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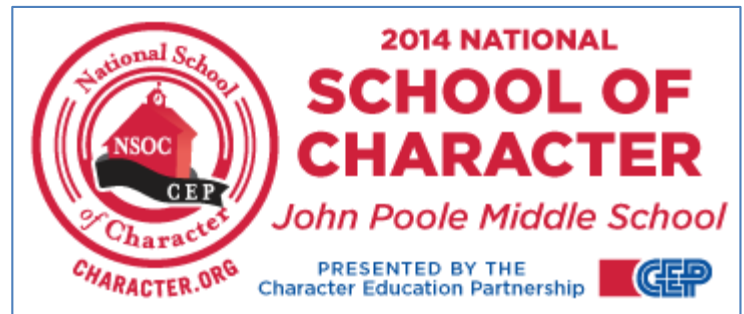
John Poole's **BACK POCKET**

A Thought for Today:

“Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

National Recognition for JPMS



Thursday was a wonderful day I will long remember! Accompanied by eighth grader **Jennifer Jang**, seventh grader **DJ Bevely**, parent Daisha New, and our wonderful counselor Mrs. Eisenberg, I went to the National Press Club in Washington where John Poole was officially named a National School of Character. It was hugely exciting.

US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan spoke by video about the importance of this honor and commended the schools being recognized for helping young people become the responsible, knowledgeable leaders of a bright future. The principal of an elementary school in New Jersey that was also named a National School of Character spoke about the character education program that has helped his students do some great work, and then Jennifer and DJ spoke about JPMS. They did a fabulous job, highlighting Timberwolf PRIDE, opportunities for academic success, Blue Ribbon Week, Red Ribbon Week and the year-long supports in place for showing kindness to others and doing the right thing because it *is* the right thing. They were rock stars!

I heard countless compliments from all the attendees both at the event and through later emails, praising the mature eloquence of our kids who spoke without notes or prepared remarks, but who charmed the audience nonetheless.



I am thrilled to see our school community celebrated in the national arena. Our staff, students, families and community partners have worked together to earn this kind of recognition, and I want to thank you all for your investment in our success. I feel so privileged to be a part of this great work!

And just a reminder – our last Blue Monday of the year is this week, May 19. Let's all wear blue to demonstrate our commitment to being the best students, neighbors, and citizens in the nation!

– 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!



Daniel Geehreng

Colin Metz

Aidan Ryan

Foster Holmquist

Maureen Miller

Anya Speck-McMorris

Jacob Marshall

Marie Quaranta

Kathleen Wyrick

Cinderella Was a Triumph!

Congratulations to everyone involved in this spring's amazing musical! It was fantastic! Mrs. Turner, the whole Jones family, the moms and dads who helped in so many ways, the PHS students who supported the show, and the cast and crew put together a dazzling production on a breath-taking set.

Here are a few highlights in photos taken by Mrs. Byrd and student **Kathleen Wyrick**. Wasn't it gorgeous?



Environmental Science Spring Fieldtrip

by Megan Roldan

The Chesapeake Watershed, it's a very interesting topic. Most people don't know that much about it, so on May 8, Mrs. Yesnick took her environmental science class on a field trip to Meredith Creek.

When they got there, the students learned about a clivus toilet (composting toilet). It is a toilet with no water and they reuse the human waste as fertilizer. Then the students took a small walk towards the creek. There they split up into two groups. They all got into canoes, but they went separate ways.

One group went upstream and one went down stream. After they were finished they switched.

When you went upstream, you saw the highway from the creek and some fish and the natural world. The students learned about buffer zones and how the run off gets into the water. If you went downstream, you put on waders and went on a walk through the marsh and shallow parts

of the creek. After you went through, you went fishing and in one of the groups Ben Miller caught a Gizzard Shad bare handed. It was truly one of the highlights of the day.



After this the class went on a research boat and found the PH, Turbidity, DO, and the temperature. Also we caught a few organisms, and put them on a whiteboard. It was truly a fieldtrip to remember. Not only was it fun, it was educational. That is what school is supposed to be about.





