Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for December 11 - December 15, 2023.

Teachers will be finalizing their marking period 2 interim reports on Monday, December 11.  The interim reports will be available in ParentVUE next Monday, December 18.  Please continue 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.

Thursday, December 14 is the 7th grade field trip to Medieval Times.  Next Thursday, December 21, is the 7th grade field trip to Finance Park.

Next Friday, December 22, we will have an adjusted bell schedule to accommodate our music department performance as well as staff vs. students volleyball matches throughout the day.  More information will follow as we get closer to the day.

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8th Grade Fundraiser

Attention Timberwolves: The 8th Grade class is hosting a sweet fundraiser selling Candy Cane Grams.   Send a special note and a candy cane to your friends for $1.  This fundraiser will take place this week beginning tomorrow, Monday December 11th.  They will be sold during lunch and before school and passed out on December 20th & 21st.  Come buy a candy cane and support the 8th Grade class.

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Winter Music Concert - Wednesday 12/20

The JPMS Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Main Gym.   All performers should wear formal black & white attire for the concert.  We look forward to seeing you then!

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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 News - Parent Night (12/13) & Winter Social (2/2)**

**Winter Social is coming this February and planning is now underway!** Interested in volunteering on the committee? Here are the two easy steps to take:  
1) Fill out this JPMS PTSA [Volunteer Form](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FJPMSPTSA-getinvolved&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7C3a22ca2ecee3464a9cef08dbf80c656d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638376504370708875%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YwauCa9phvOtXbWM7y9%2F%2Fo0xOFXq%2FcUJjWTf2ljsIFA%3D&reserved=0) indicating your interest, and  
2) Join us for an [intro zoom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FJPMSPTSAwintersocial24&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7C3a22ca2ecee3464a9cef08dbf80c656d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638376504370708875%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0WwEqcSuIJlbiA3nmmfv4lXxpvFEDrsVLA2EZAq7bY4%3D&reserved=0) on Tuesday, 12 December at 7:00 p.m. We will record the session for those who have indicated interest by completing the JPMS PTSA [Volunteer Form](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FJPMSPTSA-getinvolved&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7C3a22ca2ecee3464a9cef08dbf80c656d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638376504370708875%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YwauCa9phvOtXbWM7y9%2F%2Fo0xOFXq%2FcUJjWTf2ljsIFA%3D&reserved=0) but aren’t able to attend.  
  
[**RSVP**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FJPMSPTSAParentNightRSVP-ip&data=05%7C02%7Cjon_green%40mcpsmd.org%7C3a22ca2ecee3464a9cef08dbf80c656d%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638376504370708875%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2Fw36HpnhsyVBXWpP0v1SGEHjq%2BWFcfAsQICoOhOG89g%3D&reserved=0) **for "Stress, Self-Care, and Sanity: A Winter Survival Guide” on Wednesday, 13 December 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** JPMS PTSA is excited to present its second Parent Night in the JPMS Media Center. This in-person session 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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**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 continue to check the [myMCPS Classroom](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclassroom.mcpsmd.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C298667c153ac42d014da08dbf9d8149f%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638378478687119324%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ijKUQFboUhJQhOXkCAYXUhYLnOdZcoC6HG6n%2FHObR0s%3D&reserved=0) calendar or our [JPMS school webpage](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fschools%2Fpoolems%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C298667c153ac42d014da08dbf9d8149f%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638378478687119324%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=c2mzAQlMSg91PmyNIpLARx3zQG%2Bm1c6JCwa4oGNS174%3D&reserved=0) 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, December 14 - Grade 7 field trip to Medieval Times

Monday, December 18 - Interim Reports Available in ParentVUE

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