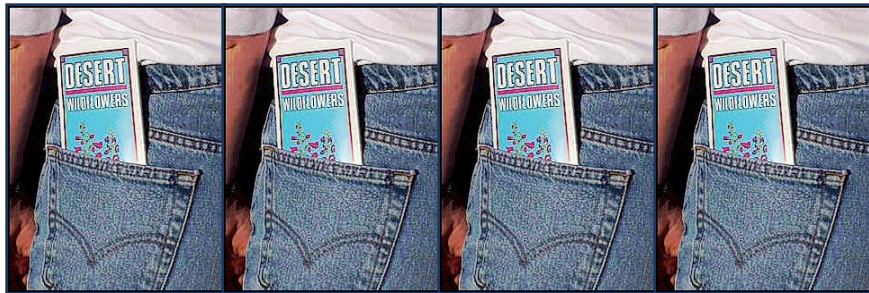


# John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



October 12, 2012

**A Thought for Today:**  
**Autumn is the year's last, loveliest smile.**

- William Cullen

## **We Love Our Fabulous Parents!**

Just this morning I noticed how many of our parents are driving all the way up to the "Student Drop Off" sign painted on our driveway before letting their kids out of the car. This is hugely helpful! Your child may need to walk a few steps farther to the school door, but the traffic moves smoother and doesn't back up into Tom Fox Avenue. Now that the days are getting colder and darker, more parents are driving their kids, so the clogged lane can get to be a major safety problem without your thoughtful cooperation. Thanks!

Of course, I'm used to wonderful support from our families. Just this week we used our media center Promethean Board for the first time. This great addition to our instructional tool kit was financed by PTSA generosity. You didn't just buy us another board – you funded a large, portable Promethean board that can be used around the building with the very newest, most versatile accessories. Again, THANKS!

And then there are the opportunities you provide for our students all year, every year. Our PTSA is the only one in the county that provides a magnet test preparation class right here at the school. If your child is enrolled, please check out the box at right – we set the calendar for these classes based on last year's magnet application dates, but this year the deadlines are slightly earlier. That meant our students would benefit from moving up the first couple of classes. I hope the changes are okay with you – we want to be as helpful to your family as you are to us – as that's a tall order!

– Charlotte Boucher

## **Magnet Prep Class Update**

**The Magnet Preparation  
class is full!**

**Thank you to all students  
who signed up for this  
opportunity.**

**There is a slight change in  
the dates for the classes.  
Since the first two classes  
are designed to discuss the  
application process, they  
have been moved to earlier  
dates.**

**The class will now meet  
on these dates:**

- **Tues. October 23**
- **Tues. October 30**
- **Wed. November 14**
- **Wed. November 28**

**Please make this note in  
your records and we will see  
the students on October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
for their first class!**

# 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!



**Antonia Atkins**

**Vincent Chim**

**Gavin Preblic**

**Aidan Auel**

**Clara Jackson**

**Ethan Richardson**

**Gabby Capobianchi**

**Amelia King**

**Danielle Torres**

## BOOK CLUB

Students in Mrs. Petak's and Mrs. Vega's classes are working hard to reach the goal of reading 25 books. Many students have already been admitted to the Book Club. Congratulations to these great readers!



Period 1

**Vincent Chim**

**Gabby Brooks**

**Nick Cayzedo**

**Madison Peek**

**Garret Fultz**

Period 2

**Gwendolyn Bee**

**Katrina Rowe**

**Cade Seely**

**Kalie Terragno**

**Danny Geehrens**

Period 3

**Tommy Behrens**

**Brennah Ringling**

**Aidan Auel**

**Allison Haddaway**

Period 4

**Allison Ransom**

**William Jones**

**Rachel Bupp**

# Student Information Opportunity!

## Student Magnet Meeting

**Wednesday, October 17 2:30-3:30 in the JPMS APR**

**Students will meet with PHS Magnet Coordinator, Mrs. Bradshaw, and PHS students about the four programs. Parents are welcome.**



# Star Students Shine in Reading

Mrs. Petak and Mrs. Vega would like to congratulate their Star Students of the Month. These students show PRIDE by being prepared for learning every day.

