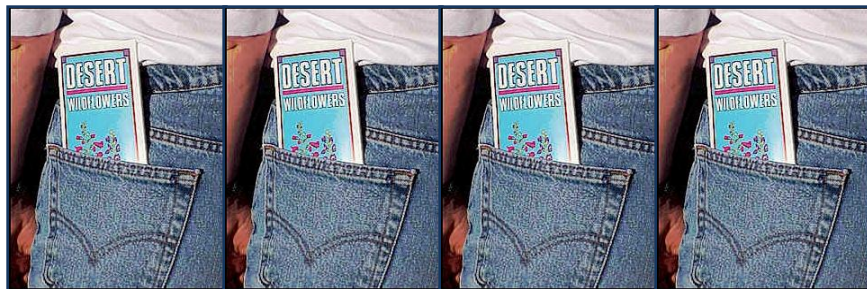


John Poole's **BACK POCKET**



December 7, 2012

A Thought for Today:

Much good work is lost for the lack of a little more.

- Edward H. Harriman

E is for Effort – and Excellence!

Just before Thanksgiving, I shook a whole bunch of hands congratulating students who made the Honor Roll. It was very gratifying to celebrate so many successful students – better than three quarters of the student body. That's remarkable in any school, and a record for us.

Next week, quarter 2 interims are going out. (Can you believe we are already at midterm?) It's hard to keep focus when the holidays are getting close, and some of our students are slipping a little behind. This week's Saturday School list is a little longer, and there are more Zs on Edline than we have seen this year. There's still time for everyone to get back on track, but when you factor in the December festivities, there isn't a lot of leeway. A little extra effort is required now and every day left in the quarter for kids to be able to keep their grades up and still enjoy carefree holidays with their families.

If you haven't looked at Edline recently, please login and check out your child's assignments. Don't wait to clarify any questions with the teachers, and help your child make good use of the supports such as Saturday School, Homework Club and lunchtime help before any more time goes by.

Hard work, of course, is the key. Our students have all the brains and skills they need to do well; it's the constructive effort that earns them good grades. I'm forever telling kids that *the harder they work, the smarter they get*, and I know it's true, because I shake the hands of so many hard workers at Honor Roll celebrations!

Let's help our kids get through December without piling up assignments that have to be done (or redone for a higher grade) in January. Help them list what they have to do – including any long-term assignments or projects – and check them off as they get completed. Your whole family will enjoy winter break more when the whole list is checked off!

And remember – books and magazine subscriptions make wonderful holiday gifts for kids (and grown-ups, too!) - Charlotte Boucher

**Time to place your
poster order!**
This great opportunity ends
next week so we can be sure
you get your posters before
the holiday.
Don't miss your chance to
own or give a movie poster at
a real bargain price!

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!



Dottie Ballman

Erin Lyons

Luke Terrell

Ryan Kasten

AJ Mullins

Clare Wilson

Hailey Khalil

Taylor Ramirez

Michael Wink

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

6th Grade

Purpose - **Madeline Burdette**
Respect - **Alivia Atkias**
Integrity - **Bryce Davis**
Dedication - **Vincent Chim**
Effort - **Carla Dacanay**

7th Grade

Purpose - **Erin Lyons**
Respect - **Aidan Briancon**
Integrity - **Clara Jackson**
Dedication - **Gavin Prebilic**
Effort - **Killian Carney**

8th Grade

Purpose - **Natali Portillo**
Respect - **James Donovan**
Integrity - **Julia Montone**
Dedication - **Taneka Jackson**
Effort - **Danny Papagjika**





Congratulations to the Phantom Players!

