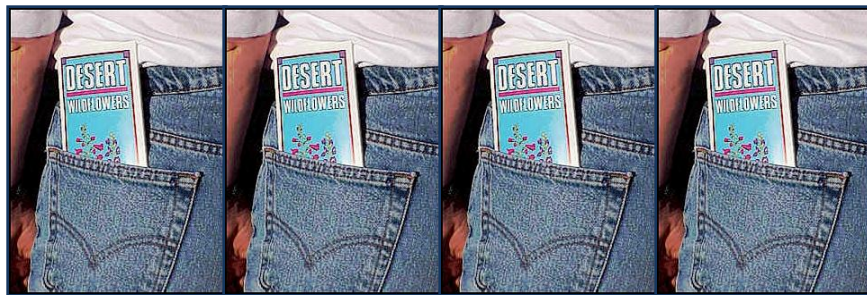


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



October 19, 2012

A Thought for Today:

**Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love.**

- Lao Tzu

Closing in on the End of Term

There was no Saturday School this week because of the three day weekend. When we have no school on a Friday or Monday, or when there is an early release day starting or ending the week, we don't schedule Saturday School, but I hope our families are still focusing on Edline and on getting those assignments in. November 2 is the close of the first marking term, and that leaves just two weeks to get everything turned in, arrange for re-teaching and reassessment on anything your child missed or could improve, and study for the Unit assessments that cluster near the end of the marking term.

Of course, Halloween falls in there as well, so kids will have their minds on candy and costumes instead of school work. You can make a huge dent in family stress by helping your child start now to manage the end of the marking term.

Please check Edline several times in the next two weeks to be sure there will be no unpleasant surprises when the Halloween candy buzz wears off. ☺ You might take extra time talking over the assignment book, too. Most kids need us to help them keep their school work Priority One this time of year. I never let my kids out to trick-or-treat until all the assignments and test preparation was done to my satisfaction, and because they knew in advance I would take a good, hard look at both the assignment book and their binders, they generally got on top of their school work without arguing about it.

This fall has already brought us a number of days when schools were closed, and November will have early release days for conferences, a professional day, Election Day and Thanksgiving all in one month! It's a lot to manage, and working together, we can make sure our kids end the first quarter strong and start the next one out in front.

Please try to make sure **Math Night** doesn't get lost in the seasonal shuffle. There will be math-related fun for all ages, a pizza dinner to take the pressure off the end of the work day, and everything wrapped up at 8:00 so the little ones can get to bed on time. That's **October 30!** Thanks!

- Charlotte Boucher

*Don't Forget!
This Monday, October 22,
is another
Blue Monday!
Remind your child to wear
blue and show his or her
support for
**Helping Everyone
Respect Others!**
There will be prizes for
students wearing the blue
bracelets they got during
Blue Ribbon Week!*

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!



Diana Arias

Tommy Behrens

Michelle Moraa

Alivia Atkins

Isabel Gibbs

Elizabeth Parise

Daniel Ballew

Micael Kovich

Emily Yin



Welcome back JPMS students and parents!

It is our goal to provide activities to meet the desires of all students. If you have any suggestions for programs or interests, please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org.

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

Sewing Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in room 301

Chemistry Club Sponsored by Mrs. Callaghan

We held our first chemistry club last week on Wednesday, October 10th. The club members were introduced to the importance of scientific literacy via the dihydrogen monoxide hoax. Following that introduction, students received the periodic table and are becoming familiar with the layout of the periodic table by identifying families of elements. We played a couple rounds of element BINGO to practice learning the symbols.

This week we will be conducting a liquid density lab by calculating densities of various liquids, predicting how they will layer and then making a density column. We will also continue to explore the periodic table and the model of the atom.



We'd love to have more students join us as we discover basic concepts of chemistry.

Chemistry Club Dates: 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 12/11, 12/18



Economics for Success

Dear Parents:

As a result of the economic challenges facing our nation in the last few years, the need for students to begin building a foundation of financial understanding is greater than ever. Maryland has recently mandated that all schools systems include instruction of the Maryland Standards for Financial Literacy at the Elementary, Middle, and High School levels. In the middle schools of Montgomery County Public Schools these standards will be addressed through social studies classes in Grades Six and Seven.

This year, students in Grade Six will take part in five lessons from the Junior Achievement program, *Economics for Success*. Junior Achievement has been a long-standing partner with MCPS in delivering volunteer-led lessons to students throughout the county. Volunteers are drawn from local businesses and community organizations as well as the parent community. *Economics for Success* explores personal finance and students' education and career options based on their skills, interests, and values.

Junior Achievement **needs 3 volunteers** to help the 6th grade. You do not have to have any prior knowledge, as Junior Achievement will train you. You will teach a series of 5 lessons on things like budgeting, credit cards, and insurance to the 6th grade students at John Poole. It's a great way to be involved and give back to the community at the same time! **We need 3 more parents for this program, which will take place on November 12th & 13th.** If you are interested, please contact Jeni Pastier as soon as possible at 301-838-0471 or e-mail her at jeni.pastier@ja.org.