Civil War History - Alive!

During lunch, 8th grade students practiced their military skills playing the board game *Gettysburg*. Divided into two teams, the Union or the Confederate, students conducted the war in a “turn-base” setting. Strategy, knowledge of the terrain, and a little luck will determine the outcome of this event.



Soccer News

On Wednesday, the Girls' Soccer team finished up the season with a 5 - 3 victory over previously unbeaten Clemente Middle School. With this victory, the girls completed a perfect, undefeated season.

From the start of the game, the Lady Timberwolves showed they were serious about remaining undefeated. **Hannah Helfert** scored 10 seconds into the opening half off the initial kick off from **Sarah Mullikin**. The second goal came off of a header by **Mullikin** from **Kelliann Lee**. The rest of the scoring came from the foot of **Rachel Macairan**, who had 3 goals. **Haley Harkins** and **Killian Carney** got two of the assists on her hat trick.

Once again **Tori Gruber** was stellar in goal. Although 3 goals were scored against her and the defense, the game wasn't ever close. **Jocelyn Alvarez**, **Sammie Thomas**, **Michelle Moraa**, **Alli Haddaway**, **Begonia Zapata**, **Vivian Galentine**, and **Casandra Maier** all

played shutdown defense. Clemente had not lost a game in 2 seasons and was coming off of a game in which they scored 14 goals when they met their match! Way to go Timberwolves!!

Congratulations **Jocelyn Alvarez**, **Killian Carney**, **Vivian Galentine**, **Tori Gruber**, **Alli Haddaway**, **Haley Harkins**, **Hannah Helfert**, **Kelliann Lee**, **Rachel Macairan**, **Casandra Maier**, **Michelle Moraa**, **Sarah Mullikin**, **Sammie Thomas**, **Begonia Zapata**, and **Coach Willett**.

In the last game of the season against Roberto Clemente Middle

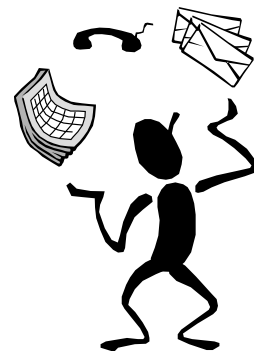
School, the boys were ready to give one more effort and bring JPMS another victory. We battled in the first half, and there were few chances to score for either team. Our counter attack system was working, but the goals were just not possible.

In the second half, Clemente was just too strong to keep off the scoreboard. Despite their effort, luck wasn't on our side and the game went to Clemente 6 - 0.

Congratulations to **Christian Andrade**, **Darian Berger**, **Aidan Briancon**, **Matthew Gimbrere**, **Raymond Kinzie**, **Yaniv Kovich**, **Darrell Marshall**, **Trevor McFall**, **Diego Mejia**, **Franco Rivas**, **Tyler Roy**, **Paul Szafranski**, **John Thompson**, **Donald Vogel**, **Gregory Wilson**, **Roger Yerger** and **Coach Nick**.



Ending an Unusual School Year with Some Different Procedures



It has been a long time since the school year has had to be extended due to missed winter days, and this year's calendar adjustments came late enough in the school year that we have really had to think creatively to be able to fit everything into the last few days of school in June. We recognize that many families have made plans well in advance to end the year with events that cannot be reorganized now, and it's too late for us to change bookings we made months ago for Smokey Glen, Hershey Park, buses, and all the other pieces of the end of year activities that require reservations and deposits. So we've decided to handle some aspects of our closing procedures differently this year, beginning with exams.

As you probably remember from the exam schedule at the end of the first semester, we have typically scheduled exams by class period, working in two each day during exam week. This time, we are scheduling exams by subject.

Since all grade levels have a county-wide English final, we will begin with English on the morning of June 6. All students will be taking their exams until about 10:00 AM when we will return to a schedule that sends students to all their classes for shortened periods. After lunch, classes will continue, but students who take Spanish 1 will be pulled out to take their Spanish exam.

On June 9, 8th graders will take their US History exams in the morning while the rest of the students maintain a regular schedule. That afternoon, Spanish 2 students will be pulled out for their exams.