***Parents Just Don't Understand* was hilarious!**

		Friday Night Cast	Saturday Night Cast
Scene 1	Mother Father Son Daughter Extras	Diana Arias Shelby Smith Renee Ouaranta Julia Corfman Stephanie Leitner Jeremy Ouart Erin Larkin	Katie Morrow John Thompson Jordan Allentuck Nicole Duran Diana Arias Jeremy Ouart Erin Larkin
Scene 2	Father Daughter	Sam Lee Chole Insalaco	Sam Lee Chole Insalaco
Scene 3	Mother Son Extras	Gwen Boe "Bubby" Roland Jones Stephanie Leitner Jeremy Ouart Erin Larkin	Becca Carin "Bubby" Roland Jones Stephanie Leitner Jeremy Ouart Erin Larkin
Scene 4	Mother Daughter	Josephine Caruso-DiPaolo Claire Jensen	Sara Himmelfarb Courtney Bourque
Scene 5	Mother Father Daughter Son	Paris Copeland Gabby Capobiunchi Eve Knydson Alivia Tetlow	Dottie Ballmann Bryce Taylor Mackenzie Gross Chloe Insalaco
Scene 6	Grandmother Grandfather Granddaughter Grandson	Noel Kirkpatrick Luke Lightcap Alivia Tetlow Mackenzie Gross	Melanie Staszewki Guy Norton Carly Ducany Claire Jensen
Scene 7	Mother Father Son Daughter	Paris Copeland Josephine Caruso-Di Paolo Taylor Byrd Grace Clark	Maureen Miller Courtney Bourque Eve Knydson Izzi Gibbs
Scene 8	Father Son	Elise Evans Bryce Taylor	Sam Lee Bryce Davis
Scene 9	Mother Father Son Daughter	Clara Jackson Maureen Miller Gabby Capobiunchi Emma Whitehouse	Clara Jackson Theresa Nardone "Bubby" Roland Jones Gwen Boe
Scene 10	Mother Father Son Daughter	Dottie Ballmann Josephine Caruso-Di Paolo "Bubby" Roland Jones Chloe Insalaco	Taylor Byrd Gabby Capobiunchi Theresa Nardone Mackenzie Gross





JPMS Students in the JETS Set

Several of our students joined more than 500 Montgomery County middle school students and 300 parents at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) campus on Saturday, December 1 to take part in USG's action-packed "Journeys in Engineering, Technology and Science (JETS)" day. Hundreds of students and parents attended the event that prepared them well for joining the future workforce of the science and engineering industries.

The day's highlights were:

- Two special opening presentations: "Weird Science," featuring Dennis Regling, and "Physics is Fun," with hands-on workshop by Mobile Ed Productions.
- Demonstrations on robotics, computer programming, and engineering; and a planetarium exploration.
- Dozens of sessions and presentations, focused on three areas: bioscience and medicine; engineering and environmental science; and computer science.



- A STEM Pathways Expo, in which students were able to meet professionals from major companies and federal agencies involved in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields, such as Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, NASA, MdBio Foundation, and Rockville Science Center.



7th Grade Equestrian Star

Molly Sherman and her pony "Bento Box" have been named the United States Eventing Association (USEA) 2012 Rider of the Year at their level. This award is for all riders 18 and under in the United States. Her wonderful pony, "Benny", won the USEA 2012 Pony of the Year, scoring above all ponies eventing in the United States this year at any level.



These awards are the result of Molly's tremendous commitment. She stuck to a program and schedule and did not step away from the plan, resulting in a very successful year. Another example of hard work bringing excellent results!

Molly will continue to show Benny next year at a higher level and is also going to begin with a new partner, "Redwood", who is an off the track thoroughbred.

Congratulations to Molly, who attended the USEA Awards and Seminars in Colorado Springs this week, and to Benny, too!

When you're busy you don't always have time to check out everything your children ask for, and this is a very busy time of year.

Common Sense Media has a website devoted to the movies, games, apps and music marketed to kids from infancy to age 19. Everything is rated and all ratings are clearly explained. Check out their holiday hub at <http://www.commonsensemedia.org/holiday>

**Help
for the
Holidays**

Looking for Ways to Earn SSL Hours during Winter Break?

During your holiday break, you can earn SSL hours at the Interfaith Clothing Center in Rockville.

