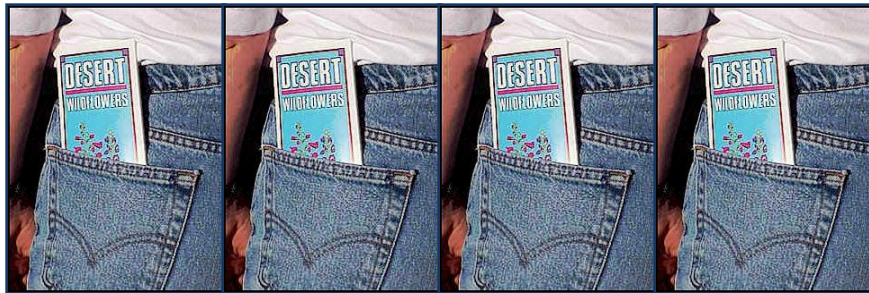


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



October 5, 2012

A Thought for Today:

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

- John Quincy Adams

Come Visit Us on Monday!

This Monday, October 8, is Columbus Day, so many folks in our area will have a day off work. That's why MCPS holds open house in all our schools on that day, hoping that parents will be able to join us for a look at their children's school experience.

We'll have the welcome mat out all day on Monday. Come any time, but please check in at the main office when you arrive. We'll give you a visitor's sticker and help you locate your child's classes. If you still have the schedule we sent home just before Back to School Night, you will be ready to go; if not, please either have your child write down his or her classes in order or let us print you his or her schedule when you arrive.

Here is the bell schedule. You can plan to arrive for a particular class or spend the day with us!



JPMS Bell Schedule

Period 1	-	7:35 - 8:25
Period 2	-	8:29 - 9:23
Period 3	-	9:27 - 10:15
Period 4	-	10:19 - 11:08
Period 5	-	11:12 - 12:35
A lunch	-	11:12 - 11:42
B lunch	-	12:05 - 12:35
Period 6	-	12:39 - 1:28
Period 7	-	1:32 - 2:40

Sometimes parents like to come for lunch with their kids. That is fine, but please remember that extra folks in the line can really slow it down. You might want to bring your lunch with you, since we only have 30 minutes. Lunch is either just before or just after Period 5; be sure to ask your child if he or she eats first or second lunch.

We don't put on any special performances for Open House. When you come on Monday, you will see a regular day in the life of your middle schooler. It's also a typical day for the staff, so there isn't time to hold an impromptu conference – just get a sense of what it's like to be a student again.

If you come at the end of the day planning to take your child home with you, please remember not to park in the bus circle. Thanks – and I hope to see you Monday!

- 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!



Alexis Abrigo

Matthew Hill

Robert Queen

Pete Barry

Sam Lee

Brennah Ringling

Ellie Creedon

Kaelyn Milby

Cade Seely

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 September's **Leaders of the Pack!**

6th Grade

Purpose - **Gabriella Brooks**
Respect - **Meghan Cox**
Integrity - **Trent Hinkson**
Dedication - **Bianca Gilpena**
Effort - **Demetrius Jackson**

7th Grade

Purpose - **Carter Fry**
Respect - **Dorothy Ballmann**
Integrity - **Ellen Beal**
Dedication - **Chloe Insalaco**
Effort - **Trevor McFall**

8th Grade

Purpose - **Keegan Hemingway**
Respect - **Claire Jensen**
Integrity - **Emily Yin**
Dedication - **Tim McIntyre**
Effort - **Keila Alfaro**



Do You Remember Biology Ever Being This Delicious?



Seventh graders are studying cell structure, and here are some photos of a lab that was both hands-on and tasty! Students built models of animal and plant cells to demonstrate their understanding of the organelles.



Graham crackers were used to represent plant cells, and sugar cookies were animal cells. Students designed a plan explaining their model to communicate their choice of decoration to represent each organelle.



All cells have a cell membrane which explains the licorice surrounding every cell, and they all have cytoplasm which explains the frosting. Green M&M's or jelly beans became chloroplasts and Wheat Chex could be Golgi bodies. Other options were offered for students to determine the best models for the endoplasmic reticulum, ribosomes and the remaining organelles.

What a yummy way to help students remember the similarities and differences between plant and animal cells!



Thanks to our generous parent helpers - Susan Cartwright, Lisa Dominici, Pam Doring, Mary Green, Melissa Harkins, Kristen Roy, and Julia Speck; and thanks to Mrs. Yesnick, for sharing these pictures!





