Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for December 4 - December 8, 2023.

Welcome to December!  As we inch closer to the end of the 2023 calendar year, interim reports are right around the corner.  Please make sure to check your grades, monitor your assignments, and take advantage of re-assessment opportunities.  Speak with your teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your grades.

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**Drama Production Update**

We have had to change the dates for our drama productions.  The plays will no longer take place in December.  The new dates are now Friday, January 19 and Friday, January 26, 2024.  The shows will begin at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you then!

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**PTSA Parent Night - Wednesday, December 13**

Wednesday, 13 December 2023 at 7:00 p.m. - JPMS PTSA is excited to present its second Parent Night in the JPMS Media Center. "Stress, Self-Care, and Sanity: A Winter Survival Guide” will be facilitated by Samuel Cooper, LMSW. Learn new methods and practical tools for in-the-moment and longer-term stress management for you and your teen.

Sam Cooper is a psychotherapist, meditation teacher, community organizer, and yogi working in Rockville and the Agricultural Reserve. He has 20 years of experience and study in Eastern contemplative psychology and mind-body modalities, and holds a Masters of Social Work (clinically licensed in Maryland).

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**DONATIONS NEEDED!**  John Poole Middle School's 8th Grade Timberwolf Ambassadors, in collaboration with WUMCO and the Poolesville Fire Department, are again organizing a toy drive to provide local families in need of Holiday gifts!  Please consider contributing a toy for ages 11-13 to support this effort.   All unwrapped toys can be dropped off at John Poole Middle School between December 4th and December 16th.   Thank you in advance for supporting the Timberwolf Ambassadors, WUMCO and our Poolesville Fire Department!

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**JPMS Parent/Guardian Feedback Survey**

Since we are now a quarter of the way through the 2023-2024 school year, we are encouraging our stakeholders to reflect and asking them to provide some feedback.  This month, students will complete a feedback survey in their Period 2 class and staff will be given time to complete a similar feedback survey.  We would greatly appreciate it if parents/guardians completed [**this feedback survey**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSd13usMoCFHUJombTYajui5zIeAeCfLrYCW1z2y-wTjkAXEvA%2Fviewform&data=05%7C01%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C6682390872fe41ab08dd08dbf458321e%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638372431867515501%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=H2deYNaG7d8fK1Dao6mUe2fplM5%2B7N7Vn8BDtmDGdnA%3D&reserved=0) by **Friday, December 8th**.  **If you currently have multiple children at JPMS, then please complete the survey multiple times (once per child).**  All stakeholder feedback is anonymous and will be reviewed and then used to help determine how JPMS can continue to improve as a school.  We thank you in advance for your helpful feedback!

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**YEARBOOK NEWS:**

The 2023-2024 John Poole Yearbook is currently available for purchase at Jostens.com. Personalization is available through January 26, 2024.

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Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

Thursday, December 14 - Grade 7 field trip to Medieval Times

Thursday, December 21 - Grade 7 field trip to Finance Park

Monday, December 25 - Tuesday, January 2 - NO SCHOOL.  Winter Break

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green