



A message from Dr. Rayne

Dear Families and Community Members,

As the holiday season approaches, we find ourselves more than halfway through Semester 1. We are proud to celebrate our fall sports season, which culminated in a State Championship title in Field Hockey! As winter sports get underway, we're excited to support our student-athletes in basketball, cheerleading, indoor track, and swimming. At Pocomoke High School, our goal is for every student to be involved in something positive. We encourage you to support your child in exploring the many clubs, organizations, and sports available to them.



We also want to ensure that every student has a "person"—a staff member they can turn to for help, encouragement, or simply a supportive conversation. Please take a moment to ask your child who their "One" is. Reflecting on my own school experience, I remember the significant impact my 11th-grade English teacher had on me. Every student deserves to feel that their school community is rooting for them and believes in their potential. If your child has not yet identified a trusted staff member, please reach out to us, and we will work with you to ensure they have the support they need.

To keep families and community members informed about events, daily activities, and scholarship opportunities, we encourage you to follow Pocomoke High School on social media. Stay connected with us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. You can find us on Facebook by searching for *Pocomoke High School, PHS*. Additionally, we invite you to follow this Twitter handles for updates on events, after-school programs, and more: @phswarriors1957. On Instagram, follow

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connected with our families and community.

We are also thrilled to host *Community Tribe Time* on December 18th from 3:45-5:45 PM. During this time, parents can conference with teachers, meet community partners, access valuable resources, and enjoy a delicious meal. At 6:00 PM, we will host our Winter Concert, showcasing the incredible talents of our Band, Band Front, and Chorus. Our Performing Arts Department has been working hard to prepare a spectacular performance, and we can't wait to share it with you.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and administration, I wish you all a peaceful, restful, and renewing holiday season. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions so that we can continue to provide the best possible experience for the Pocomoke community.

Sincerely,
Jenifer Rayne
Principal



HIGHLIGHTS

Connecting / Collaborating / Organizing

Recent Recap

12/2 Drive-Thru Pantry

- 50 homes
- 197 people

Coming Soon

12/9 & 12/16 Drive-Thru Pantry
12/18 3:45-5:45 PM Warrior's Winter Wonderland

- Paint Night
- Ugly Sweater Contest
- Community Partner Table Decorating Contest
- People Scavenger Hunt

Questions? Contact Mr. Cartwright, Community School Liaison,
at (410) 632-5187 (office), 302-402-3097 (work cell), or
cacartwright@worcesterk12.org.

**Partnerships + Services + Opportunities =
Thriving students. Strong families. Healthy community.**

Honor Roll - Quarter 1

We are thrilled to announce that a remarkable total of 258 students have earned their place on the Honor Roll and Distinguished Honor Roll for Quarter 1!

Honor Roll (GPA of 3.0 - 3.4)...Recognizing those who have shown outstanding academic achievement with a GPA between 3.0 and 3.4.

Distinguished Honor Roll (GPA of 3.5 and above)...Celebrating our top scholars with a GPA of 3.5 and above!

With 70% of our student population achieving Honor Roll status, this incredible accomplishment reflects the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of our students and the unwavering support of our educators and families.

Keep up the fantastic work, everyone! We are so proud!