## Period 1

**Gabriella Brooks**  
**Matthew Bruckner**  
**Nick Cayzedo**  
**Vincent Chim**  
**Emily Lewis**  
**Diego Mejia**  
**Madison Peek**  
**Marie Quaranta**  
**Nikolas Sofelkanik**  
**Begonia Zapata**

## Period 2

**Alivia Atkins**  
**Gwendolyn Boe**  
**Madeline Burdette**  
**Lauren Chilla**  
**Julia Corfman**  
**Bryce Davis**  
**Daniel Deehreng**  
**Sarah Mullikin**  
**Wilhelmina Prasado-Rao**  
**Katrina Rowe**  
**Cade Seely**  
**Kalie Terragno**  
**Clark Trone**  
**Patrick Ramazon**  
**Samantha Thomas**  
**Tiara Ventura**

## Period 3

**Alexis Abrigo**  
**Aidan Auel**  
**Tommy Behrens**  
**Meghan Cox**  
**Isabel Gibbs**  
**Allison Haddaway**  
**Trent Hinkson**  
**Foster Homlquist**  
**Garrett Karns**  
**James Kavanagh**  
**Elena Lavanderos**  
**Aidan McKew**  
**Ryan Moats**

## Period 4

**Rachel Bupp**  
**Carla Decanay**  
**William Jones**  
**Eve Knudson**  
**Mackenzie Kovach**  
**Lukas Lightcap**  
**Nathaly-Portillo-Rivas**  
**Megan Roldan**  
**Jose Roque**  
**Brandon Sier**



# Mrs. Yesnick Is a Finalist for Favorite Teacher

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 nominate any teacher they would like to honor. Once all nominations are in, The Gazette chooses up to 10 finalists at the elementary, middle and high school levels for each county-- Montgomery, Prince George's and Frederick -- based on the most compelling nominating essays.

**Kaley Fisher** nominated our Grade 7 Science and Environmental Science teacher for this honor, and she wrote such a great essay that Mrs. Yesnick was selected as a finalist!

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.

Stay tuned for more details for when and how we can vote for our own Mrs. Yesnick!

# It's Magnet Recommendation Season

This week, students who are planning to apply for a competitive entry program received the letter below from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. Applications must include four recommendations, one from each of the current English, math, science and history teachers.

Every year, I hear from PHS that the recommendations our teachers write stand out as excellent, helpful and accurate contributions to the selection process. That's hard, because the 8<sup>th</sup> graders have not even worked with their teachers for a marking term yet. Our teachers are asking for the information that will help them show specific evidence in support of JPMS candidates.

If your 8<sup>th</sup> grader is applying to a magnet program, please make sure he or she submits a strong, well-written letter by November 2 to each teacher writing a recommendation. The thoughtful effort can make a real difference!

Dear Student,

You may be getting ready to ask for a recommendation from your teachers for a special high school program. Each teacher knows you as a student in his or her particular class, but may have limited knowledge of you as a whole person. To help your teacher write the best recommendation he or she can, **please provide each teacher with a letter or outline about your background and interests, any hardships you have overcome, your reason(s) for applying to the program, and your personal goals.**

Some items you may include are:

- Your personal background.
- An explanation of which magnet program(s) to which you are applying and why the program is important to you.
- Personal strengths that make you an ideal candidate for a magnet program, such as being inquisitive, motivated and hard-working. In other words, what are your strengths?
- Your commitment to other students and your community, as demonstrated by your volunteer work, willingness to help other students, and involvement in humanitarian causes. Remember, we don't see your completed application!
- Your interests outside of school, and how these have helped you to become who you are today.
- Your leadership skills and experiences.

You do not have to write a *different* letter to each of your teachers! It is fine to **write one letter and distribute a copy of the letter to each of the following teachers: Math, English, Science, and American History.** Your letter must include your student identification number!

