



January 10, 2014

John Poole's **BACK POCKET**

A Thought for Today:

**“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start,
anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”**

—Carl Bard

Back in the Saddle

Welcome to 2014! I'm looking forward to a great year, and truth be told, having some bad weather is part of the fun. It seems like forever since we've had a real winter, and I've been looking forward to the occasional snow day or late opening. Teachers are just as bad as kids on that account.

Today's late opening means we had to do a little switching up of the exam schedule. As long as there is better weather next week, we'll be okay. The plan is that each day we have two extended exam blocks – one at the beginning of the day and one at the end. In between are 2 shorter classes and lunch. The shorter classes each day are the same classes that will be tested the next day so that there is a chance for last-minute review.

Because we have 7 classes, usually the last day has one morning exam and we start make-ups that afternoon. With a delayed opening today, we could only give one exam, so we'll be sliding that missed exam into the schedule at the end. Everything will work out fine.

Remember that the first exam each day starts right at the beginning of school, so please make an extra effort to have your child here, rested and well-breakfasted by 7:35 each day next week. Not every class will meet every day, so you might go over the schedule with your child if there is make-up work he or she plans to turn in before the quarter ends. If the work is for a class that is not meeting on that day, you can remind your child to visit the other teacher on the way to lunch or stop in the office to request the work be placed in the teacher's box. Thanks!

Semester 1 Exam Schedule

January 10 (delayed opening) Exam Period 7

Short classes: periods 1 and 5

January 13

Exams Periods 1 & 5

Short classes: periods 2 and 6

January 14

Exams Periods 2 & 6

Short classes: periods 3 and 4

January 15

Exams Periods 3 & 4

Short classes: periods 2 and 7

January 16-17

Make-ups

All classes meet

- Charlotte Boucher

Hallway Heroes

Hallway Heroes are students we honor for demonstrating exemplary **PRIDE** behaviors as they move from class to class, helping to keep our hallways safe and comfortable for everyone.

The students recognized below consistently demonstrate **Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication** and **Effort** everywhere they go at JPMS. They are **Hallway Heroes** and we are proud to celebrate their high expectations and their Timberwolf PRIDE!

Samuel Allgood

Dwight Bevley

Eleanor Jensen

Diana Arias

Erik Eklof

Harrison Johnson

Juan Barron

Elise Evans

Stephanie Leitner



Geography Bee Winners!

The Social Studies Department would like to congratulate the 13 students who won their class round of the **National Geographic Society's Geography Bee**.



6th Grade Winners:

AJ Poore

Jenna Stroud

Samuel Allgood

Eamon Murphy

7th Grade Winners:

Lukas Lightcap

Bubby Jones

Clark Trone

Samantha Varona

8th Grade Winners:

Erik Eklof

Sean Lyons

Melanie Staszewski

Darrell Marshall

Rebecca Carin

On Wednesday, 7 of the winners represented their class in the school championship round. **AJ Poore** came in 3rd place, winning a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card. **Melanie Staszewski** took 2nd place and won a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card. Our school champion was **Samuel Allgood**, who won a \$25 Amazon gift card and a medal from the National Geographic Society. Next week, Sam will take the qualifying test for the State Geography Bee on April 4th. We wish him luck and hope to see Sam competing again in the spring!!

Special thanks go to the PTA for providing the finalists with gift cards, and to Mr. Boettner and Demetrius Jackson for taking pictures of the competition.



Making a Difference

Perhaps you remember that last fall, our 8th graders opened the year by researching charities. They identified causes they cared about and then investigated such factors as how much work various organizations do locally and how much of the money donated actually goes to serving the charity's mission as opposed to paying administrative costs.

They narrowed their list down to a select few, and a student vote chose three our kids wanted to support. All fall, there have been bottles in the cafeteria labeled for each of the organizations the students chose. Kids have been putting their PRIDE Props in the bottles when they would rather make a donation than purchase something for themselves at the PRIDE Store.

Over the holiday we counted up the donated Props and made donations in their name. Wow! The JPMS students accounted for the following charitable giving in their names:

\$154 went to Saint Jude's Hospital

\$270 went to Day's End Horse Rescue

\$306 went to Wounded Warriors, for a total of \$730 in all.

We're very proud of the generosity and caring hearts our kids display through this project!