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<p>DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL (3.5 & UP)</p> <p>Bonneville, Marquaz Dowan Borom, Skylar-Ann Catherine Bovling, Vladimir Augustus Ernesto D Buchanan, Liam Maleak Cannon, Kaden Anthony Chandler, Jayden Malik Chen, Gray Tia Colston, Kelsie Jane Corbin, Marquaz Lamar Corbin, Zyon Tamar Covinger, Raytee Paige Croswell, Haeren JaKaree Cullen, Logan Jacob Dashiell, Jasmine Rachel Denston, Kayleigh Michelle DePaolis, Abigail Grace Enriquez-Moreno, Jacobo Foltz, Thomas Robert George, Nolan Don Giberson, Sara Rose Giles, Harley Isiahell Guy, Amelia Elizabeth Hall, Kamary Rayshawn Harris, Elijah Chadd Harris, Haley Joy Hart, Logan James Hicks, Leland Andrew Hoffman, Anthony Jakob Holland, Chico Arn Louise Howard, Shane Nelson Joseph, Yousef Kopal, Eshan Eyal Lewis, Desmond Vincent Lilliston, Jada Jazara Lopez-Santiz, Maritza Elizabeth Marner, Keren Dorothy Mott, Johnathan Daniel Murray, Mackenna Rae Parker, Cameron Deon Patrick, Denzky Pendleton, Brycen Thomas Pungring, Trian Thomas Rantz, Savannah Grace Reese, Cheyenne Lynn Rogin, Autumn Elise Salby, McKhai Herslin Simsams, Josiah Daniel Sheubrooks, Lily Deana Lynne Taylor, Darrelle Kevin Thomas, Najiah Morgan Toppin, Ta'nyia Emon Ward, Ryan Walter Warren, Viktor Robert Whittington, Tyler James Williams, Danisha Marie Wodkins, Madison Rymee</p> <p>HONOR ROLL (3.0 - 3.4)</p> <p>Ayres, Kyra Irene Charles, Peter Lee Chisum, Mikasa Jayna Cook, Travis Cornelius Curtis, Jordan Rae Dickerson, Robert Lee Ellms, Damesley Wood Kelly Galloway, Kobe Russell Grande, Jeremy Patrick Hall, Malayah Shavonne LaFortune, Santhies Laine, Estel Kaley Lambertson, Colin Harrison Leonard, Chance William Vaughn Melendez, Jyden Nyrene Miller, Mekhi Andre Norman, Duane Ted John Parks, Dakota Rose Pittman, Aysia Marie Schoofield, Ava Marie Shepherd, Jacob Ibrahi Austin Thomas-Townsend, D'Arcy Isiah Trader, Lincoln Anthony Whitehead, Hayden Lee</p>	<p>DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL (3.5 & UP)</p> <p>Ames, Jordan Mykel Aoun, Elena Maria Baach, Tyler William Bravo, Aysa Tamar Brockhaus, Madelyn Rose Brooks, Jr. Michael Keith Brown, Ka'Nyiah Monae Brown, Zairaia McNeley Byrd, Market Lamont Christan, La'Nya Aniollette Cornwell, Aidan Patrick Covger, Wyatt Ethan Darius, Admar Faq endel Frees, Carryn Bailey Frostom, Logan Taylor Hagenrater-Gooding, Griffin Wilhelm Healey, Noah Michael Hicks, La'haya Torres Holland, Addison Grace Hunter, Ransyah Nijal Jean, Medine Johnson, Zaida Christiana Joy Kenney, Tsarna Janca Lin, Kellen Zu Melson, Lovella Christine Miles, Ethan Lucas Nguyen, Adam Cong Norfolk, Natalie Brooke Pittas, Savannah Lyn Pungring, Landon William Rayfield, Kendall Leigh Reu, My'Neze Jamel Saunders, Brech'Adres'e Smith Jr, Dennis Collier Sturges, Markale Tyree Taylor, Gordon Maddix Thomas, Gianna Larae Tidd, Beta Rhannon</p> <p>HONOR ROLL (3.0 - 3.4)</p> <p>Agenor, Angelina Bonneville Jr, James Laranz Copes, Kaitaya Brehae Copes, Zion Lanir Davis, John Maxwell Dial, Harrison Alexander Douglas Jr, Lamarquis Jamar Gonzalez-Lopez, Alexander Josue Johnson II, Jesse Dwayne Johnson, Nevaeh