It is important that you are respectful of deadlines during the application process. We are requesting that you have your letter/outline and recommendation form to us by Friday, November 2. We will complete the recommendations in the order in which they are received. Last year we completed over 60 recommendations; if you provide us with personal information, we can make the recommendation as unique as possible.

Remember, too, to be respectful as you approach your teacher for a recommendation. Manners are essential when you ask someone to do something for you!

Sincerely,  
The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team

# MATH NIGHT IS COMING!!

**Tuesday, October 30**

**Games!**

**+ Food!**

**+ Prizes!**

**Fun for the Whole Family!**

*No need to rush home and cook – start the evening off with a pizza dinner in our APR. Then let the kids enjoy math-related games and activities while adults hear about changes in curriculum coming with the Common Core State Standards and strategies for helping your kids love math! Don't miss it!*

## A New Kind of Climate Survey

MCPS has a long tradition of asking students and parents how they feel about their schools. Over the years, we have called the annual inquiry our *climate surveys*. Although the questions have evolved a bit over the year, these surveys have asked about how satisfied people are with the teaching, leadership and environment at the school. Because of the workload associated with collecting huge amounts of data, the surveys were only given to students in certain grades. For middle schools, surveys were taken by 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, but not 7<sup>th</sup> graders

This year, something different is coming that will replace the old climate surveys. MCPS has elected to participate in the Gallup Student Poll. By taking this important step, we are joining thousands of other districts in helping to measure the hope, engagement, and wellbeing of America's students.

### Measuring Hope, Engagement, and Wellbeing

Gallup's research has shown that hope, engagement, and wellbeing are key factors that drive student grades, achievement scores, retention, and future employment. The Gallup Student Poll is dedicated to measuring these three key factors of America's students. Hope, engagement, and wellbeing are actionable targets and indicators of success. By tapping into the hearts and minds of America's students, the Gallup Student Poll will provide crucial insight to help facilitate new conversations and solutions for student success in school and life.

### A Web-Based Survey

The Gallup Student Poll consists of a 10-minute Web-based survey, administered to all students in grades 5 through 12. It contains 20 core items, demographic items, and includes one randomly assigned index. It is conducted during a specific two-week window in a school classroom or computer lab. All data are stored, aggregated, and analyzed by Gallup. At the close of the field period, an electronic scorecard with your school's results and a solutions framework will be available. The district will also receive an overall scorecard.

### Survey Dates

The Gallup Student Poll will take place once during each school year. The inaugural poll was launched in March 2009. Each school will have two or three weeks to administer the poll. The survey will be available Tuesday through Friday during school hours only. JPMS will administer the poll next week, from October 16 to 18, through science classes.

### More Information

Please visit the Gallup Student Poll website at [www.gallupstudentpoll.com](http://www.gallupstudentpoll.com).

# **Thanks to everyone who participated in our Yankee Candle Sale!**

**Your support will enhance learning opportunities for JPMS students.**

**Look at the beautiful new Promethean board the PTSA donated to our media center after last year's fund-raising projects.**

**It's mobile!**



**Did your child forget to drop his or her envelope off in the main office? The deadline has passed, but if you still have sales to submit, please contact Fundraising Chair Emily Pavlick at [emilypavlick@gmail.com](mailto:emilypavlick@gmail.com) or 301-793-9915.**

# 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/](http://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/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/boe/).

# 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 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Service Day on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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>

## 4. Drama Club Service Project



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.

## 5. Join the Leo Club!

The Leo Club is a non-profit organization that stands for Leadership, Experience and Opportunity. By volunteering time and talents for the benefit of others, Leos learn firsthand the value and rewards of community service. Though sponsored by the Lions Club, Leo Clubs elect their own officers, schedule their own meetings, and select their own fundraisers and service projects. You will earn SSL hours for your service time.



The club has plans to be very active this year. Our first big project is raising money with the proceeds going towards Thanksgiving baskets for area families. Last year we were able to provide meals to 20 families. We also hope to visit a local hospital to read to children. We welcome any suggestions to fill needs that you see locally.