Individual students continue to pursue opportunities to serve in many different ways. As the first semester SSL documentation came in for this semester, here is a student reflection that especially caught my attention:

I participated in wreath-laying for Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery. My Boy Scout troop laid wreaths on graves in the cemetery. I was chosen to help lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. My service was to honor those who have served in the military to defend our freedom. It benefitted the cemetery, our veterans, their families, and visitors. I learned that I can help many people by a simple act of respect. This experience was related to social studies and what we have learned about citizenship.

Michael Ballew – Grade 6

Service is more than a graduation requirement. It's preparation for a meaningful life. Across



the US, Americans will donate thousands of hours to helping others over the MLK weekend. Perhaps your family could take part as well.





Where Will You Serve? Monday, January 20, 2014



Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Make it a day on, not a day off!

Celebrate MLK Day

Participate in service projects the whole family can enjoy at sites all around the County! Students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours too!

North Bethesda ♦ Gaithersburg ♦ Silver Spring

**Find project site details at
www.MontgomeryServes.org**



There is more happening over MLK Weekend

- Music and Celebration at Music Center at Strathmore -- 3 pm
- Help clean up parks with Montgomery Parks
- Collect food at Giant Grocery Stores for Manna Food Center

**Find out about more opportunities over MLK Weekend
www.MontgomeryServes.org**

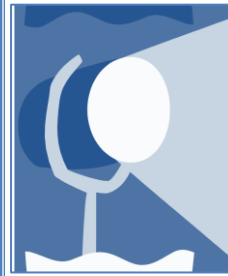
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John Poole Middle School



Spotlight on...

Our Next Meeting January 14

Learn about what it means to
be preparing for the top-ranked
high school in Maryland.

- Jennifer Kasten - President
- Neile Whitney - Vice President
- Hisaho Blair - Secretary
- Michelle Hobbs – Treasurer
- Wendy Gotlewski – Membership & Volunteers

Questions? Ideas? Opinions?
Getting in touch with your PTSA is as easy
as sending an email message!

JPMSPTSA@gmail.com

Membership and volunteer forms are available at the JPMS website:

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

It is not too late to join the JPMS PTSA. Membership provides a great way to get involved and to keep in touch.

Directories will be distributed soon. You haven't missed your chance to claim one.

It is very easy to join. All the information is found on the JPMS homepage under the parents tab. If you have any questions please email Wendy Gotlewski membership coordinator at goflewski@msn.com.

What Does it Mean to Feed into an All-School Magnet High School?

Please join us for our next PTSA Meeting, **January 14th at 6:30 pm** to discuss this topic with people who can help you and your child be ready to take full advantage of the opportunities at PHS. It's not too early to be thinking about it!

We are happy to have Billie Bradshaw, Poolesville Magnet Coordinator, join us to discuss preparing our 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students and parents for attending Poolesville High School. We will also be joined by a panel of parents from the various programs at PHS who will briefly share their experiences and be available to answer your questions.

This is a great opportunity for parents of 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students to learn more about Poolesville High School's magnet programs, as well as the Independent Study Program (ISP).

**We look forward to seeing you all on January 14th at 6:30 pm at
John Poole Middle School's Media Center.**



Do you want to be a published writer?

Do you like to write?

Do you want to impress your
friends and family?

Do you want to win a prestigious
award?

If you answered yes to any of these
questions this contest is for you.



Creative Writing Contest Celebrating Diversity

Write a poem a dialogue a story or an essay
celebrating diversity and enter this contest!

- You could write about your family's ethnic background or traditions your religion important holidays you celebrate working with students with disabilities or having a disability.
- You could write about learning about other cultures or celebrating what your culture has in common with others!
- You could make up a fictional poem or story about people from different cultures learning about each other!

Your writing piece needs to show diversity among
people in a **positive** light!

To enter you must submit a registration form and
your writing to your English teacher by January 17.
See your English teacher for details.

Celebrating Diversity Through Creative Writing

STUDENT PARTICIPATION FORM

BY COMPLETING THE INFORMATION BELOW YOU AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MIDDLE SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST "CELEBRATING DIVERSITY THROUGH CREATIVE WRITING." AS A PARTICIPANT YOU AGREE TO WRITE AN ESSAY A SHORT STORY OR A POEM (INCLUDING A WRITTEN VERSION OF A RAP OR SPOKEN WORD) BASED ON THE THEME "MY CULTURE." YOU AGREE TO WORK WITH YOUR SCHOOL'S CONTEST CONTACT TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK ON TIME BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTEST. FINAL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE ON THURSDAY JANUARY 31 2013 BUT YOU MUST SUBMIT REQUIRED DRAFTS TO THE CONTEST CONTACT AS REQUESTED. PLEASE SEE YOUR SCHOOL'S CONTEST CONTACT **Ms. RICE** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

Grade (check one) ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

School Name _____





Kid's College

Montgomery College is now registering youth for its spring 2014 Kids' College. Enrichment courses in sports writing music math web design etc. are available to students in grades K-12. If interested pick up a pamphlet in our counseling office or call 240-567-7917 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth.