Starting this school year, students in Grade Seven will take part in five lessons delivered by their classroom teacher that further expand their understanding of financial literacy.

You can learn more about MCPS' partnership with Junior Achievement and see a preview of the *Economics for Success* program by visiting www.myJA.org/montgomery.

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301-838-0471
jeni.pastier@ja.org
www.myJA.org

Vote for Mrs. Yesnick

Each year, 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 as a favorite teacher.

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

From October 25-November 9, 2012 everyone can visit <http://ww2.gazette.net/teacher/> to vote as many times as you want. There will be one winner in each county at each level--elementary, middle and high school. Let's get all our students, family and friends online and voting!



It's Magnet Recommendation Season

This week, students who are planning to apply for a competitive entry program received the letter below from the 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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 8th grade team

MATH NIGHT IS COMING!!

Tuesday, October 30

5:45 – Pizza \$

**6:30 – Math Activities
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!

Montgomery County
Public Schools 

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/.

Community Days

Dr. Starr will hold six Community Day events throughout this school year as part of his ongoing efforts to meet and engage MCPS staff, students and community members. The Community Days provide an opportunity for Dr. Starr to spend a day in each of the six quad/quint clusters; each Community Day will include drop-in coffees for staff, school visits, and a town hall meeting in the evening for parents and community members. The town hall meetings will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. A potluck dessert reception for parent leaders in each quad/quint cluster, including PTA and Parents' Council leadership, is being coordinated in partnership with MCCPTA. The receptions will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., before the town hall meetings.

The first Community Day will be held on Monday, October 29, 2012, in the Damascus/Gaithersburg/Magruder/Watkins Mill quad cluster. The Community Day for the Poolesville/Churchill/Richard Montgomery/ Rockville/Wootton Quint Cluster will take place January 28 at Richard Montgomery High School.

SSL Opportunities

1. 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



2. WUMCO Fall Festival

Come WALK A MILE FOR WUMCO on October 27th from Noon-4:00 p.m. at Whalen Commons in Poolesville and enjoy great vendors and fun activities at the WUMCO Fall Festival. Join your neighbors, friends, and Poolesville's own "Biggest Loser" celebrities, Gail and Lauren Lee, as you become involved in WUMCO's Miniwalk, Costume Contests, Scarecrow Making, Pumpkin Painting, Music, Carnival Games, Corn Hole, Moon Bounce, Rock Wall, Basket Auction and MORE!

Walk Registration (11:30 a.m.) and Walk (12:00)

1:00 Dog Costume Contest 1:30 Kid Costume Contest 3:30 Pumpkin and Scarecrow Judging

Walk Registration Forms available at Poolesville.com, local churches and businesses.

If you are interested in volunteering please email PvilleFallFestival@gmail.com. Both Adult and Youth volunteers are needed. All students will receive SSL hours.

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.

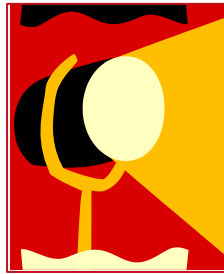
Our new officers elections for 2012-2013 will be held soon. We will meet Wednesday, October 17 in the Room 105. The activity bus is available. Please bring ideas for service projects this year and a friend!! If anyone is interested in joining the Leo Club or wants to be added to the email list or has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



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...

Election Day – 11/6

The PTA needs parents to donate baked goods for a bake sale during election hours. If you are able to help, please email emilypavlick@gmail.com. Thanks!

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>

A Note from the President: PTSA Fundraising Goals

Our Yankee Candle order has been placed. More information to come as candles are ready for distribution. Thanks to everyone for your support!

Fundraising activities support student and teacher activities including academic rewards and snacks at honor ceremonies, staff appreciation, and PRIDE activities. This year we are also trying to raise money for the PTA Objective to purchase a WeatherBug Program for the school.

The WeatherBug Program would place a state-of-the-art WeatherBug weather station, Motion Camera, InstaCam and WeatherBug Achieve online software at our middle school providing Poolesville with real-time weather data. Data collected will be used for enhanced mathematics, science, geography, and technology education in the school. The complete program also includes interactive and dynamic lessons and activities with access on all school computers to the WeatherBug Program and the entire WeatherBug network, comprised of more than 8,000 sites.

More information can be found at: <http://weather.weatherbug.com/weather-education/teachers/?focus=2>.

Magnet Prep Class Update

The Magnet Preparation class is full! Thank you to all students who signed up for this opportunity.

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: Tuesday, October 23; Tuesday, October 30; Wednesday, November 14; and Wednesday, November 28

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

Attention Magnet Applicants!



Tips for Writing a Magnet Application Essay...

