

Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for the week of September 11 - September 15, 2023.

It's hard to believe we are already in our third week of the new school year. This week, we start MAP-R testing on Wednesday as well as our school picture day on Thursday. MAP-M testing will be on Friday.

Activity buses also begin this week as we begin our fall sports schedule.

The Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who purchased an item or two or ten in the media center.

Friday, September 22 is an early release day. We will also have a School Safety Day during the school day. We will practice most of our required state of Maryland safety drills. More information will be shared with students next week.

We are also seeing an uptick in CoVID-19 cases at John Poole. If you are feeling symptoms, you are strongly encouraged to test and stay home if you are ill. We have a limited supply of testing kits if you need one. Please call the main office.

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### **Fall MAP Testing**

Fall MAP testing for all grade levels will occur on Wednesday, September 13th (MAP-R) and Friday, September 15th (MAP-M). Students will follow this [modified bell schedule](#) on both days. Prior to the first day of testing, student testing groups will be posted by the main building entrance and at the end of each hallway. Data collected from Fall MAP testing will be used to determine students' current performance levels in the areas of literacy and math and to inform instruction. Please contact [Jacqueline L Orrence@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Jacqueline_L.Orrence@mcpsmd.org) with any questions.

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### **COVID-19 Update**

Students who test positive for Covid-19 should isolate for at least 5 days at home per CDC guidelines. Students may return to school as early as day 6 if they are feeling well enough and have not had a fever in 24 hours (without the use of medication). When returning to school, students should wear a mask through day 10. After day 6, students with two daily consecutive negative COVID-19 rapid tests can end the masking period.

While out of school, please continue to have your child check the myMCPS classroom for any assignments that they are missing while out of school, if they feel well enough to do so. Students will also be given time to complete their assignments when they return to school. Please contact the main office if you have any questions.

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Student Picture Day - September 14

Student Picture Day is here! Students will be photographed on Thursday, September 14th. Pictures will be taken outside, weather permitting. It is suggested that students wear solid color shirts and avoid large logos, busy patterns, and neon colors.

All ordering will be entirely online. You will be able to choose from many wonderful

photos. Parents will receive an e-mail alert with a link to the student's gallery when photos are available. Please contact the main office with any questions.

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Family Portraits - October 6

Our photography company, Freed Photography, is providing a family portrait opportunity to our families. Family portraits will take place on Friday, October 6th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at John Poole Middle School. Family portraits will take place outside, weather permitting.

Families must sign up online. [CLICK HERE](#) or visit <https://schedule.freedphoto.com/johnpoolems> and follow the prompts to make an appointment at your preferred time.

All ordering will be entirely ONLINE! You will be able to choose from many wonderful photos. Parents will receive an e-mail alert with a link to the gallery when it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

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Please continue to check the [myMCPS Classroom](#) calendar or our [JPMS school webpage](#) for the most updated information, including upcoming events, bus routes, and other happenings occurring at school.

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Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

Thursday, September 14: Picture Day. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for details.

Friday, September 22: Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m.

Monday, September 25: NO SCHOOL for staff and students.

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green