Algebra and Geometry students will take their exams on the morning of June 10. 8th graders will take science that afternoon. Classes that do not have a county-wide final exam, such as Math 6, Math 7 and Algebra Prep, Science 6 & 7 and World Studies 6 & 7, will take their exams, which are shorter, during regular class time.


Class activities will be held, as previously scheduled, on June 11.

During June 12, which will operate on a regular class schedule, PE/Health and elective classes will give their exams.


The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on June 12 as well, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. These students should report for orientation to PHS on the morning of the 13th. It's the same bus, but a new destination! Thanks for your flexibility.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE


Review Day – All Exams	June 5
Exams – English (AM)/Spanish 1 (PM)	June 6
Exams – US History (AM)/Spanish 2 (PM)	June 9
Exams – Math (AM)/Science (PM)	June 10
Make-up Exams by individual arrangement	June 11 - 13
Exams – Electives/PE in class periods	June 12
Final Exam Make-up Day (AM)	June 13



Eighth Graders – It's Your Time to Shine!



Join your friends for a
Night Under the Stars
At the 8th Grade Dance!



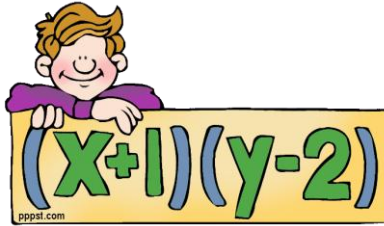
June 6, 2014
7:00 – 10:00 PM

Cost: \$25
Fun, food, music, games, prizes!!

Please put your RSVP and check for \$25 in the
box located at the front office by May 23.

Dress up in your nicest school clothes – no
shorts, please!

For financial assistance, please see Mrs. Arnold.



Algebra 2 Jumpstart

Our Geometry students are some of our Best and Brightest students at JPMS; we want them to have every opportunity to be the Best and Brightest at Poolesville High School, too! All Honors Geometry students are being invited to attend a *Summer Program* that will give them a *Jumpstart* into Algebra 2!

Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity to refresh your Algebra skills so you are ready for excellence in high school. It has been a year since you took Algebra and this is a great way to review Algebra 1 concepts so you are ready on Day 1 to excel in Algebra 2.

The class will run Monday through Friday for two weeks **at PHS** (Poolesville High School, room # TBD). The first day of class is Monday, July 7th and the last day is Friday, July 18th. The class will be from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM. You will need to have your own transportation to attend this program. There *may* be afternoon transportation if there are other summer programs at our location.

Fill out and detach the reservation slip below with your registration fee and return it to Mrs. Ogden in the main office or Mrs. Aulls in room 207 as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday, April 30th. There will be a small fee of \$10 for this great opportunity to jumpstart your Algebra skills (checks made payable to JPMS).

I would like to reserve a spot for the three week Algebra 2 Jumpstart class.

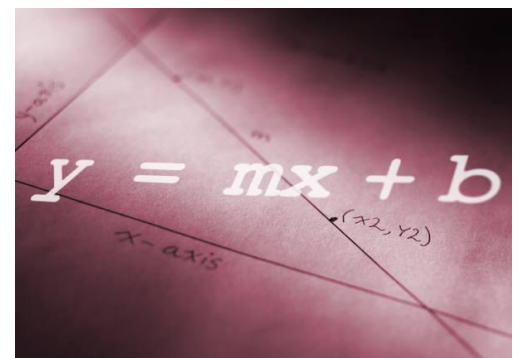
Student Name: _____

2014-2015 Math Course: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please provide a name and number below of someone who can be reached in case of an emergency.



Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

Students prepare, act, and reflect with approved service organizations.

