The sweepstakes winner will be selected on or about October 10.

Once all nominations are in, The Gazette will choose up to 10 finalists at the elementary, middle and high school levels for each county--Montgomery, Prince George's and Frederick. They will select these finalists based on the most compelling nominating essays. Grammar, spelling and punctuation count! Finalists will be posted on FavoriteTeacher.Net on or about October 25, 2012.

From October 25-November 9, 2012 (dates subject to change), everyone can vote from among the finalists to choose the winners. You do not have to be a student to vote.

The teachers who receive the most votes will win the title "My Favorite Teacher" and prizes to be determined. There will be one winner in each county at each level--elementary, middle and high school. In the event of a tie, The Gazette will choose the winner, at its sole discretion, based on the quality of the nominating essays.

If you would like to nominate a teacher, you must complete the form at this location before midnight on Monday, October 8: http://ww2.gazette.net/teacher/teacher_entry.php?county=MC

PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

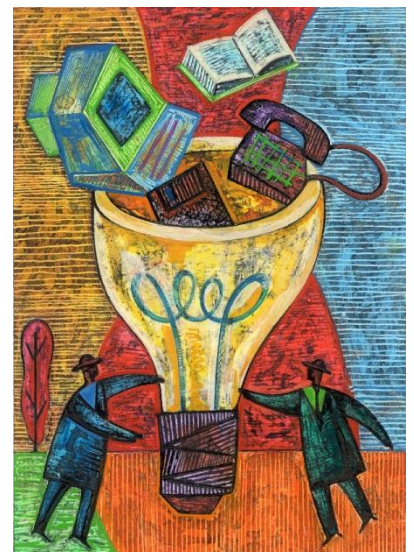
PBIS will be conducting our recycling fundraiser again this year. Thank you for making last year's drive a great success!

This fundraiser helps us raise money for our Positive Behavior Program and protects the environment through the donations of your used consumer electronics. Your used items are recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. One hundred percent of the proceeds help fund PBIS.

We are collecting the following items:

Cell Phones	Laptop Computers	Digital Cameras
Inkjet Cartridges	Electronic Book Readers	Radar Detectors
Digital Video Cameras	Handheld Game Systems	MP3 Players

Please drop off any of the above items you would like to recycle. There is a bin for cell phones, inkjet cartridges, and other small electronics in the school's foyer. Larger items can be dropped off in the office. We greatly appreciate your support!



SSL Opportunities

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 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

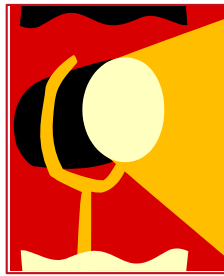
The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking school-age students, grades 6-12, to serve as Election Day student aides during the 2012 Presidential General Election, Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to serve on Election Day and, if applicable, 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>

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!



Parent Information Nights!

Monday, October 8, 2012

Poolesville High School

Magnet information Night at PHS

PHS Auditorium

5:00 pm A - M

7:00 pm N - Z



Tuesday October 10, 2012

in the JPMS Media Center

Parents meet with Mrs. Bradshaw,

PHS Magnet Coordinator

7:00pm

Student Information Opportunity!

Tuesday, October 16 after school 2:30-3:30

in the APR

**Students will meet with Mrs. Bradshaw
and PHS students about the four
programs at PHS.**

Parents are welcome.





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](mailto: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.

Locker Magic Class – October 2 after school in room 101

Sewing Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays after school beginning October 4 in room 301



Kids College

Montgomery College YOUTH PROGRAMS is offering Enrichment and advancement courses for students in grades 4 – 12. These courses, held on the Rockville and Germantown campuses, cover a wide range of topics including:

Algebra II
Geometry
Fundamentals of Drawing
Art Adventures

Art Extravaganza
Financial Fitne\$\$ for Teens
My Money MatterZ
Computer Programming
Keyboarding for Computers

SOS for Middle School Students
Teen Fiction Writing (online)
Cartooning, Comics, and Manga
Writing Club for Creative Teens

Courses fill quickly, so register now!

For additional information, contact the Youth Programs office at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917. For brochures or registration forms, visit <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youthpdf/kidscollege.pdf>

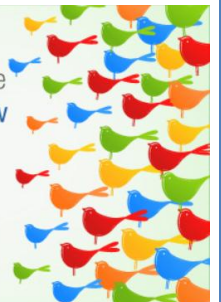
Homework Club

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 and Wednesdays in the Media Center from 2:30- 4:00 pm. 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.

Poolesville PRIDE

Poolesville PRIDE is a committee that brings all our cluster schools together with members of the community to work for living in a climate of respect and civility and against bullying. If you would like to be a part of this organization, contact the counseling department at any Poolesville school.

Join Anti-Bullying Experts, the DC Office of Human Rights, and StopBullying.gov for a  Townhall on Oct. 5, 3-4 p.m. EST!
Participate @ [#BullyFreeDC](https://twitter.com/BullyFreeDC)



Mark your calendar: There's a Twitter townhall focused on preventing bullying on Friday, October 5.

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>



New Season of Homework Hotline Live!

The new season of the MCPS TV program Homework Hotline Live! (HHL) kicked 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/

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.

Here are some reasons to support walking and bicycling to school:

- **It's Fun!**
- **Healthier Habits**
- **Cleaner Environment**
- **Promoting Safety**
- **Community Benefits**



Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



October 5	Interims Mailed
October 6	Saturday School
October 8	Columbus Day / Open House at JPMS Magnet Interest Meetings at PHS (5:00 PM, A – M; 7:00 PM, N – Z)
October 10	Parent meeting at JPMS with Ms. Bradshaw, PHS Magnet Coordinator (7:00 PM)
October 13	Saturday School
October 16	Student Magnet Meeting in the APR at JPMS (2:30 PM)
October 19	MSTA Conference (No School for Students and Teachers)
October 22	Blue Ribbon Monday (during Social Studies) – WEAR BLUE
October 26	Yearbook Portraits (Make-ups)
October 30	MATH NIGHT!

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: 10/2/2012 3:30 PM (A) vs. Magruder and Northwest

Boys Varsity Football: 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
 10/18/2012 6:30 PM (H) vs. Wheaton

Girls 10/2/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Gaithersburg
Varsity 10/4/2012 5:00 PM (A) vs. Damascus
Soccer 10/8/2012 5:00 PM (H) vs. Northwood

Boys Varsity Soccer: 10/2/2012 3:30 PM (A) vs. Gaithersburg
 10/4/2012 7:00 PM (A) vs. Damascus
 10/8/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Northwood
 10/10/2012 5:00 PM (A) vs. Watkins Mill
 10/15/2012 7:00 PM (A) vs. Einstein
 10/17/2012 7:00 PM (H) vs. Rockville

Golf: 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
 10/8/2012 3:30 PM (A) MCPS Championship Flight at Rattlewood GC
 10/8/2012 3:30 PM (A) MCPS Next Flight at Poolesville GC

Girls Varsity Tennis: 10/4/2012 3:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Northwest High
 10/11/2012 3:30 PM (H) vs. Wootton

Girls Varsity Volleyball: 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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Purpose
Respect
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Dedication
Effort



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**