Choose Respect Conference

The Choose Respect Conference will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2014. This FREE annual event is intended for middle and high school students, their parents and youth service providers. It includes free food, live entertainment, raffles, prizes and interactive, educational workshops that get attendees talking about important topics such as domestic violence, dating abuse and how to identify and promote healthy relationships and friendships. The workshops are divided by age, as we all know the issues facing 6th and 7th graders are vastly different from those affecting 11th and 12th graders.

The second piece of the Choose Respect initiative is an annual Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest, where students are asked to create a 60-second video that brings attention to domestic abuse and dating violence. Winners are announced at the conference and receive cash awards, with a top prize of \$1,000. I am also attaching a contest flyer and the official rules/entry form.

Contact the counseling office for more details.

Winter Programs at the National Wildlife Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197. There are some wonderful opportunities for kids and the whole family to enjoy the outdoors in winter!

Bird Count 4 Kids takes place on Saturday January 11th 8:30 am -1:00 pm Ages 5-14. Join experienced birders as you discover what birds are out and about in Maryland during the winter. This half-day event is patterned after the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them (some will be provided). Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes or boots. Bring a brown-bag lunch and a curiosity for birding! At least one parent or guardian must attend. Please register by January 7th by calling 301-497-5887. Registration is required.

Winter Walk is **scheduled for** Saturday January 18th 1:00-2:00 pm Ages 5+ Join a naturalist on this forest walk to learn about common trees while looking and listening for signs of wildlife along the trail. Registration is required.

Bird Walk is a program at the North Tract located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32. It will take place on Sunday January 19th 8:15-10:15 am and is

for all ages Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. Registration is required.

Owl Prowl. Also at the North Tract will be held on Sunday January 19th 4:45-6:15 pm Ages 10+. Explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls. Registration is required.

Winter Weather Plans

Winter weather is here. MCPS offers numerous ways for parents to learn about school closures, delayed openings and early dismissals during inclement weather.

- **AlertMCPS**

Receive text messages or emails from Montgomery County Public Schools during weather-related emergencies and other major events that impact school system operations. Parents can also sign up to receive alerts specific to their child's school.

[Subscribe to AlertMCPS](#)

- **MCPS homepage**

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

- **MCPS QuickNotes email news service**

Subscribe at <http://bulletin.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/quicknotes-home/>

- **MCPS cable channels**

Comcast 34, Verizon 36 or RCN 89

- **Recorded information**

301-279-3673

- **Ask MCPS**

301-309-6277. Staff take calls from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, in English and Spanish.

- **Twitter**

<https://twitter.com/mcps>

- **Local radio and TV stations**

Please make sure emergency contact information on file at the school is up to date. Visit <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/>.

If the weather is so bad that we have to close school early it may not close your place of business. In addition the roads may be so bad that it takes unusually long for you to get back home even if you can leave work early. What to do? Please connect with family friends or neighbors to agree who will be responsible for your children in case of bad weather when you cannot be there yourself. If you want a neighbor or family member to pick your child up from school you need to give us permission to release your child to that person. If you send a note in to Mrs. Ogden now she will have it on file for the rest of the year and you don't have to worry if we have an early release for bad weather. If you want your child to report to a neighbor please be sure he or she knows where to go in case you cannot get home and remind everyone to keep your work or cell number handy so you can get a call as soon as the kids are safe and warm in the designated location.

Having a foul weather plan that everyone knows in advance can really lower your stress when the weather gets bad!

Clima Invernal: Manténgase en Contacto con MCPS

El clima invernal ya está aquí. MCPS ofrece muchas formas para que los padres se enteren sobre los cierres de escuelas, demoras en el comienzo de la jornada escolar, o cuando los estudiantes se deben retirar de la escuela antes del horario habitual durante tiempo inclemente.

- **AlertMCPS**

Reciba mensajes de texto o correo electrónico de Montgomery County Public Schools durante emergencias relacionadas con tiempo inclemente y otros sucesos importantes que afectan las operaciones del sistema escolar. Los padres pueden anotarse también para recibir alertas que tienen que ver específicamente con la escuela de sus hijos.

