Good evening John Poole Middle School families,

This is Mr. Green with your weekly updates for November 20 - November 24, 2023.

CoVID testing kits were distributed to students on Friday.  It is expected that students test prior to returning to school next week following the holiday break.  While testing is not mandatory, it is also strongly encouraged for all 6th grade students since we will be going to Outdoor Ed next week.

This week is a very short week of school with the Thanksgiving holiday break.  Monday, November 20 and Tuesday, November 21 are early release half days.  All students will be dismissed at 12:10 pm.  There is NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24.   All MCPS Schools and Offices are closed.

Monday, November 20 are our Parent - Teacher Conferences from 4:15 pm - 7:15 pm in our main gym using an arena style format.  These conferences are entirely voluntary and more information has been included in previous Sunday messages.  We will have a seating chart and several staff members available to assist you at the conferences.

The Ambassadors would like to thank all the staff, JPMS families and community members for their generous contributions for our Thanksgiving food drive!  We were able to coordinate with WUMCO to provide full meals for up to 8 families and had more goodies to add for others!  Many thanks and well wishes for a Happy and joyous Thanksgiving!

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**John Poole MS Athletics - 7th and 8th Graders:**  JPMS Girls and Boys Basketball Registration opened up on Monday, Oct. 30.  Before you register you must have completed the doctor's [Pre-participation physical (MCPS Form SR-8)](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org%2Fdepartments%2Fforms%2Fpdf%2Fsr-8.pdf&data=05%7C01%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C67ec86f412f84d777abf08dbc9ad7787%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638325519098858774%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IQg%2F6jevcKqHPB6EG1n0Uz2U%2Bf6r3HOcybAPoTzg74I%3D&reserved=0) (within two years) and also have this form ready to upload when you register.  [Click here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fpresentation%2Fd%2F1oytMIZIE_pKxkAXr_8RRUjfPMN9aObFCLG-1osNKHIA%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=05%7C01%7CJon_Green%40mcpsmd.org%7C67ec86f412f84d777abf08dbc9ad7787%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638325519098858774%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l1RfHO7ffvKVThhpSCUxp3i9f1NDe6G%2Fry3FGNCrov8%3D&reserved=0) to learn more about the JPMS Basketball Season

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**JPMS Parent/Guardian/Caregiver 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%7C5a95c2e89c854467123708dbe957a186%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638360334829227225%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EAwYApXoc1GGZ5a0agu%2FHlF8ufplg26gJhWVWNYj65M%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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MCPS Culture of Respect Lesson Module

All students were asked to complete the Culture of Respect lesson during TAP.  This lesson is a county-mandated asynchronous module that reviews different examples of how to support a respectful environment at all MCPS schools and events. Students who complete this 30 minute lesson will receive 2 SSL hours towards their graduation requirement. If your student was unable to complete it earlier during TAP, they can still access it through myMCPS Canvas Classroom.  We will try and provide more time for students to complete the lesson after the break.   **You have until December 1st to complete it and earn your SSL hours.** If you have any questions, please reach out to the school for support. Earn those hours!!

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Holiday Giving Project of Montgomery County

The Holiday Giving Project of Montgomery County has provided Thanksgiving meals and December holiday assistance to households for over 30 years.  If your family would like to be referred to possibly receive assistance this holiday season, please contact the Counseling Office at John Poole Middle School at 240-740-4210 or send an email to: [Tammy\_P\_Lightcap@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Tammy_P_Lightcap@mcpsmd.org).  While a referral is not a guarantee of assistance, the Project helps as many families as donations allow.  
  
Deadline to apply for Holidays: November 20, 2023 – December Holiday

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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%7C01%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C5a95c2e89c854467123708dbe957a186%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638360334829227225%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nZmpgWxU5yLtYqW4Xou7pcG%2BpU%2FhrEuWqtRflDI2xAg%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%7C01%7Calison_m_d%27aiutolo%40mcpsmd.org%7C5a95c2e89c854467123708dbe957a186%7Cddf755e9bcd64a5ea4727c378a78c6c7%7C0%7C0%7C638360334829227225%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=T2K3zC%2BGbRIUPAaA59j7FQWCgLWDuAD1lpU2rA4H8sM%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:

Monday, November 20:  Early Release Day.   Students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m.

Monday, November 20: Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from 4:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21: Early Release Day.   Students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24:  Holiday.  NO SCHOOL.  All schools and officers are closed.

Monday, November 27 - Wednesday, November 29:  Outdoor Ed for all 6th-grade students.

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Have a great night and a wonderful week!

Mr. Green