The JPMS Social Studies Department is proud to announce our participation in the **2013 National History Day Project**. We will have an interest meeting to share more information about the project, such as important dates/future meetings, topics, resources, etc. If you have any questions, please contact your child's history teacher.

- **Who:** All students in Grades 6-8
- **When:** Interest Meeting Wednesday, October 10, 2012 from 2:30 to 4:00
(An activity bus will be available for those who attend the meeting.)
- **Where:** Room 210
- **Why:** To increase student's historical understanding by developing a lens to read history, an organizational structure that helps students place information in the correct context and finally, the ability to see connections over time.

Background about NHD:

Every year National History Day frames students' research within a historical theme. The theme is chosen for the broad application to world, national or state history and its relevance to ancient history or to the more recent past.

This year's theme is **Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events**. The intentional selection of the theme for National History Day is to provide an opportunity for students to push past the antiquated view of history as mere facts and dates and drill down into historical content to develop *perspective and understanding*.

Participation in National History Day is great preparation for the personalized independent study that is a major focus of all the special programs at Poolesville High School.

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 Wednesday, **October 17** after school in the JPMS APR from 2:30 – 3:50 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE!

The date for the after school meeting with Mrs. Bradshaw at JPMS has changed! It will be Wednesday, October 17. Please be sure to update your calendar so you don't miss this chance to learn about the exciting programs available at Poolesville High School!

Just one more week left in the Yankee Candle Sale!

**Be sure to order your candles and
gifts now!**

- **The sale runs through
Friday, October 12th.**
- **Products will be
delivered in time for
the Thanksgiving
Holiday.**
- **Turn all order forms in to the PTSA box in the
JPMS office by next Friday, 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.**

Community Opportunities

2012 School Based Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will conduct free nasal spray flu vaccine clinics (FluMist) in November for children 18 and under. On Monday, November 5, flu clinics will be held at John F. Kennedy, Richard Montgomery, and Seneca Valley high schools. No classes will be held on that day because it is a professional day for teachers. These clinics will be open to any school-aged child. All MCPS elementary schools will host a flu clinic on either Monday, November 12, or Tuesday, November 13, following early dismissal of students on those days. More information will be sent home with your child in October.

All clinics are free, but registration is required due to limited vaccine supplies. For more information, visit the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs> or call 311.

Clínicas de Vacunación en las Escuelas Contra la Gripe Común/de Temporada 2012

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) ofrecerá clínicas gratis con vacunas contra la gripe en atomizador nasal (FluMist) en noviembre para menores de 18 años. El lunes, 5 de noviembre, se realizarán clínicas contra la gripe en las escuelas secundarias John F. Kennedy, Richard Montgomery y Seneca Valley. Ese día no hay clases porque es un día profesional para los maestros. Estas clínicas son para cualquier niño de edad escolar. Todas las escuelas elementales tendrán una clínica de vacunación contra la gripe en una de dos fechas—el lunes, 12 de noviembre, o el martes, 13 de noviembre—y comenzarán una vez que los estudiantes sean despedidos después de la media jornada de clases en ambos días. En octubre, la escuela le enviará con su hijo/a más información.

Todas las clínicas son gratis, pero se requiere inscripción dada la cantidad limitada de vacunas. Para más informes, consulte el sitio de Internet de Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, ingresando a <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs> o llame al 311.

Community Conversation with the Board of Education

The Montgomery County Board of Education would like to hear from you concerning the values that should guide the school system. Parents, staff, students and community members are invited to participate in a Community Conversation with the Board of Education on Wednesday, November 14, at 7 p.m. in the Richard Montgomery High School cafeteria. Registration for the event will begin in mid-October. Foreign language interpretation and child care will be available. For additional information and to register for the event, call 301-279-3617 or visit the Board of Education website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/.

Conversación de la Comunidad con Board of Education

Montgomery County Board of Education quisiera saber su opinión con respecto a los valores que deberían guiar al sistema escolar. Se invita a los padres, al personal, a los estudiantes y a los miembros de la comunidad a que participen en una Conversación de la Comunidad con Board of Education, el miércoles, 14 de noviembre, a las 7:00 p.m., en la cafetería de Richard Montgomery High School. La inscripción para el evento comenzará a mediados de octubre. Habrá interpretación de idiomas y cuidado infantil disponible. Para información adicional y para inscribirse para el evento, por favor llame al 301-279-3617 o visite el sitio de Internet de Board of Education en www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/.