[Suscríbese a AlertMCPS](#)

- **Portal de MCPS**

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

- **Servicio electrónico de noticias MCPS QuickNotes**

Suscríbese en <http://bulletin.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/quicknotes-home/>

- **Canales de MCPS por cable**

Comcast 34, Verizon 36, o RCN 89

- **Información grabada**

301-279-3673

- **Pregunte a MCPS (Ask MCPS)**

301-309-6277. El personal recibe llamadas en inglés y en español, de lunes a viernes, de 7:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.

- **Twitter**

<https://twitter.com/mcps>

- **Emisoras locales de radio y televisión**

Por favor asegúrese que la información de contacto para casos de emergencia que mantiene la escuela esté actualizada. Visite <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/>.

Attend Public Hearings on Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Superintendent Joshua Starr is recommending a \$2.28 billion Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. Dr. Starr's recommendation, released on December 10, will allow the district to continue to manage its continued enrollment growth, while making strategic investments to re-energize efforts to narrow the achievement gap and prepare MCPS staff and students for future opportunities.

Visit the [MCPS Operating Budget website](#) to learn more about Dr. Starr's budget proposal. And don't miss the chance to share your ideas and views on the proposed budget at two upcoming public hearings on January 9 and January 16. Both hearings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. [Sign up](#) in advance to speak at one of the hearings. The Poolesville cluster testimony is scheduled for January 16.

Audiencias Públicas Sobre la Propuesta de Presupuesto Para el Año Fiscal 2015

El Superintendente Joshua Starr ha recomendado un Presupuesto Operativo de \$2.28 mil millones para el Año Fiscal 2015. La recomendación del Dr. Starr, publicada el 10 de diciembre, permitirá al distrito escolar continuar manejando su continuo crecimiento de matrícula, y al mismo tiempo hacer inversiones estratégicas con el fin de revitalizar los esfuerzos por reducir la brecha de rendimiento académico y preparar al personal y a los estudiantes de MCPS para oportunidades futuras.

Visite la página virtual de [MCPS Operating Budget](#) para conocer más acerca de la propuesta de presupuesto del Dr. Starr. Y no se pierda la oportunidad de compartir sus ideas y puntos de vista sobre la propuesta de presupuesto durante dos audiencias públicas que tendrán lugar el 9 y el 16 de enero próximos. Ambas audiencias se realizarán a las 7:00 p.m., en el auditorio de Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, en Rockville. [Inscríbese](#) con anticipación para hablar durante una de las audiencias.

School Bus Cameras

Beginning Thursday, January 2, 2014, several MCPS school buses will be equipped with automated cameras that will capture images of vehicles that pass stopped school buses. MCPS is working with the Montgomery County Police Department in the effort to reduce the number of vehicles that violate the law by passing school buses that are stopped to pick-up or discharge students. When a violation is detected by the camera, and verified by the police, a \$125 ticket will be issued to the owner of the vehicle. The cameras are being placed on buses that serve every part of the county. Please help spread the word. Together, we can ensure the safety of all children that ride our school buses.

Cámaras Automatizadas en los Autobuses Escolares de MCPS

A partir del jueves, 2 de enero, 2014, varios autobuses escolares de MCPS estarán equipados con cámaras automatizadas que capturarán las imágenes de aquellos vehículos que pasen a autobuses parados. MCPS está trabajando con el Departamento de Policía del Condado de Montgomery en un esfuerzo por reducir el número de vehículos que violan la ley al pasar a autobuses que se encuentran parados para recoger o dejar bajar a estudiantes. Cuando la cámara detecte una infracción y la misma sea verificada por la policía, se emitirá una multa de \$125 al dueño del vehículo. Las cámaras se están colocando en autobuses que prestan servicios en cada sector del condado. Por favor ayude a correr la voz. Juntos, podemos asegurar la seguridad de todos los niños que viajan en nuestros autobuses escolares.

Cybercivility

While the Internet is a great resource for education, entertainment and more, parents and schools have a responsibility to educate children about its safe and appropriate use. Superintendent Joshua Starr published an open letter to all MCPS parents on December 13 about the need for a communitywide dialogue on how we teach our children to be safe and civil online. He wrote the letter in response to several inappropriate comments that were made to him on Twitter as he was deliberating whether to close schools due to inclement weather. Visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/cybercivility/>, to view the letter along with links to helpful resources for parents.