Our new officers elections for 2012-2013 will be held soon. We will meet Wednesday, October 17 in the Room 105. The activity bus is available. Please bring ideas for service projects this year and a friend!! If anyone is interested in joining the Leo Club or wants to be added to the email list or has any questions please contact Mrs. Kari Auel at [Kari\\_R\\_Auel@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kari_R_Auel@mcpsmd.org)



## Getting NUTS for Clean Water



Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center

5110 Meadowside Lane, Rockville, MD 20855

October 13, 2012. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Want to help your environment AND earn community service hours? Join us on October 13, 2012 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. to collect native seeds, such as acorns or walnuts! Native hardwood trees are important for our community. They filter polluted run-off and help prevent erosion caused by deforestation. They also clean the air and provide habitats for wildlife. They keep our ecosystems healthy and thriving. These seeds will be donated to state nurseries and grown into seedlings to be planted along streams and rivers in your community.

If you have trees in your backyard, you can also collect seeds prior to October 13 and drop them off here or at many public drop-off sites across the region! For locations of these sites and collection guidelines visit [www.growingnative.org](http://www.growingnative.org).



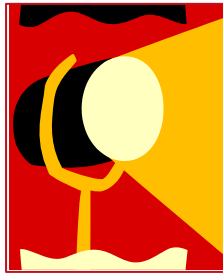
Arrive any time between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. but be sure to schedule enough time for collection! R.S.V.P. with number attending to Kiri Brenner at [kiri.brenner@gmail.com](mailto:kiri.brenner@gmail.com) (*Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult!*)

For more information about this event and other upcoming events sponsored by the Potomac Conservancy on behalf of the Potomac Watershed Partnership visit [www.growingnative.org](http://www.growingnative.org).

# 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 Magnet meeting

**Wednesday,  
October 17**

**2:30 pm in the APR**

**Interested students and parents are  
invited to meet with Mrs. Bradshaw.**

## Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

Please contact Lori Kocur at [kocurs@verizon.net](mailto: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>

## Please Fill Out and Send in Your Federal Aid Form

In connection with Title VIII of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (Impact Aid), the U.S. Department of Education offers funds annually to school districts like Montgomery County Public Schools that have many students with families connected to the federal government. The purpose of the funding is to reimburse school districts that have less tax revenue because of their volume of federal personnel and properties.

To receive the money, MCPS must determine how many of its parents or guardians are in active duty with the uniformed services, employed on federal property, reside in federal or public housing, and/or are a foreign government military officer.

On Thursday of this week, pre-printed pink survey forms were distributed to students. Please ask your child for the form if you have not received it already, fill it out, and mail the form to the Division of the Controller, FIA Survey, 45 West Gude Drive, Suite 3200, Rockville MD 20850.

If your form is lost, blanks can be downloaded at

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/280-4.pdf>.

Questions? Please call Ms. Judith Van Sickle at 301-279-3039 or email her at

[Judy\\_VanSickle@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Judy_VanSickle@mcpsmd.org)

**Thanks to all the parents who came out to the PTSA meeting last Tuesday! Our next PTSA meeting will be**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**

**Mark your calendars now so you can come and participate!**

# Making Sense of Edline: What do these codes mean?

Using Edline gives you the power to monitor your child's assignments and grades as often as you wish 24/7. We have agreed on various codes that are consistent in every class so that you can access as much information as possible from the Current Assignment Reports. Here is a summary of those codes and what they mean. You may want to print this page to keep by your computer for reference.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's teacher.

**R-** Reassessable: the student may earn a score to replace the original for this assignment. It is the student's responsibility to arrange for additional instructional activities and then reassess the objectives.

**NR-** Not Reassessable: The student may not reassess this assignment.

**F-** Formative: This assignment is part of the "Formative Assessments" grading category, which counts for 50% of a student's quarter grade.

**S-** Summative: This assignment is part of the "Summative Assessments" grading category, which counts for 40% of a student's quarter grade.