- Spend time planning! Have a plan for how your essay will flow (how it will be organized)—jot down the topics of your body paragraphs so that you have a big picture before you start writing.
- Remember to start with an introduction paragraph that hooks your reader and states a clear, focused main idea.
- End with a conclusion that reviews your main idea and leaves your reader satisfied!
- Give vivid, specific examples that show who you are as a person and illustrate your points about yourself—don't make a list of blah generalizations that will bore your reader.
- Showcase your great writing skills—use vivid verbs, captivating adjectives, and smooth transition words!
- Check your work—look it over for spelling and punctuation mistakes, fragments and run-on sentences. Check for your introduction and conclusion. Check for multiple paragraphs with specific examples. Read it over to add last-minute touches!

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

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](#)

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.



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



Noteworthy

Halloween Help

This time of year, we are bombarded with macabre seasonal images everywhere. Displays in the stores or on the neighbor's lawns are rarely distressing to middle school aged children, but graphic videos and movies can be upsetting. I really like the way Common Sense Media provides information about everything from games to movies so parents can make informed judgments about appropriate seasonal entertainment for their kids of all ages. Visit <http://www.common sense media.org/> for ideas, product reviews, and all sorts of tips related to Halloween. It's worth a look to help you make sure scary is still fun.

MCPS First State of the Schools Is Set for November 12

Save the Date!

Superintendent Joshua P. Starr will deliver his first State of the Schools address on Monday, November 12, at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane in Bethesda. MCPS parents and community members are invited to join Dr. Starr as he shares his vision for MCPS' future and highlights the successes of the outstanding students and staff of Montgomery County Public Schools. This free event will take place from 7:30–9:30 a.m. and will feature artwork and performances by MCPS students. Visit the State of the Schools website at www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org for more information and to register for the event. Please RSVP for this exciting event by November 1st.

Evento Inaugural del Estado de las Escuelas de MCPS Programado Para el 12 de Noviembre

El Superintendente Joshua P. Starr dará su primer discurso sobre el Estado de las Escuelas el día lunes, 12 de noviembre, en The Music Center en Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane en Bethesda. Los padres de estudiantes de MCPS y los miembros de la comunidad están invitados a acompañar al Dr. Starr cuando él comparta su visión para el futuro de MCPS y destaque los éxitos alcanzados por los sobresalientes estudiantes y personal de Montgomery County Public Schools. Este evento gratuito tendrá lugar de 7:30–9:30 a.m., y se exhibirán trabajos de arte y habrá actuaciones por parte de estudiantes de MCPS. Visite la página de internet del Estado de las Escuelas en www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org para más información y registración para el evento. Por favor RSVP para este gran evento antes del 1º de noviembre.

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.

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.

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/

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/>

College Readiness Newsletter - PrepTalk

PrepTalk, a biannual newsletter, is a Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College partnership project that provides information for parents and students regarding college preparation and readiness.

Topics covered in *PrepTalk* include, but are not limited to, taking tests, planning academic schedules, earning college credit while in high school, attending college fairs, applying for on-the-spot college admissions, and planning for key deadlines.

Current and past issues of *PrepTalk* can be found online at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx



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"

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



October 22	Blue Ribbon Monday – WEAR BLUE
October 26	Yearbook Portraits (Make-ups)
October 30	MATH NIGHT! (5:45-Pizza\$ and 6:30-Activities)
November 2	First Marking Period Ends
November 5	Professional Day – No School for Students
November 6	Election Day (No School)
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 12 & 13	Early Release (students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.) Parent Conferences
November 14	Report Card Distribution
November 14	Town Hall Meeting in the APR (4:00-9:00 p.m.) – Video Broadcast
November 21	Early Release (students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.)
November 21	Honor Roll Celebrations
November 22 & 23	Holiday - Thanksgiving

Our next PTSA meeting will be
December 11th at 6:30.

Mark your calendars now so you
can come and participate!

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 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

November 1	JPMS at King (3:15 p.m.)
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PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



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

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

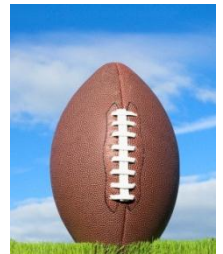
Application Deadline	Friday, November 2, 2012	Hand delivered by 3 pm or Postmarked
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**Congratulations to Poolesville High School for being ranked the
#1 school in the State of Maryland and DC Metropolitan area
for the second year in a row by *Newsweek* magazine!**

We are so proud of our school!

Athletic Schedule (partial)

Boys Varsity Football:	10/26/2012	7:00 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Catoclin
	11/2/2012	6:30 PM	(A)	PHS vs. Rockville
Girls Varsity Soccer	10/22/2012	7:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Quince Orchard
Boys Varsity Soccer	10/22/2012	5:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Quince Orchard
Girls Varsity Volleyball	10/23/2012	6:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Wootton
	10/26/2012	6:00 PM	(H)	PHS vs. Wheaton



This is Homework Free Weekend for students, October 19 – 21. It provides seniors an opportunity to complete college applications and other students the opportunity to get a head start on future assignments or projects.

**Come to the fall play
THE PEOPLE VERSUS MAXINE LOWE
Thursday, November 15, 7:00 pm
Friday, November 16, 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 17, 2:00 and 7:30 pm.
Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.**

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