- **Students can volunteer any time 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Tuesday - Friday & 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday.**
- **To schedule your hours, contact the ICC at 301-424-3796**
- **For more information, call Mrs. Arnold at 301-972-7980 or check the SSL Bulletin Board.**

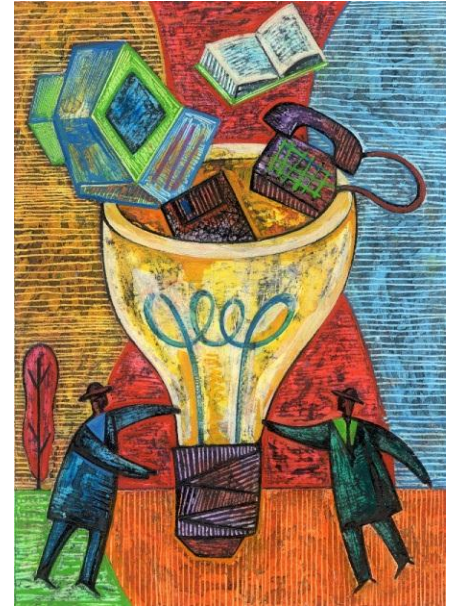
➤ PBIS Recycling Fundraiser

PBIS is 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	GPS Devices
Inkjet Cartridges	E-Book Readers	MP3 Players
Radar Detectors	Handheld Game Systems	
Digital Cameras	Digital Video Cameras	



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!

Buy a poster – frame it yourself!

With the holidays right around the corner, you just can't beat the prices offered through our poster sale, and the high-quality frames are a great way to display your poster professionally. We were all impressed by the sample frames that came in last week – sturdy, easy to use, and very attractive. The link is available on the poster order form; order your frames online and enter the code JPMS at checkout. Your frames will be delivered here at school with no delivery charge.



GREG KINNEAR STEVE CARELL TONI COLLETTE PAUL DANO WITH ABIGAIL BRESLIN AND ALAN ARKIN

"THE FUNNIEST LAUGH-OUT-LOUD AUDIENCE REACTION
AT THE SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL"

HOLLYWOOD Comes to JPMS!

**Last Chance
This Week!**

Thanks to our
good friends at

Kentlands Stadium 10 Theaters
we have a treasure trove of authentic
movie posters to sell over the next few
weeks!

Because these are actual posters sent
to the theater for publicity, we have
hundreds of movies to choose from,
and both regular-sized movie posters
and giant banners are available.

There are duplicates of many movie
posters, but only one of others, so
purchase will have to be first come,
first served.

Posters from movies for all ages!

\$5 for regular posters

\$10 for large paper posters

\$30 for huge canvas banners

Browse the catalog of posters online at
our website. You can begin sending in
your orders on

Monday, October 29.

**KENTLANDS
STADIUM 10**

<http://www.kentlandsstadium8.com>



John Poole Middle School Movie Poster Order Form

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Movie #1: _____

Size: ☐ regular (approximately 27" x 40") \$5
☐ large paper (see database for size) \$10
☐ large canvas banner \$30

Name of Movie #2: _____

Size: ☐ regular (approximately 27" x 40") \$5
☐ large paper (see database for size) \$10
☐ large canvas banner \$30

Name of Movie #3: _____

Size: ☐ regular (approximately 27" x 40") \$5
☐ large paper (see database for size) \$10
☐ large canvas banner \$30

Name of Movie #4: _____

Size: ☐ regular (approximately 27" x 40") \$5
☐ large paper (see database for size) \$10
☐ large canvas banner \$30

Looking for a frame to go with your poster?

Ligon to : http://snapframesdirect.com/Snap-Frames/Movie_Poster_Frames_SALE.html?gclid=CMmazfXtmbMCFQSf4AodJzIAuw

When you order a frame, use the code JPMS. Your frame will be shipped at no charge to JPMS where we will send it home with your child or hold it for you to pick up.

Free shipping for you – a bonus for JPMS!

Total amount

enclosed: \$_____

Make checks payable to JPMS.

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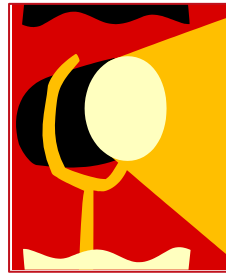
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Your PTSA –

“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...
**PTSA
Meeting
December 11**

6:30 PM in the Media Center
Come help us plan spring fund-raising!