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

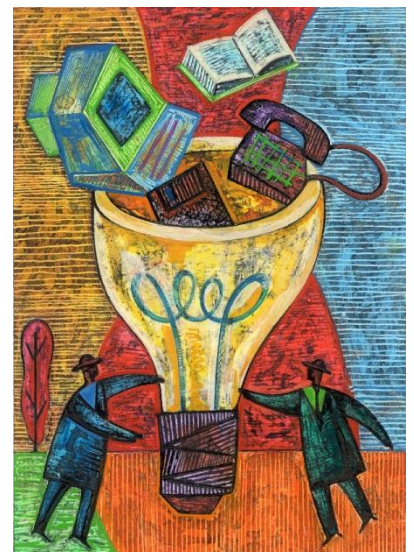
PBIS will be conducting our recycling fundraiser again this year. Thank you for making last year's drive a great success!

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. 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>

2. 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



3. 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>

Heads up!
Math Night is coming!

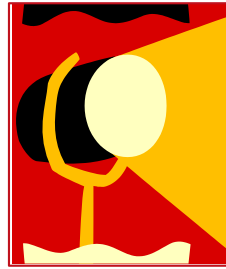
Be sure to hold Tuesday, October 30 for this fun-filled family event!



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.

Learn about Student Service Learning requirements and opportunities.

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 for JPMS students. This is a great opportunity to prepare for magnet testing. Information will be sent home with 8th grade students on Tuesday, October 9th (after the information session at PHS) with specific dates for these classes and signup information.

The class size will be limited, so interested families should respond as soon as possible after receiving this 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!

Connect with Edline

Edline

Edline is a convenient way for parents and students to keep-up-to-date online. Parents and students can go online to get grades, attendance records, missed assignments, and other classroom information from teachers. It is important to stay connected. If you don't have an Edline account please let us help you set one up.

Edline Support

Contact Ms. Vega if you need an Edline account or assistance.

Krista_N_Vega@mcpsmd.org

Edline Tips

- If you have an Edline activation code be sure to activate the parent code to ensure that you receive information sent to parents.
- Have your child login to Edline and review with him or her how to check grades.
- Establish a routine for checking with your child.



Helpful Link

[Edline Help Guide](#)



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!

Wednesday, October 17 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.



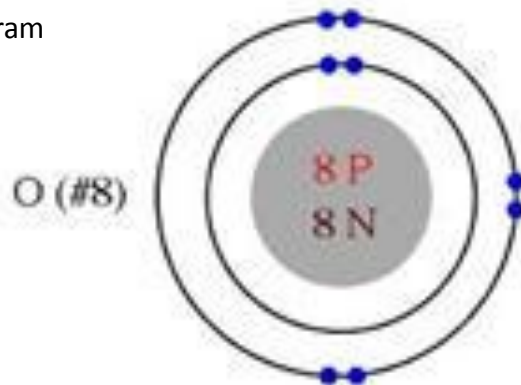
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

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.

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

Topics of Focus:

Types of Reactions



Periodic Table of Elements (Simplified):

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Noteworthy

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>

Edline Help Guide

An online Edline help manual is now available at the JPMS website. Click on the “Parents” tab to find the Edline Student/Parent Quick-Start Guide, or locate it in the Quick Links column on our home page.

Student Town Hall Meetings

Superintendent Starr will hold his first Student Town Hall of the 2012–2013 school year on Monday, October 15, 2012, at Northwest High School in Germantown. The town hall meetings are an opportunity for Dr. Starr to hear directly from students. Dr. Starr will answer questions from students in the studio audience as well as questions submitted by email and Twitter. Students are encouraged to submit their questions in advance by email, to pio@mcpsmd.org, or to the @MCPS Twitter, using the hashtag #studenttownhall. More information about the town hall meetings will be sent to secondary principals and will be available on the Student Town Hall website.

TOTS - EAT

The JPMS Phantom Players are participating in a nationwide community service project called Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat (TOTS-EAT). This is a program run by the International Thespian Society.

Thousands of students across the U.S. are working together to try to collect 350,000 pounds of food for this year's campaign. We want to make a difference, so from October 1 through Halloween the JPMS Phantom Players are collecting nonperishable food for **WUMCO**. Please contribute to a drama club member in your neighborhood or drop your donations off at JPMS.