Cortesía Cibernética: Una Carta Abierta del Superintendente Joshua Starr

Si bien el Internet es un gran recurso para fines educativos, entretenimiento, y mucho más, los padres y las escuelas son responsables por educar a los niños sobre su uso seguro y apropiado. El pasado 13 de diciembre, el Superintendente Joshua Starr publicó una carta abierta dirigida a todos los padres acerca de la necesidad de entablar un diálogo a nivel comunitario sobre cómo enseñar a nuestros hijos a conducirse de manera segura y cortés en línea. Él escribió la carta en respuesta a varios comentarios inapropiados dirigidos a su persona en Twitter mientras deliberaba si debía o no cerrar las escuelas debido a tiempo inclemente. Para ver la carta y enlaces a recursos útiles para los padres, visite <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/cybercivility/>

Parent Academy

The MCPS Parent Academy is back in session this winter with an exciting lineup of free workshops for parents! The 2014 winter session begins on Monday, January 13. The Parent Academy helps equip parents with the tips and tools they need to help their children succeed. A wide array of topics will be covered during the winter session including college and career planning, active parenting, and cybersafety and social media. All of the workshops are free and are held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County. Childcare and interpretation

services are provided at all classes. The schedule of workshops is available at <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/>.

Sesión de Invierno 2014 de la Academia Para Padres

¡La Academia Para Padres de MCPS regresa este invierno con una interesante serie de talleres gratuitos para los padres! La sesión de invierno 2014 comienza el lunes, 13 de enero. La Academia Para Padres ayuda a equipar a los padres con los consejos prácticos y las herramientas que necesitan para ayudar a sus hijos a triunfar. Durante la sesión de invierno se abarcará una amplia variedad de temas, incluyendo planificación universitaria y profesional, crianza activa, y ciberseguridad y medios sociales. Todos los talleres son gratis y se ofrecen en escuelas y otros lugares en todo el Condado de Montgomery. Se proveerá servicios de cuidado infantil e interpretación de idiomas en todas las clases. El horario de los talleres se encuentra disponible ingresando a <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/>.

After School Activities

RecXtra has returned to John Poole this year with a full schedule of after school activities. Students need to listen to the morning announcements or follow them [online](#) at our website to be ready to participate in the programs that interest them.



If you have any suggestions for programs you would like to lead or to see offered at JPMS please contact Mrs. Crutchfield at [Winessa R Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Winessa_R_Crutchfield@mcpsmd.org).

Activities begin after school at 2:30 p.m.

Activity buses are provided on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays except on early dismissal days or the day before a holiday. They leave JPMS at 4:00 p.m.

Homework Club (Tuesday)

Drama Club (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

Basketball Practice (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)

Extended Day Reading Classes (Tuesday)

Zumba Club (Tuesday) – Low enrollment students needed to keep program alive!

Leo Club (Wednesday)

HERO Club (Wednesday)

Magnet Prep Class (Wednesday) – Class Full

Yoga (Wednesday and Thursday) – Low enrollment students needed to keep program alive!

Jazz Band (Wednesday)

Newspaper Club (Wednesday)

Math Extended Day (Thursday)

Running Club (January 8 15 22 & 29; February 5 12 19 & 26; March 5)

Running Club

Do you need something to do after school? The running club just might be the place for you. Mr. Gemmell holds running club on Wednesdays. While at running club you will get a chance to run throughout the neighborhood with your friends work out in the weight room play basketball and many fun activities. Permission slips can be picked up in the locker rooms or from Mr. Gemmell. If you have any questions please see Mr. Gemmell or Mrs. Gerrie.

Give the gift that lasts a Lifetime!



Order Your 2014 Yearbook NOW.

Dear Parents & Students,

We look forward to an amazing year at John Poole Middle School! Our yearbook staff will be there to capture all the big events of the school year. Pre-order your child's yearbook **NOW**.

The cost of the yearbook is \$35, but you can purchase through January 31st for \$32.

Please order online at jostensyearbooks.com as John Poole Middle School does not accept any in-school purchases.

Online payment options include credit card, debit, personal check, Bill Me Later, Paypal or monthly installment option. Yearbooks may sell out, so order **NOW** and reserve your copy today!

NEED A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA? Order your child's yearbook today and then share one of the certificates below with them to let them know that they will be receiving a yearbook.

