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MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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### Mission

Polo Park Middle School will empower our students to attain their maximum potential through partnering with parents and the community to foster the understanding, cooperation, and communication skills necessary for students to become literate, productive citizens.

For the Parents, Staff, Students, and Community of Polo Park Middle School

## Principal's Message

Exciting things are happening around campus at Polo Park Middle School. We have successfully completed the first quarter and are well on our way to completing the 2nd quarter. Students are working hard and learning a great deal. As we move closer to the end of the 1st semester, there are a couple of important things to remember.

1. SIS is a sure way to keep up with how your student is doing in school. You can see absences, grades, discipline, and state assessments. Don't just check on your student at the end of the grading period. Checking SIS regularly allows for you to have important conversations in a timely manner to support your student.
2. Being on time is vitally important. Student conductor does not reset until January. We have a growing number of students racking up tardies, especially in the morning. If you are running late and your student is walking in as the bell rings, walk in with them. By signing them in, you are letting us know that you are aware they are entering late. We will give them a pass and they can head to class. If they come in on their own, we don't know if they were late due to traffic or leaving campus in the morning and coming back late.
3. Being a student in good standing is a requirement for students who want to participate in the fun things we have planned for this year such as Gradventure, Universal Trip and more. Being in good standing means that the student owes no obligations to PPMS, has no suspensions (in or out of school) on their record this year, and have earned the needed credits for each quarter.

I am looking forward to working with your students as we work our way through the 2024-2025 school year.

## Polo Park Pride

- Be Positive
- Be Disciplined
- Be Respectful
- Be Excellent
- Be Independent

## Vision

Polo Park Middle School is committed to empowering students to become productive and responsible citizens with the skills needed to succeed in a diverse and global society. Students will become responsible, independent, and creative life-long learners.

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## Math Masters: Polo Park Middle School's Academic Games Showdown

Polo Park Middle School wrapped up its Math Academic Games competition with impressive performances from all grade levels, showcasing both teamwork and individual problem-solving skills. The Middle division math team made up of our 7th and 8th graders continued their success from last year and placed 3rd in the county math tournament. We need strong math students to keep our team on the road to success. Be on the lookout to join next year. If you have any questions, please reach out to our 6th grade math teachers, Coach Badome or Coach Millington.

# MATH




## Game, Set, Match: Polo Park Middle School Serves Up a New Tennis Club

The tennis club is a lively community where students gather to enjoy the sport and improve their skills. Practices are filled with energy as members work on their serves and footwork, often chasing after balls that seem to have a mind of their own! The atmosphere is supportive, with teammates cheering each other on, and the occasional friendly competition. It's a great way to stay active, and make new friends.



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# The Holocaust

## Students Witness Powerful Lessons of the Holocaust

Eighth graders recently attended a compelling performance of Remember: The Story of Abe Price, a moving Holocaust play that brought history to life. The production highlighted the struggles and resilience of a Jewish family during World War II, as seen through the eyes of Abe Price, a young Holocaust survivor. Students were deeply impacted by the emotional storytelling and the historical context, which sparked thoughtful discussions afterward. The experience not only educated but also reminded students of the importance of remembering the past to ensure a better future.



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## Red Ribbon Week

National Junior Honor Society sponsored Red Ribbon Week dress up days at the end of October. This year, our theme was "Life is a movie, film drug free." Each day, students dressed up to encourage their peers and the community to say no to drugs.

## Learning Newton's 3rd Law: Students Build Balloon Cars to Explore Physics in Action

Sixth grade students explored Newton's 3rd Law of Motion by designing and building balloon-powered cars. As they built their cars, they learned that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. When the air was released from the balloon, it propelled the car forward, demonstrating Newton's principle in action. Through trial and error, students adjusted their car designs to maximize speed and distance. This hands-on activity made Newton's law more relatable and helped students understand the science behind everyday forces.



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## Exploring Creativity

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# PTSA News

This fall has been fantastic for our Stallion family! We've had a busy season supporting our students at Curriculum Night and School Picture Day, and we were thrilled to honor our first-quarter Honor Roll students on November 11th with certificates and a special treat. Our monthly PTSA Candy Days for student members have been a huge hit! Thanks to everyone who participated in our candy survey—we loved finding out your favorites!