Rian Johnson, Skylar Reign Kerlin, Dustin Start Lewicki, Ava Madison McAllen, John Frederick Milbourne, Elijah Ali Mills, Rymere Rashaud Morton, Lily Marie Murphy, Emily Rose Rantz, Jake Ryan Schoofield, A'nyiah Marie Watson, Asami Elise Williams, Logan Michael Williams, Me'Yona Monae Wright, James Giuseppe</p>	<p>DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL (3.5 & UP)</p> <p>Atkins, Marian Robbikah Mae Albarado, Alexia Nicole Bishop, Savannah Paige Blake, Dacne Lay Branch, Zy'aire Amari Coope-Holland, Kenar' Peyton Dashiell, April Renee Dennis, Danasa Samia Enriquez-Castilo, Kayla Francisco Epitacio, Macario Frostad, Skylar Mowser Grace, Gavin Daniel Guo, Fiona Guy, Maxwell Dean Laine, Hailey Liu, Jessica Makinen, Landon Wayne Marsell, Annal D'rae Mayton, Loyal Lee McCam, Kiyelsh Elizabeth Mills, Kayda Ava Palombi, Giovanni Luca Pham, Audrey Tu Lynn Reid, Kanye Mekhi Roberts, Jamar Bernard Roytas, Jocelyn Graceann Skoroditsch, Emily Grace Sneade, Kennedy Allison Webster, Caroline Nicole Windsor, Abigail Lynn</p> <p>HONOR ROLL (3.0 - 3.4)</p> <p>Aoun, Antonio Elias Ayres, Bryce Alan Bailey, Nicholas James Bawen, Shi'Asia Dashaama Boyce, Ethan Daniel Brickhouse, Tyrin Jaleel Brown, Zaria Thomas Burkhead, Kendall Ian Caldwell, Jayden Lamar Castaneda, Madison Marie Curtis, William Lee Davis, Tre-Shaun Damar Elliott III Daniel Nathan Furbush, Jenna Alyssa Habel, Kyree Niklah Hardy, Markiyah Lashae Humphreys, Adon Lee Johnson, Kyshtawn Lamont Mayette, Jayden Louise Mills, Kaylin Georgiana Noek, Ebony Marie Pittman Jr, Anthony Lamar Platt, Matteo Alejandro Radmon, Tala Lynn Sample, Kori Inayah Scarborough, De Zyah Denae Smith, Dashaia LaJue Smith, Lamanda Mae Tadler Benjamin Isaac Trader, Londyn Grace Trego, Brandon Lee Westbrook, Skye Anne Westbrook, Wyatt William Wright, Marco Angel Zulam, Aleyana Rae</p>	<p>DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL (3.5 & UP)</p> <p>Ayres W, Benjamin Franklin Bailey, Zymr Mechal Chang, Saphira Lamia Coston-Plaster, Keyone Marie Covger, Hailey Paige Dennis, Danae Siasia Enriquez Vargas, Georgina Estam, Madeline Lee France, Malik Forza Franklin, Zaan Emily French, Maddison Rose Giddens, Cornelia Leona Gordy, Alana Nicole Guo, Teresa Henderson, Tonal Saraha-Nichelle Henman Jr, William Allen Jackson-Brown, Aubrey Camille Jones, Mai Love Marshall Jr, Deryll Lamont Martin Jr, Tony Cameron McCarthy, Savannah Leigh Mekawi, Yusuf Bamy Miller, Dae'Marion A'Shawn Schoofield, Jy'Mir Lamson Scott, Eli Raymond Sparrow, Noah Ryan Stevens, Josie Amber Stowe, Adrian Patrick Washington, Donyae Lanese Young, India Victoria Young, Justin Levite</p> <p>HONOR ROLL (3.0 - 3.4)</p> <p>Biggers, Madison Lynn Blake, Shi'Quan Marquae Corbin, Jeremiah Tyron Cornwell, Madeline Nicole DeJardo, Alex Christian Derilus, Bethahna Galliani, Kyla Ranyee Jolly, Caleb Timothy Mills Jr, Demonia Lamont Murray, Ca'leb Taiwan Ny'Cero Peltoquin, Joseph Douglas Perez-Vinacore, Nayel Yaelin Sample, Jewel Mo'ne Schoofield, Curtasia Renea Strand, Morgan Taylor Sturges, Malik Maurice Thomson, Aiyah Monique Townsend, Annaka Elizabeth Walker, Zymere Ty'Shaun White, Julian Lebron</p>