- Documentation of service performed during the second semester is due to the school SSL coordinator by the "First Friday in June" (June 6, 2014). Senior hours are due earlier. **Don't miss this deadline!**
- Middle school students who successfully pass select courses and fully participate in the SSL aspects of those courses will be awarded 10 SSL hours on the final report card.
- SSL hours are awarded to MCPS students by adult supervisors (not relatives) who represent approved, official, nonprofit, tax exempt organizations. All SSL must occur in public places. No SSL activities in private residences.
- Get MCPS Form 560-50, *Individual SSL Request* approved by Mrs. Arnold before school is out. During the summer months when school-based SSL coordinators are not in their buildings, SSL questions and requests for preapproval may be referred to the SSL Office 301-279-3454.

Parents – Want to Learn More About SSL?

The MCPS SSL office will be presenting a workshop for the MCPS Parent Academy. **Understanding the Student Service Learning Requirement – An Opportunity to Learn and Serve** will be offered on Monday, May 19 from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. at [Gaithersburg Middle School, 2 Teachers' Way, Gaithersburg 20877](#)

Explore the service learning requirement for high school graduation that provides students with knowledge, skills, and career exploration opportunities that lead to good citizenship. This interactive workshop will help parents understand the MCPS SSL guidelines and how to find meaningful SSL opportunities. Parents of rising 6th grade students, as well as middle and high school students are welcome to attend this session. Facilitated by MCPS staff.

Entendiendo los Requisitos de Student Service Learning – Una Oportunidad de Aprender y Servir. LUNES, 19 de MAYO 7:00–8:30 P.M. [Gaithersburg Middle School, 2 Teachers' Way, Gaithersburg 20877](#)

Explora "Student Service Learning," un requisito para graduación de la escuela secundaria, que le provee a los estudiantes el conocimiento, las destrezas y oportunidades de explorar las carreras que apoyan hábitos de participación cívica. Este taller interactiva ayudará a los padres entender las normas del programa "Student Service Learning" en MCPS y como encontrar oportunidades substantivas. Padres de los estudiantes entrantes a sexto grado en agosto y de estudiantes en la escuela intermedia y secundaria están invitados a asistir este taller. Este taller será facilitado por personal de MCPS.

To Register/Para Registrar-

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/parentacademyregister.aspx>.

SSL Opportunity

10 responsible middle school students are needed to help with set-up of the Poolesville Elementary Talent Show on May 23, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at PHS. The tasks would include folding programs, setting up an art display, decorating and organizing the auditorium. Contacts Wendy Gotlewski...gotlewski@msn.com or 301-407-0534. It is imperative that the students sign up before the date and don't come to help unexpectedly. So contact Mrs. Gotlewski, today!

MCPS GIVE BACKpacks

The MCPS GIVE BACKpacks campaign is under way and needs your help to raise funds to purchase backpacks filled with school supplies for MCPS students in need. Last year, MCPS parents, staff, and community members generously donated more than \$100,000 to the GIVE BACKpacks campaign, and nearly 15,000 students in 41 schools received backpacks filled with school supplies. We're hoping to serve even more students this year. A backpack filled with school supplies only costs \$10, and donors have the option to sponsor an individual student, a classroom, a grade level, an entire school, or a cluster of schools. Additional information is available at www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org or by calling 301-309-MCPS.

Parent Involvement Survey

The Maryland State Department of Education is conducting a survey of all parents/guardians of children receiving Special Education and related services. The purpose of the survey is to measure the efforts by school personnel during the current school year to help parents feel like valuable partners in planning for their child's special education program.

This is your chance to let your voice be heard at the state level. Whether you are pleased with the way your school is working with you or you have major complaints, please take the time to complete this important survey. It can be done online or returned to the Department of Education in the postage-paid envelope that you receive with the survey.

Want some more information? A short video is available at this website: <http://www.mdparentsurvey.com>, or you can contact Mrs. Eileen M. Fazio, instructional specialist, MCPS Department of Special Education Services, at 301-279-3135 or via email.

Remember, the survey closes on May 30! Don't wait to participate!

Get Informed About Maryland's New Assessments

The May 2014 issue of *Maryland Classroom* focuses on **Changes to High School Graduation Assessment Requirements**, which are in the process of transitioning from the HSAs to PARCC. This issue provides a variety of charts, information, answers to frequently asked questions, and resources. *Maryland Classroom* is available at http://www.msde.state.md.us/mdclassroom/Vol19_No4_052014.pdf.