State of the Schools

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will hold its inaugural State of the Schools presentation on the morning of Monday, November 12, 2012, at the Music Center at Strathmore. The event—“2012 State of the Schools: Building the Future Together”—will provide Dr. Starr an opportunity to share his vision for MCPS’ future with the county’s educational leaders and business, nonprofit, and community partners. Additional information about the event and an online registration form can be found on the new State of the Schools website www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org.

Help Improve the MCPS Website

MCPS is gathering feedback to improve the content and structure of the school system’s website. Please take a few moments and tell us about your experiences using the website. Your input is important as we work to improve the website. Complete the survey here: <https://mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/website-survey/>

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>

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.

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/





The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.

Saturday School

What is the Saturday School?

www.saturdayschool.org

- Low cost tutoring and mentoring program for Montgomery County students
- Small group instruction from certified teachers
- Curriculum aligned with that of Montgomery County Public Schools
 - Grades 1 through 8 focus on reading, language arts and math
 - Grades 9 through 12 focus on core subjects (English and Math); support for High School Assessments; HSA Bridge support available at select sites

Who Should Attend?

Montgomery County students in Grades 1 through 12 who want additional academic support

When?

SATURDAY MORNINGS SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 THROUGH MAY 4, 2013

8:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST PROVIDED AT 8:00 A.M. AT ALL CENTERS EXCEPT SHERWOOD

SEE CALENDAR ONLINE AT WWW.SATURDAY SCHOOL.ORG

How to Register?

Parents may register online at www.saturdayschool.org or in person at the Center their student will attend. The following is required to register:

- A registration fee of \$30 for FARMS / \$50 for non-FARMS. A payment plan is available and can be completed at registration. *For registering at the centers*, cash, checks or money orders (made payable to GBTLA or The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.) are accepted. *For online registration*, PayPal, Visa and MasterCard are accepted.
- The student's most recent report card. *For registering at the centers*, please bring the report card to registration. *For online registration*, please bring the report card to your student's first tutoring session.

SEPTEMBER 15: REGISTRATION

HELD AT ALL LEARNING ACADEMY CENTERS

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 29: OPENING DAY FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

HELD AT ALL LEARNING ACADEMY CENTERS

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

You may register your student any Saturday that Saturday School is in session.

Where?

12 LOCATIONS

**BLAIR HS
EINSTEIN HS
GAITHERSBURG MS
KENNEDY HS
MAGRUDER HS
NORTHWEST HS
PAINT BRANCH HS
ROCKVILLE HS
SHERWOOD HS
SPRINGBROOK HS
WATKINS MILL HS
WHEATON HS**

Transportation provided at Blair, Kennedy and Wheaton High Schools.

Questions?

Call The Learning Academy Office at 301-320-6545

Contributions gladly accepted. The GBTLA Saturday School is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



October 6	Saturday School (8:00 – 11:00)
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 17	Date Change: 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! (6:30 PM)

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 9	Boys play King at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 9	Girls play King at King (3:15 p.m.)
*October 11	Boys play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
*October 11	Girls play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (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 9	JPMS at King (3:15 p.m.)
October 11	Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 16	Clemente at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 18	JPMS at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)

* Rescheduled
after being
rained out on
October 2.



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	

Congratulations to the 43 PHS students who ranked as Commended Students based on the PSAT scores they took in October of 2011.

They are in the top 5% of the 1.5 million students who took the PSAT last year!

Athletic Schedule (partial)

Boys Varsity Football:

10/5/2012	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Pikesville
10/12/2012	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Kennedy
10/18/2012	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Wheaton
10/26/2012	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Catoclin
11/2/2012	6:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Rockville



Girls Varsity Soccer:

10/8/2012	5:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Northwood
10/10/2012	5:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill
10/15/2012	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Einstein
10/17/2012	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Rockville
10/22/2012	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Quince Orchard



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10/10/2012	5:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill
10/15/2012	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Einstein
10/17/2012	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Rockville
10/22/2012	5:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Quince Orchard



Golf:

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:

10/11/2012	3:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Wootton
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Girls Varsity Volleyball:

10/5/2012	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Walter Johnson
10/8/2012	6:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Northwest
10/10/2012	6:30 PM	(H)	PHS vs. B-CC
10/18/2012	6:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Magruder
10/23/2012	6:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Wootton
10/26/2012	6:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Wheaton



Call John Poole!

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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

JPMS
Timberwolves
live with
Purpose
Respect
Integrity
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**