**H-** Homework: This assignment is part of the "Homework for Practice/Preparation" grading category, which counts for 10% of a student's quarter grade.

**by [date]-** by a certain deadline: This is the deadline by which a student must reassess a given assignment to replace the original grade.

**X-** Excused: The student is excused from this assignment, so the assignment has no effect whatsoever on the quarter grade.

**Z-** Zero: The student did not turn in the assignment on the due date, but the deadline has not passed, so the student may still submit the assignment for credit.

**0-** Numerical Zero: The student did not turn in the assignment before the deadline and may no longer submit it.

## **What's the different between a due date and a deadline?**

The due date is the date the student should turn in an assignment for full credit. The deadline is the last day the teacher will accept the assignment for credit.

**Formative assessments** are assignments during the progress of a unit, when a student is still mastering objectives. They indicate a student's learning in progress.

**Summative assessments** are assignments at the conclusion of a unit that indicate whether a student has mastered assessed indicators. They conclude that particular unit of study.

**Homework for practice/preparation** is homework or in-class assignments that may have been checked for effort or participation or were minor assignments in the class.



# 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](mailto: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](#)

# Fall 2012 School-Based Flu Clinics



Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine will be offered at school clinics this fall!

*November 5, 2012*

John F. Kennedy High School  
Richard Montgomery High School  
Seneca Valley High School  
for all students  
9:00 a.m.—12 noon

November 12 and 13, 2012

All Elementary Schools  
for MCPS students enrolled at the school

**Monocacy Elementary's clinic will be November 12**  
**Poolesville Elementary's clinic will be November 13**

For more information visit:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/flu/>  
[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu)



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).

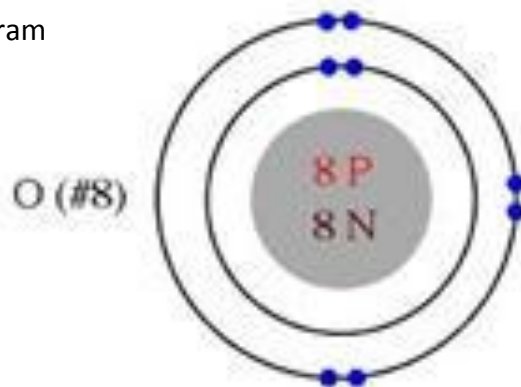
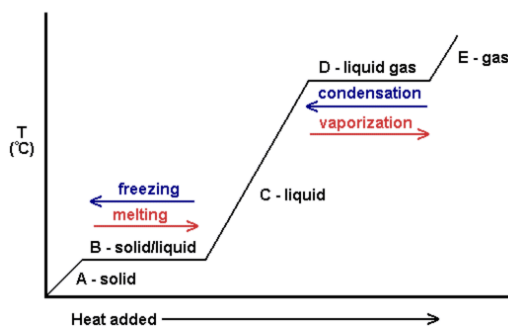
Some of the programs offered this year are Books and Boxing, Babysitting Club, Jewelry Making, Zumba Class, Scrapbooking, Game Room, Book Club and much more. Keep checking the *Back Pocket* for upcoming classes.

**Sewing Club** – Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in room 301

**Chemistry Club** is open to 8th graders and will begin in October. There will be lab activities, experiments, BINGO, puzzles, and models. 1st Semester dates: 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/28, 12/12, 12/19. 2nd Semester dates to be announced in January. Sign-up each date in the morning in Room 102 with Mrs. Callaghan.

### Topics of Focus:

Science Literacy is Important  
 Periodic Table of Elements  
 Model of the Atom  
 More on the Periodic Table  
 What exactly is an ion?  
 Types of Mixtures  
 Separating a Mixture  
 Physical vs. Chemical Change  
 Density and Buoyancy  
 Phases of Matter: Understanding the Phase Change Diagram  
 Conservation of Mass Law  
 Closed Systems vs. Open Systems  
 Balancing Simple Equations  
 Working with Models  
 Types of Reactions



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# Noteworthy

## Thomas Edison High School of Technology Open House

Thomas Edison is Montgomery County's premier career and technical high school. Each year they hold a middle school parent meeting to give families a chance to see its outstanding programs first hand. Attendees will tour all 18 programs so you will know all the options available as you and your son or daughter prepares for high school and the 4 year plan.