John Poole Middle School



Spotlight on...

Next Year!

**Thanks for all your support
this year! See you in the fall!**

- 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 have arrived and have been distributed. If you paid for a membership and did not receive a directory, please contact us a.s.a.p.

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 gotlewski@msn.com.

**Congratulations to our PTSA on earning
Gold level membership recognition!**

Have You Checked Out Our WeatherBug Yet?



The WeatherBug app is a free download for your phone or computer, and now that our PTSA and the town of Poolesville have made it possible to have our own WeatherBug station, you can use it to get real-time weather conditions in the heart of Poolesville (they call it *hyper-local weather*) as well as any other location you choose.

Just go to <http://www.weatherbug.com/> to download the free desktop app, or go to Google Play or the iTunes App Store for the free app for your mobile device. You may also want to download the new mobile weather app specifically designed in partnership with Little League Baseball and Softball. It's called *Little League WeatherBug*, and it uses the hyper-local WeatherBug information to pinpoint lightning strikes, provide early warning for severe storms, and provide information about dangerous heat and humidity. Best of all, it's free, too!

Summer is coming, bringing along with it the thunderstorms, hurricanes, tornados and flash flooding that are especially dangerous for kids out of school as well as elderly family and friends. Take advantage of this terrific resource to keep informed and safe!



The Secretary of Education's Remarks to the National Schools of Character

Part of program at the ceremony I told you about in our front page article was remarks by the US Secretary of Education on the significance of being named a National School of Character. You can watch his congratulatory video at the link below. It's only a couple minutes long, but it speaks volumes about our work at JPMS! <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=xw0pk9ceY6M>

Reminder for Students Entering 7th Grade

All 7th graders must have a Tdap and the meningococcal meningitis vaccine by August 25, 2014. If you are not sure if your child has had these vaccinations, please make sure to discuss his or her immunizations with your doctor early in the summer and provide a copy of your child's updated immunization record to the health room by August 25. We have no indication of these immunizations for about 25% of our current 6th graders, and without that proof, a 7th grader cannot start school next year. Thanks!

MCPS Special Education Summit Set for May 17

MCPS parents, staff and community members are invited to the Special Education Summit, *Leading the Way Today, Partnering for a Better Tomorrow*. The summit will take place on Saturday, May 17, 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road in Rockville.



The summit will feature resources and workshops for families of students with disabilities. Families will also have an opportunity to meet representatives from many MCPS offices and Montgomery County agencies and non-profit organizations.

To register for the summit, visit www.mcpsparentacademy.org or call 301-517-5940. The summit is free. Childcare, a light breakfast, and box lunches will be provided.

Cumbre de Educación Especial de MCPS Programada Para el 17 de Mayo

Los padres de estudiantes de MCPS, el personal, y los miembros de la comunidad están invitados a asistir a la Cumbre de Educación Especial, *Abriendo el Camino Hoy, Colaborando Para un Mejor Mañana*. La cumbre tendrá lugar el sábado, 17 de mayo, de 8:15 a.m. a 2:30 p.m., en Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road, en Rockville.

La cumbre presentará a un conferencista de nivel nacional, recursos, y talleres para familias de estudiantes con discapacidades. Las familias tendrán también la oportunidad de conocer a representantes de muchas oficinas de MCPS y agencias y organizaciones sin fines de lucro del Condado de Montgomery. Para inscribirse en la cumbre, visite www.mcpsparentacademy.org o llame al 301-517-5940. La cumbre es gratis. Se proveerá servicio de cuidado infantil, un desayuno ligero, y cajas de almuerzo.

Immunization Requirements for Students Entering 7th Grade

There are new school immunization requirements for the 2014-15 school year affecting students entering the 7th grade this fall. Your child will not be allowed in school without these vaccinations next fall. All children entering the 7th grade must have received a vaccination known as Tdap as well as a meningococcal meningitis vaccine. Call your health care provider to discuss if your child has had these vaccines or schedule an appointment for your child to receive a Tdap and meningococcal vaccination. Provide a copy of your child's updated immunization record to the JPMS Health Room - (301) 407-1029, as soon as possible.