Design and Photography students are reminded to begin compiling their portfolio as they are due on exam day.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently traveled to Bel Air High School to compete at the Regional Leadership Conference. We had seventeen students qualify for the FBLA State Competition that will be held in February in Baltimore. These students will compete in categories such as Public Speaking, Personal Finance, Organizational Leadership, Agribusiness and many more. FBLA is the largest business career and technical student organization in the world with over 220,000 members and strives to help make members become community-minded business leaders.

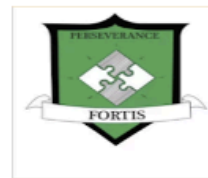
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LION KING JR will open on 2/7/25 at 7 PM.

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Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports



WARRIOR CODE

*COURAGE * ACHIEVEMENT * PERSEVERANCE * SCHOLARSHIP*

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SOMETHING TO BE
thankful for



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12/10/24 PHS FAFSA Night: **330-530**

(School Counselor available for assistance)

1/14/25 Wor-Wic FAFSA Night: **430-630**

(Presentation on Scholarship, Loans, Financial Literacy)

Maryland Aid Can be applied for -AFTER FAFSA- is completed. We will focus on this application in January.

Stay tuned for more updates, and feel free to reach out to the School Counseling Office with any questions!

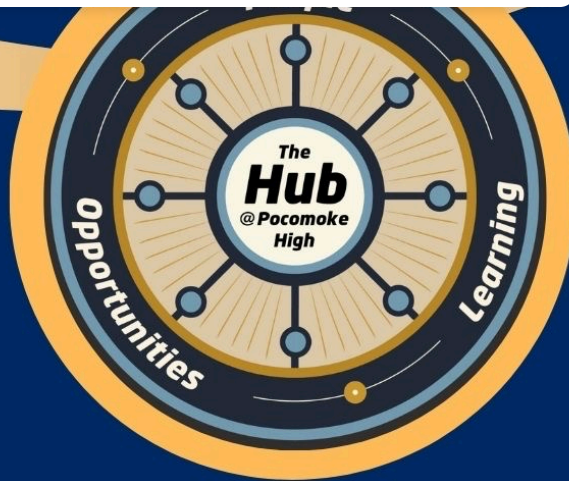
PHS School Counseling team:

- **Mrs. Charlene Creese:** PHS school counselor for grades 11 and 12; assists students in preparing for their futures and achieving their post-secondary goals.
 - **Mrs. Veronica Hayes:** PHS school counselor for grades 9 and 10; supporting students as they navigate their high school journey.
 - **Mrs. Melanie Aydelotte:** PHS Guidance secretary, assists with enrollment processes and provides PowerSchool support to our students and families.
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

EXCITING NEWS

We are excited to announce that students and community members can now enroll in English 101 and take the course right here at Pocomoke High School!

**DETAILS**

- ✓ Mondays AND Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 PM
- ✓ First class - 1/27
Last class - 4/28
Final exams run from 4/30-5/6
- ✓ Spring break 3/10-15

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM 11/18-1/21

WORCESTER COUNTY STUDENTS-SEE A SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO REGISTER

COMMUNITY MEMBERS-USE THE LINK OR QR CODE TO REGISTER

<https://www.worwic.edu/apply-register/>



Afterschool Academy

Time is just flying by. We have a short break before session 2 of Afterschool Academy begins. Session 2 runs from 1/6-3/6, Mondays through Thursdays (dismissal-4:45PM). We will once again be having AFTER Afterschool Academy from 4:45-6:45. AFTER Afterschool Academy does not offer transportation home. There is no Academy on early dismissal days or on 1/13 and 2/24. Please use the QR code or link to register for session 2. Please note that there are two different registrations. Students can register for just one or both. We look forward to another session of great offerings that incorporate learning and fun.

Check out just some of our offerings:

- Cool Eats
- Mathletes
- Legal Interns
- Archery
- Health & Wellness
- Legos

- Tutor
- 3D Pr
- Gaming/Esports/D&D
- Arts & Crafts
- Sewing
- Ladies' Club
- Chess
- Work with various community partners



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MCJROTC News

MARINE CORPS JARGON!

Parents/Guardians please quiz your Cadet what the following word or phrase means, "Scuttlebutt"

SIGNIFICANT NOVEMBER EVENTS:

· **November 10th, Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony** – On Thur, 7 Nov, we celebrated the Marine Corps' 249th Birthday at Pocomoke



competed in an online Level I competition (including reading/grammar, current events, math, science, and military knowledge) against the rest of the JROTCs across the nation. Results are pending. If either or both of the teams make the cut, then testing for Level II will take place in February 2025.