Volunteer Your Time and Join the PTSA!

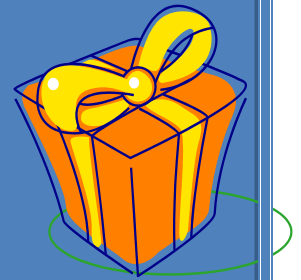
Please contact Lori Kocur at kocurs@verizon.net for membership information or to register as a JPMS Parent Volunteer. Once you are a registered volunteer, you will receive emails when opportunities to help out at school arise. It's as easy as that!

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/schools/poolems/parents/4.%20PTSA%20Membership%20Form.pdf>

‘Tis the Season...

Every Friday, the PRIDE Store sets up in the cafeteria so that students can exchange their PRIDE Props during lunch for toys, games, school supplies, and other trinkets to enjoy. In December, the PRIDE Store stocks gifts for friends and family. Many of our students do their holiday shopping with PRIDE Props they have been saving.



You can help in two important ways:

1. Donate new or gently used items for the store. We especially like to receive things for dads and for younger siblings. Just drop them off in the main office any time between now and December 10.
2. Donate your time to come in for a half hour on Friday, December 7 or Friday, December 14 to wrap student purchases. We need help both A lunch (11:12 – 11:42) and B lunch (12:05 - 12:35). Call or email Mrs. Petak to let her know when you can come. Thanks!

Here Are Four Ways to Make the Season Bright!

1. Donate a coat to keep a neighbor warm. Bring a clean, new or gently used coat to the Counseling Office for pick-up by local Girl Scouts. Your donation will be distributed by WUMCO Help here in the upper county.
2. Pick up a gift tag at the Play Friday or Saturday night. Buy a gift that matches the age and gender indicated on the card and bring it back to school before winter break. The JPMS Junior Thespian Society will make sure your gift will go to a local resident whose holiday will be happier for your generosity.
3. Donate new toys, clothes and supplies to the Leo Club's drive for Shady Grove Hospital's Pediatrics Unit. Bring items to the main office and place in the box marked "Shady Grove". Suggestions include:
 - Packages of disposable sippy cups (without straws)
 - Packages of pull-ups, and overnights (sizes 4-5T- big kids xl)
 - Packages of disposable plastic baby spoons
 - Boxes of character Band-Aids for boys and girls, Dora, Spiderman, Princesses, etc.
 - Packages of children's underwear, especially sizes 4T - 12.
 - Infant Onesie t-shirts in 0-3 month - 18month sizes
 - Batteries, especially size AA and C
 - Pinwheels and small bottles of bubbles (unscented) for breathing exercises
 - Coloring Books, especially girl themes.(Please no Dollar Store crayons)
 - Puzzle magazines: word find, crossword, soduko, mazes, etc. for older kids
 - Toy Doctor kits
 - Barbies (Caucasian and African-American)
 - Baby dolls (Caucasian and African-American) and plastic dolls that are easy to clean
 - New stuffed animals (with tags)
 - Hotwheels or Matchbox type cars
 - Magnadoodles
 - Balls: all types,
 - Superhero action figures: (especially the "good guys")
 - Anything Dora, Spiderman, Elmo, Disney Princesses, or SpongeBob
 - Legos, or Duplos, especially small sets
 - Infant rattles and infant toys
 - Toddler toys, especially musical, light-up, vibrating, or pop-up.
 - Puzzles- wood tray puzzles, boxed puzzles 25-300 pieces for kids/ teens
 - Velvet poster to color kits, Small craft kits
 - Gift cards for teens,
 - New wooden track, accessories, Thomas or other train engines & cars for the train table
 - DVD movies (rated G- PG-13) New or Used. Classics, comedies, adventures, and movies that inspire are great! Please avoid movies with death themes.
4. Donate goods and/or time to the PRIDE Holiday Store (see the blue box above)

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL

When your child is sick, keep him/her home from school. This not only benefits your child but other children and staff in the classroom at school.