Discover a wide variety of learning opportunities beyond the regular comprehensive high school online at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison), and come down for a visit next Wednesday night.

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Thomas Edison High School of Technology  
12501 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906 (301-929-2049)

For more information, please contact Karen Wilson, School & Community Outreach Coordinator at [Karen\\_v\\_wilson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Karen_v_wilson@mcpsmd.org)

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org).

## 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.

## 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>

## 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.

## 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/>

## New Season of Homework Hotline Live!

The new season of the MCPS TV program Homework Hotline Live! 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.

*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/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/hhl/)



## Attention Parents—Please join us for our one-night workshop: **Little-Known Secrets of Paying for College**

- Attend expensive private schools for the same out-of-pocket as in-state public schools.
- Pay for college in the most efficient and effective manner.
- Avoid jeopardizing your retirement nest egg.
- Qualify for your maximum Financial Aid package.
- Discover unique student positioning techniques.
- Gain an insider's view of the college admissions process.
- Recapture your out-of-pocket college costs.
- And much, much more!

Techniques  
for parents  
with kids of  
all ages!

Walter Johnson HS  
Thursday, November 15  
6:30 – 8:30

Quince Orchard HS  
Wednesday, January 23, 2013  
7:00-8:30 in the Media Center

**Two Sessions Scheduled for  
Montgomery County  
This Fall!**

The link for class registration is: <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/ce/finance.html> "Little Known Secrets of Paying for College" Click "How to Register"



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

# Saturday School

## What is the Saturday School?

[www.saturdayschool.org](http://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.SATURDAYSCHOOL.ORG](http://WWW.SATURDAYSCHOOL.ORG)**

## How to Register?

Parents may register online at [www.saturdayschool.org](http://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 13	Saturday School
October 17	SGA candidates speeches Student Magnet Meeting in the APR at JPMS (2:30 PM)
October 18	SGA Elections
October 19	MSTA Conference (No School for Students and Teachers)
October 22	Blue Ribbon Monday – WEAR BLUE
October 26	Yearbook Portraits (Make-ups)
October 30	<b>MATH NIGHT! (6:30 PM)</b>

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 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.)
November 1	Boys play King at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
November 1	Girls play King at King (3:15 p.m.)

### Coed Cross Country Schedule

October 16	Clemente at JPMS (2:50 p.m.)
October 18	JPMS at Kingsview (3:15 p.m.)
November 1	JPMS at King (3:15 p.m.)



# PHS NEWS

*Go Falcons!*



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

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/poolesvillehs/>

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:** 10/18/2012 6:30 PM (H) PHS vs. Wheaton  
10/26/2012 7:00 PM (A) PHS vs. Catoctin  
11/2/2012 6:30 PM (A) PHS vs. Rockville

**Girls** 10/15/2012 7:00 PM (A) PHS vs. Einstein  
**Varsity** 10/17/2012 7:00 PM (H) PHS vs. Rockville  
**Soccer** 10/22/2012 7:00 PM (H) PHS vs. Quince Orchard

**Boys** 10/15/2012 7:00 PM (A) PHS vs. Einstein  
**Varsity** 10/17/2012 7:00 PM (H) PHS vs. Rockville  
**Soccer** 10/22/2012 5:00 PM (H) PHS vs. Quince Orchard



**Girls** 10/18/2012 6:00 PM (A) PHS vs. Magruder  
**Varsity** 10/23/2012 6:00 PM (H) PHS vs. Wootton  
**Volleyball** 10/26/2012 6:00 PM (H) PHS vs. Wheaton

**Sign up to follow Miss Levine on Twitter:**

[http://twitter.com/Principal\\_PHS](http://twitter.com/Principal_PHS)

# 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

**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**