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.

Algebra (Tuesday)
Art Club (May 14, 21 and 28)
Homework Club (Tuesday)
Drama Club (Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday)
Leo Club (Wednesday – Dates TBD)
Jazz Band (Wednesday)
Rocketry Club – (May 15, May 29)
Speed and Agility (May 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29)

Coming this summer...

Restroom upgrades!

Even a beautifully kept school such as ours requires routine maintenance to stay in top working order. This summer, our restrooms will receive new fixtures. It's great news, but it means the water will be turned off for big chunks of the summer, so there will be no summer activities at JPMS. Summer school will take place at Poolesville High School, and other community events we typically host will have to be scheduled elsewhere. Thanks for your patience.



Save the Date!

Important events you won't want to miss!



- May 20-22 Green School Field Trip to Smith Island (selected students)
- May 21 Algebra HSA Exam
Hearing and Vision Screening
- May 22 Field Trip to Carderock Naval Center (Sea Perch)
Spring Concert (7:00 PM)
- May 23 Summer School Registration Due
- May 26 Holiday - Memorial Day--No school for students and staff
- May 27 SGA Field Trip to the US Capitol
Drive for Supplies Begins and Runs Through June 12
- May 29 Algebra HSA Exam Make-ups
- May 30 Pass out Yearbooks at the end of the day in Homerooms
- June 2 PHS Graduation at Mt. Saint Mary's
- June 3 Reading Banquet – selected students (5:30 PM)
- June 4 Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation (7:00 PM)
- June 5 Leader of the Pack (7:15 AM)
Last Day for Backpacks
Last Day for Activity Buses
- June 6 Last day to submit SSL documents for the second semester.
8th Grade Dance – 7:00-10:00 pm at Poolesville Baptist Church
- June 11 End of Year Activities
 Grade 6 – Picnic Lunch/Movie (11:12 - 2:20 PM)
 Grade 7 – Smokey Glen (8:00 am – 2:00 PM)
 Grade 8 – Hershey Park (7:30 am – 7:30 PM)
- June 12 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony in the Aux Gym (10:00-11:30 am)
8th Grade Final Locker Cleanout (11:30 am)
Final Locker Cleanout for 6th and 7th Graders at 2:15 pm
Last Day to Access Lockers
- June 13 8th Graders to PHS for Orientation
6th and 7th Grade Preview to meet next year's teachers
4th Marking Period Ends
Early Release at 11:50 am

Please note the exam schedule published on page 6 of this issue.

PHS NEWS

Go Falcons!



**The Class of 2014 Graduates on Monday, June 2
10:00 AM, Mount Saint Mary's College**

Senior Exams – May 19 – 22

Last Day of High School for Seniors – May 23

PROM – May 23, 7:30 PM

Graduation Breakfast – May 30, 8:00 – 8:30 AM

Graduation Rehearsal – May 30, 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Senior Picnic – May 30 – 12:00PM – 4:00 PM



Final Exam Schedule for Underclassmen:

Review Day – June 5

Exams periods 1 and 2 – June 6

Exams periods 3 and 4 – June 9

Exams periods 6 and 7 – June 10

Exams periods 8 and 9 – June 11

Rising Senior Pictures – June 9 – 11, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**POMS and Cheerleading Tryouts will be held on May 27, May 28, and May 29
from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Poolesville HS Main Gym**

If interested, stop by the main office at JPMS to pick up a packet.

Congratulations to Poolesville High School

**Named the #1 High School in Maryland for the 4th year in a row by the
Washington Post!**

**Awarded a Gold Medal by *US News and World Reports* as one of the
Top 100 High Schools in the US!**

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
Special Education IRT	- Ms. Turnbull
Counseling - (Ms. Kitts, Secretary)	Mrs. Arnold - Mrs. Eisenberg

JPMS
Timberwolves
live with
Purpose
Respect
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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**