WHAT ARE IMPORTANT SIGNS OF ILLNESS

Some important signs of illness are:

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| 1. A temperature of more than 100° orally | 8. Earache |
| 2. Nausea or vomiting | 9. Thick yellowish discharge from nose |
| 3. Stomachache | 10. Sore throat |
| 4. Diarrhea | 11. Rash or infection of the skin |
| 5. Pale or flushed face | 12. Red or pink eyes |
| 6. Headache | 13. Loss of energy or decrease in activity |
| 7. Persistent cough | |

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD HAS ANY OF THESE SIGNS?

If your child has any of these symptoms when it is time for school, it is best that he/she stay home. Most childhood illnesses are over soon and no cause for worry. But, if the symptoms are severe or persist for more than 24 hours, you should contact your private source of medical care. Children sometimes use illness as an excuse to miss school. On the other hand, some children force themselves to go to school even though they are sick. There may be times that your child does not show signs of the above-noted symptoms but may be ill. It is up to you to be alert to your child's health and to decide when it is best to send him/her to school.

WHEN MAY MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER AN ILLNESS?

Generally, your child may return to school when he/she is free of signs of illness. However, there may be times when it is necessary for your child to see your source of medical care before returning to school. Please call your school nurse if you have any questions regarding a specific condition.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MY CHILD BECOMES ILL AT SCHOOL?

If your child complains of being sick or does not look well after he/she reaches school, we will contact you. Therefore, it is important that you provide the school with up-to-date information and phone numbers to call in case it is necessary to contact you.

¿Cuándo no mandar a su niño a la escuela?

Cuando su niño esté enfermo, no lo mande a la escuela. Esto no solamente beneficiará a su niño pero también protegerá a los otros niños y personal de la escuela.

¿Cuáles son las señales importantes de enfermedad?

Algunas señales de estar enfermo:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1. Fiebre más de 100°F. | 8. Malestar de oído. |
| 2. Náusea o vómito. | 9. Secreción o congestión nasal. |
| 3. Malestar estomacal. | 10. Dolor de garganta. |
| 4. Diarrea. | 11. Erupción o infección en la piel. |
| 5. Palidez o rubor. | 12. Ojos rojos. |
| 6. Dolor de cabeza | 13. Pérdida de energía o cansancio extremo. |
| 7. Tos persistente. | |

¿Qué debe hacer si su niño tiene alguna de éstos síntomas?

Si su niño tiene estos síntomas a la hora de ir a la escuela, será mejor que se quede en casa ese día. La mayoría de las enfermedades de los niños desaparecen antes de que sean una mayor preocupación. Pero, si los síntomas son severos o persisten más de 24 horas, entonces usted debe comunicarse con un médico.

Algunas veces los niños usan la excusa de estar enfermos para no ir a la escuela. Por otro lado algunos niños se esfuerzan para ir a la escuela aunque estén enfermos. Habrá veces que su niño no muestre los síntomas que indicamos arriba pero puede que esté enfermo. Siempre observe la salud de su niño y decida lo que sea mejor para él/ella.

¿Cuándo podrá volver mi niño a la escuela después de estar enfermo?

Generalmente, su niño podrá volver a la escuela cuando ya no tenga síntomas de enfermedad. Sin embargo, alguna vez será necesario visitar a su proveedor de salud antes de regresar a la escuela. Favor de llamar a la enfermera de su escuela si tiene alguna pregunta o una condición específica.

¿Qué pasará si mi niño se enferma en la escuela?

Si su niño se queja de estar enfermo o no se mira bien al llegar a la escuela la enfermera la llamará por teléfono. Por lo tanto es importante que usted de toda información pertinente a la escuela y un número de teléfono para que la escuela pueda comunicarse con usted en cualquier emergencia.