**Tenemos
un anuario
a tu
nombre.**

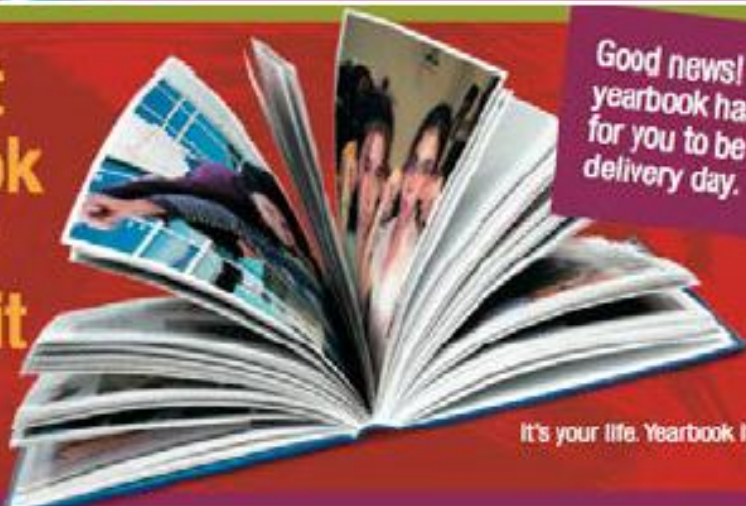


¡Buenas noticias! Se ha reservado un anuario personalizado para ti para que lo recojas el día de entrega.

Es tu vida. ¡Ponla en un anuario!



**We've got
a yearbook
with your
name on it**



Good news! A personalized yearbook has been reserved for you to be picked up on delivery day.

It's your life. Yearbook it!



Save the Date!



Important events you won't want to miss!

January 10 - 15	Exams
January 16 & 17	Make-up Exams
January 17	2 nd Marking Period Ends
January 20	Holiday Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
January 21	Professional Day (No School for Students)
January 22	8 th Grade Departing Class Picture
January 27	Blue Ribbon Monday (Wear Blue)
January 30	Report Cards Distributed

JPMS Basketball Schedule

January 28	Boys play Baker at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
January 28	Girls play Baker at Baker (3:00 p.m.)
January 30	Girls play Neelsville at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
January 30	Boys play Neelsville at Neelsville (3:00 p.m.)
February 5	Girls play Rocky Hill at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
February 5	Boys play Rocky Hill at Rocky Hill (3:00 p.m.)
February 11	Boys play King at JPMS (2:40 p.m.)
February 11	Girls play King at King (3:00 p.m.)



Save the Date



Looking for the presenters for our
Career Day - April 24, 2014.

Please contact Diane Kitts in Counseling 301-972-7980
if you are available.
Thank you!

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



Post-prom at PHS

Earlier in this issue, you may have noted a flyer for The Keeping it SAFE: Under-21 Alcohol Prevention Coalition's student video contest. The Coalition's Main Objective is to *Deter underage alcohol use, reduce adolescent access to alcohol and to reduce the effects of alcohol use in youth under the age of 21.* That's what Post-prom events are all about, too.

If your child is interested in video, go back and get a look at that flyer – it's a chance to be creative for a good cause, and the prize money could make an important contribution to the program at our high school! For more information, visit:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DLCLRE/Community/keepingitsafecoalition.html>

Poolesville High School Athletics (Winter)

Boys Varsity Basketball

1/10/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
1/17/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at PHS
1/21/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton at PHS
1/24/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Blair HS at Blair HS
1/28/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Whitman HS at Whitman HS

Girls Varsity Basketball

1/10/14	5:15 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwood HS at Northwood HS
1/17/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Quince Orchard HS at Quince Orchard
1/21/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Wheaton HS at Wheaton HS
1/24/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Blair HS at Blair HS
1/28/14	7:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Whitman HS at Whitman HS



CoEd Varsity Swim and Dive

1/11/14	9:15 a.m.	PHS vs. Wootton HS at Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Ctr.
1/18/14	12:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Blair HS at Montgomery College – Takoma
1/25/14	9:15 a.m.	PHS vs. Northwest at Olney Swim Center

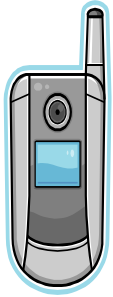
Boys Varsity Wrestling

1/11/14	1:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Springbrook HS at PHS
1/22/14	6:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Seneca Valley HS at Seneca Valley HS
1/25/14	2:30 p.m.	PHS vs. Damascus HS and Rockville HS at PHS
1/29/14	6:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Sherwood HS at PHS
2/01/14	1:00 p.m.	PHS vs. Northwest HS at Northwest HS



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Math IRT	- Mr. McKay
Science IRT	- Mrs. Callaghan
Special Education IRT	- Ms. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Eisenberg

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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**