· **Bataan Death March!** – On 16 Nov, eight of our Cadets participated in a 14-Mile memorial hike through the Pocomoke State Forest, hosted by the Army National Guard.

· **National Honor Society!** – On 20 November, Cadets Kyleigh McCann, Kenae' Cooper-Holland, Curtis Broadwater Jr., and Julian White were inducted into the esteemed National Honor Society. Congratulations and job well done!

· **Pocomoke JROTC Marksmanship/Air Rifle Match** – On 23 November, PHS hosted a shoulder-to-shoulder marksmanship match welcoming Bensalem and Delaware Military Academy cadets in competition. Great job and great competition – Kudos! to our marksman: Kalen Lin, Adrian Stowe, Alex Delgado, Jacob Shepherd, and Logan Cullen.

· **Virginia Tech Cadet Brief** – On 26 November, Virginia Tech and former PHS MCJROTC Cadet Campbell Shay, presented a brief on the college, history, and life of a VT Cadet.

· **CMP JROTC Marksmanship/Air Rifle Match** – On 29 November, PHS participated in a virtual (postal) marksmanship competition against the rest of the JROTCs across the nation. Great job and Kudos! to our marksman: Kalen Lin, Adrian Stowe, Alex Delgado, Jacob Shepherd, and Kanye Reid.

NOVEMBER thru JANUARY (2025) SCHEDULED EVENTS:

· **Haircut Day(s)** – Scheduled for 10 December (2024) and 7 January (2025).

· **Promotions** – Promotion testing has completed! Promotion formation will take place at 0715 on Thursday, December 12th in our small gymnasium. All are welcome to attend.

· **Parade Season Pocomoke!** – On 2 Dec, Cadets will participate in the Pocomoke City XMAS Parade.

· **Parade Season Ocean City!** – On 5 Dec, Cadets will participate in the Ocean City XMAS Parade.

· **Parade Season Berlin!** – On 7 Dec, Cadets will participate in the Berlin City XMAS Parade.

· **Parade Season Snow Hill!** – On 9 Dec, Cadets will participate in the Snow Hill XMAS Parade.

· **First Year Cadet Drill Competition!** – On 14 Dec, First Year Cadets will participate in our annual Drill Team Competition at Pocomoke High School. All families are invited, encouraged, and welcomed to attend.

· **JROTC Annual XMAS Party!** – On 20 Dec 2024, all unit cadets are invited to stay after release for the holiday break (half-day) from 1200-1500 to bond and celebrate Christmas. Plenty of games, movies, music, snacks and gifts to go around!

· **JROTC Marksmanship/Air Rifle Matches** – 'Tis the season, Marksmanship Matches will be held at various locations during the month of January and February. Stay Tuned for details on those that PHS JROTC may compete in!

· **Drill Competitions** – Drill Season is nearly upon us! Stay Tuned for details on drill competitions that PHS JROTC may compete in between the months of January thru April!



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travel and compete approximately once a month!

WEEKLY FORMATIONS: Marine Corps JROTC Formations take place EVERY Wednesday (or Thursday) morning in the small gymnasium at 0710. *Please see weekly schedule published on Remind each weekend.* **ALL** Cadets should have proper grooming & hygiene, and be present in their Marine Corps camouflage utility uniform, which we have provided to them. Please contact Instructors with any questions or concerns.

JROTC EXTRA-CURRICULARS (TRACKS): Practices for all of our extracurricular activities are scheduled throughout the week before school from 0645-0745, during Your60 from 1100-1200, or after school from 1500-1630. This will allow ALL cadets to participate in at least one extracurricular activity from one of the following areas that interest him or her the most: Physical Fitness, Marksmanship, Drill Team, and/or Academics.