Montgomery County, Maryland
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee
and *The Gazette Newspapers*
Announce the 2013

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LITERARY ARTS CONTEST

in observance of the Birthday Celebration
of the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Open to all Montgomery County area students in Elementary, Middle and High School.
Entries must be 150 words or less, in poetry or essay format. On a separate cover sheet
please list the student's name, school, grade, teacher's name and teacher's e-mail address.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012 AT 5:00 PM

2013 THEME: *HIS dream...iAct...WE change!*

ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED ON:

- ✓ Understanding and appreciation of the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ✓ Clarity and originality of expression
- ✓ Adherence to the theme

Middle School and High School entries are encouraged to submit electronic entries to:
human-rights.commission@montgomerycountymd.gov

REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOOL:

Please submit a maximum of three (3) entries per school to the: MLK ESSAY CONTEST
c/o Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Entries submitted by the schools will be scored by the Awards Committee of the Montgomery County
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee. The top two winners from all entries will be
invited to read their essays and receive an award presented by County Executive Isiah Leggett and *The
Gazette Newspapers* as part of the County-wide celebration on Sunday, January 20, 2013, 3:00 PM
at the Music Center at Strathmore.



For questions and further information, please call James Stowe
Director of the Office of Human Rights at 240-777-8491
or email human-rights.commission@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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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.

Chemistry Club – 12/18, room 102

Math Club – Wednesdays after school in room 300

Homework Club – Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school in the Media Center

Scrapbooking – Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning November 27th in room 301



Yearbooks

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered through Jostens only. If you do not pre-order a yearbook, you are not guaranteed a yearbook. You can go to www.jostens.com today to pre-order your yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Aulls at [Kelly M Aulls@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Kelly_M_Aulls@mcpsmd.org).

Season's Greetings!

Poolesville's 7th Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony will take place Friday, December 7 – TODAY! Santa arrives at 6:30 PM, and the Official Lighting will be at 7:00. Come enjoy local choirs; artisan vendors; ice carving demonstrations; warm soup, sandwiches, and funnel cakes; letters to Santa, the Holiday Express kids' train; a very special reading by Mrs. Claus; and new this year: hop on the Polar Express for a ride to various locations throughout town where local shops are offering specials. Be sure and visit the Old Town Hall to let the kids decorate a Gingerbread Man!

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.

What's the BIG Idea?

"What's the BIG Idea?" is a new, 30-minute monthly podcast hosted by Superintendent Joshua Starr and Chris Lloyd, an MCPS teacher and vice president of the Montgomery County Education Association. The podcast features in-depth conversations about the complexity, challenges, and opportunities facing public education today. On the first episode, the hosts are joined by Sam Chaltain, a DC-based writer and education activist. Visit "What's the BIG Idea?" Podcast at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/superintendent/podcast/ to listen to the first episode or subscribe to the podcast via iTunes. You also can follow @wtbipodcast on Twitter to get updates about upcoming episodes.

Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



December 8	Saturday School
December 14	Interims Mailed
December 14	8 th Grade Air and Space Field Trip
December 15	Saturday School
December 17	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
December 19	Winter Concert (7:00 p.m.)
December 24 & 25	Holiday, Christmas
December 27 - 31	Winter Break

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.

Our next PTSA meeting will be December 11th at 6:30. Mark your calendars now so you can come and participate!

The Phantom Players will be performing at the Poolesville Town Center Christmas Tree Lighting on December 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



Basketball Schedule (practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

December 13	Boys play Neelsville at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
December 13	Girls play Neelsville at Neelsville (3:00 p.m.)
*January 10	Girls play Baker at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
*January 10	Boys play Baker at Baker (3:00 p.m.)
January 24	Boys play King at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
January 24	Girls play King at King (3:00 p.m.)
January 31	Girls play Kingsview at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
January 31	Boys play Kingsview at Kingsview (3:00 p.m.)
February 7	Boys play Clemente at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
February 7	Girls play Clemente at Clemente (3:00 p.m.)

*Rescheduled from December 20 to January 10



PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



December 21 is Alumni Day!