## Event Highlights

Our BIG FALL EVENT, the Glow Party, was a massive success! Students had a blast dancing for two hours to the DJ's set, posing at the 360-photo booth, and enjoying pizza, cotton candy, a candy bar, and glow items. It was fantastic to see 6th, 7th, and 8th graders together for such an exciting night!

## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Luncheon for Teachers and Staff – December 13th

Our annual PTSA Holiday Luncheon is right around the corner! This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer and show appreciation for our hardworking teachers and staff. If you're unable to help at the luncheon, consider bringing a Sweet Treat on December's Sweet Treat Day—just drop it off during the morning car line.

### Walk-A-Thon – January 31st

Get ready for our next BIG student event! The Walk-A-Thon will take place on January 31st on our campus track, featuring a DJ and multiple raffle drawings. Look out for ticket and raffle details soon! We have exciting prizes planned and would welcome additional raffle items or water donations—please let us know if you can help!

### Upcoming PTSA General Meeting – December 12th

Join us for our second General PTSA Meeting of the school year on December 12th at 5:30 pm in the Media Center. This is one of just three General Meetings we hold annually, and we would love to see you there!



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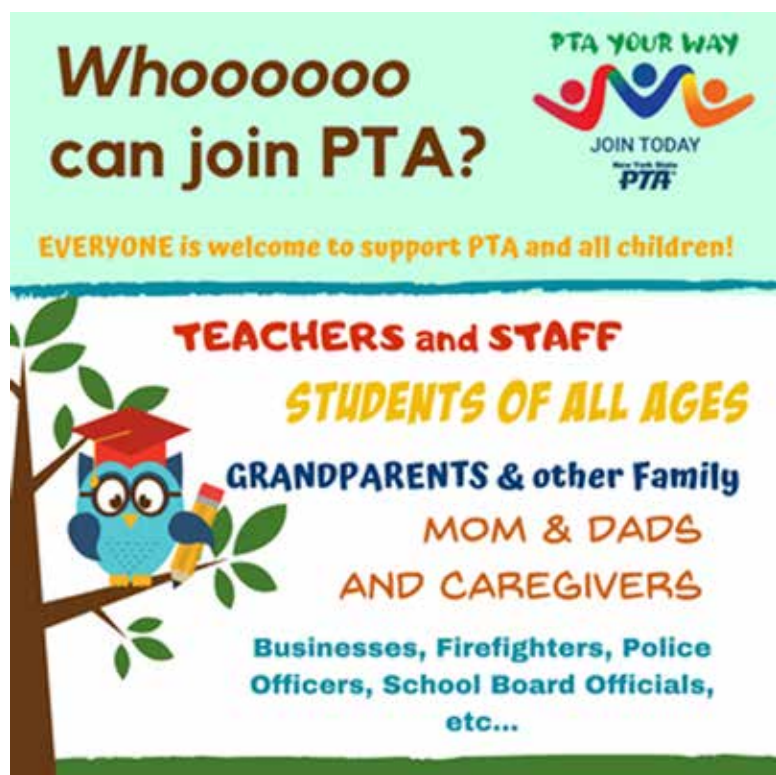
## PARENTS – IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

There's still time to support our school and sign up for your PTSA membership for the 2024-2025 school year! Membership does not require volunteering, though we always appreciate any help. You can sign up or donate directly to support upcoming events, like the Holiday Luncheon, Honor Roll celebrations, or the 8th Grade Dance, through our MemberHub link: Polo Park PTSA MemberHub.

Stay in the loop by checking your emails and following us on social media!

- Facebook: Polo Park Middle School PTSA
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Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!



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## Teaching in Disguise: Polo Park's Halloween Costume Extravaganza

Teachers and staff embraced the Halloween spirit with creative and fun costumes that added an extra layer of excitement to the day. From spooky vampires and pirates, to clever pun-inspired outfits, the staff's costumes had students in great spirits all day. It was a festive sight as teachers brought their A-game, proving that a little bit of humor and imagination can make learning even more enjoyable! Ms. Stalker won for most original costume, Mr. Coney took home the prize for funniest costume, Ms. DeCelles won most original and the funniest costume went to Mr. Gonzalez. Congratulations to all our winners.