HAIRCUTS & GROOMING STANDARDS: Any questions or concerns regarding the haircut and grooming standards please give one of the instructors a call. Cadets are required to have their haircut in accordance with the standards and regulations outlined by the Marine Corps JROTC Program. We have a professional barber/hair stylist available that comes to our school and supports our program and cadets about once a month. There is absolutely no cost to the student for this program requirement. Cadets "may" get their haircuts at home, we just ask they coincide with our monthly scheduled haircuts so that all cadets remain in unison. Lastly, we do take program donations, but ask that you not send money in with your cadet unless discussing with one of the instructors in advance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & COLOR GUARD: Events vary from month to month and are conducted regularly throughout the calendar year. Community service hours are a VERY important part of our program, contributing to school graduation requirements, and often transferring to support student government service-learning hours. Additionally, service hours and credit earned for cadet involvement count towards promotions to the next rank and help cadets earn various ribbons or awards to be presented at our end of the school year awards ceremony. Finally, Color Guard cadets will gain invaluable experience that may support the drill team during competitions locally and on field trips. Please encourage your cadets to see one of the instructors for more information if they are interested in learning about this vitally important aspect of our program.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE! If at any time throughout the school year there are **ANY** 9th thru 12th grade students are interested in joining our JROTC Program, please contact one of the Guidance Counselors or speak to one of the Marine Corps Instructors at your earliest convenience.

JROTC REMIND Messaging: Cadet Parents, please join our Pocomoke MCJROTC REMIND group by texting @BFBEAA to 81010, so that you may stay well-informed of all unit activities/events and announcements from week to week.

632-5200. You may also reach us directly on our cell phones: Gunner Chris Muni at (301) 848-6116 or ctmuni@worcesterk12.org, and Gunnery Sergeant Michael Towns at (757) 647-8009.

Semper Fidelis!

Chris Muni

Chief Warrant Officer-4, USMC, Retired.

Senior Marine Instructor – Pocomoke High School

Mike Towns

Gunnery Sergeant, USMC, Retired

Marine Instructor – Pocomoke High School

2023-2024 / 2024-2025 Yearbooks

Personal Ads for graduates are on sale. Local businesses can order ads as well. To pre-order a 24-25 yearbook or to buy a personal ad for your graduating senior, direct your browser to :

<http://jostensyearbooks.com?ref=A03371600> or scan the QR code.



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA:

The 2024-2025 Yearbook can be pre-ordered for \$67, online, at the link or QR code.

Or you can pre-order the 2024-2025 yearbook in room 208, from a yearbook staffer or from Whit for a small discount. Pre-order in person for \$60, this presale offer will not last long.

2024-2025 ACT & SAT Test Dates

SAT / Cost - \$68 – www.collegeboard.org

March 8, 2025

May 3, 2025

June 7, 2025

ACT / Cost - \$69 – www.act.org

February 8, 2025



Testing Schedule

Upcoming Events

December 2024

- 12/02 = Pocomoke Christmas Parade
- 12/05 = Berlin Christmas Parade
- 12/07 = Ocean City Christmas Parade
- 12/09 = Snow Hill Christmas Parade
- 12/13 = Mid Terms Issued
- 12/18 = Community Tribe Time/Parent Conferences
- 12/18 = Band/Chorus Concert
- 12/20 = Half Day AM (Blocks 1 and 2)
- 12/23-12/31 = Schools Closed: Winter Break

January 2025

- 01/01 = Schools Closed: Winter Break
- 01/14 = Winter Blood Drive
- 01/17 = Senior Portraits Retakes
- 01/20 = Closed: MLK Day
- 01/24 = End of Second Marking Period
- 01/31 = Report Cards Issued

MISSION STATEMENT

Pocomoke High School will provide a rigorous learning environment where all students are encouraged and given the tools to be successful, resilient learners and productive, compassionate, culturally competent citizens.

VISION STATEMENT

Upon graduation, every student will demonstrate readiness for college or a career through a post-secondary education plan that facilitates life-long success.

WARRIOR CODE

The Warrior Code was developed as a way to promote the beliefs that are at the foundation of Pocomoke High School: A highly structured learning environment and high behavioral and academic expectations create an environment where students can excel at the highest levels. The Warrior Code can be easily remembered by the acronym "CAPS," which stands for Courage, Achievement, Perseverance, and Scholarship. We are expected to honor the Warrior Code at all times, inside and outside the walls of Pocomoke High School.



Jenifer Rayne

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