Boys Varsity Basketball

December 8	3:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at Gaithersburg HS
December 14	7:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Wootton HS at PHS
December 17	5:15 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
December 19	5:15 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
December 21	5:15 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
December 27	5:15 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS
December 28	3:30 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Northwest HS at Clarksburg HS

Girls Varsity Basketball

December 8	3:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Gaithersburg HS at PHS
December 14	7:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Wootton HS at Wootton HS
December 17	7:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Damascus HS at PHS
December 19	7:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Watkins Mill HS at Watkins Mill HS
December 21	7:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
December 27	7:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Clarksburg HS at Clarksburg HS
December 28	1:45 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Northwest HS at Clarksburg HS

CoEd Varsity Swim and Dive

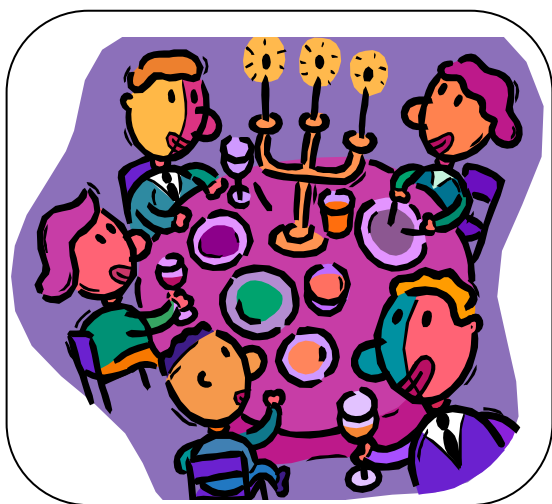
December 8	9:15 a.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Kennedy HS at Shriver SC
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December 15	11:30 a.m.	(A)	PHS vs. B-CC HS at Olney SC
January 5	9:15 a.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Damascus HS at Germantown SC

Boys Varsity Wrestling

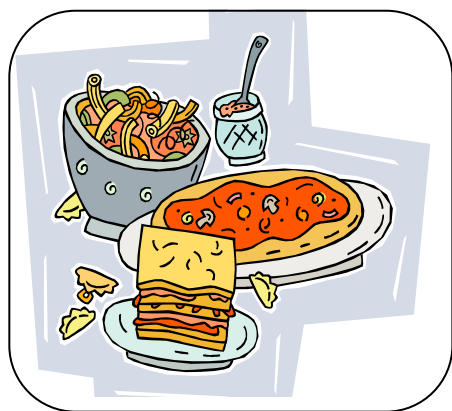
December 12	6:00 p.m.	(A)	PHS vs. Einstein HS at Einstein HS
December 18	6:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Northwest HS at PHS
January 2	6:00 p.m.	(H)	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at PHS

Eleven students from Montgomery Blair, Thomas S. Wootton, Richard Montgomery and **Poolesville** high schools were named semifinalists in the prestigious Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology. Only two other Maryland students were named semifinalists. One student from Montgomery Blair High School was named a regional finalist, and will now compete in one of six regional events held in November.

Winter Concert – December 13: 7:00 – 8:00 PM



Poolesville High School Pasta Potluck to benefit WUMCO! Followed by Winter Concert!



Who: PHS Falcon Ambassadors

What: Holiday Service Project

Date: Thursday, December 13th

Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Where: Poolesville High School
Media Center*

Reserve tickets in advance, as tickets will not be sold the evening of the event. Tickets are available now through December 10th in the Counseling Services office before/after school and during lunch. All tickets are non-refundable.

Adults: \$5.00

Children 12/under: \$3.00

All proceeds from this event will be donated to WUMCO

Contact Mr. David Gysberts in the Counseling Services Office at 301-972-7909 for ticket information.

Call John Poole!

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Health Room 301-407-1029



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Principal - Mrs. Boucher	Assistant Principal - Ms. Lemon
Technology & Arts IRT & Grade Level Coordinator	- Mr. Grotenhuis
English IRT	- Mrs. Lindsay
Social Studies IRT	- Ms. Nachlas
Math IRT	- Mr. McKay
Science IRT	- Mrs. Callaghan
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Hardy

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Our Vision:

The Timberwolf community experiences joy in learning, celebrates excellence, and values positive relationships.

Our Mission:

At John Poole Middle School, our mission is to:

- **promote joy in learning through motivation and engagement**
- **celebrate excellence by acknowledging achievement foster a shared responsibility for academic and social success**
- **value positive relationships, thereby promoting a respectful and supportive learning environment**

