Pimlico Junior High has 2,000 students

A many-splendored program

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

By this time next week you will have seen in a story and photos the Pimlico Junior High School program which satisfies the needs of over 2,000 youngsters of all races who look ahead to a rewarding future.

Today's glimpse in photos and legend is only the beginning. The 2-part series continues in Tuesday's AFRO dated March 15.

Pimlico J. H., one of the largest in the Baltimore city school system, is located at 3900 W. Northern Parkway and has Samuel R. Billups Jr. as principal.

Opened in the September 1956-57 school term, the impressive building complex has 70 classrooms, a relocatable building with 10 more classrooms, a recently renovated cafeteria which accommodates 600 pupils at a time and a 1,000-seat auditorium. The seven language teachers compose the largest language staff in the city.

The 140-member interracial staff of teachers is considered one of the most well-informed and highly qualified in the entire city system.

The youngsters who complete the curriculum are exposed to the most expertly planned program of educational and co-curricular activities designed to advance and strengthen the role of the individual in our society.

SAMUEL R. BILLUPS JR.
principal

Pimlico J. H. is organized on a house plan, with each grade comprising a house. Each house (for example, the 7th grade house) is further subdivided into clusters of students. Each cluster consists of five classes of approximately 175 students.

Students assigned to the same cluster will work with a group of four teachers for English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

Normally, cluster classrooms are located in close proximity to each other thus reducing the area in which a given group of students must travel. The cluster organization also has the advantage of having four teachers to work closely with a group of students.

Each student is assigned to a guidance counselor upon entering Pimlico Junior High. The counselor progresses with the students from entry to graduation.

The students are given information and are free to discuss problems individually and in small or large group sessions.

Working cooperatively with community agencies and the school personnel team (home visitor, psychologist, social worker and nurse), the counselor supplies additional services to the students and their families.

The curriculum includes a program in enrichment, regular and exceptional education. Students are assigned according to abilities and needs. Additional special facilities and activities are available to provide opportunities for students to develop their abilities and talents.

MORE IN TUESDAY'S AFRO

PIMLICO JUNIOR HIGH CHEER LEADERS — These vivacious young ladies are the life of the game and the pep meetings too when there is a clash with the rival team coming up. They are Shirline Thomas, Yasmin Dulaney, Valerie Smith, Robin Garrison, Cheryl Brown, Carla Warfield, Yulanda Wheeler, Colette Linnen and Sharon Robey. Pauline Edwards is the sponsor.

FUTURE CHEFS — Learning to cook fine foods are these youngsters who are frocked in smart aprons, Steven Coleman, Orlando Barnes, Robert Young and Keith Bost. Mrs. Adele Harris is Home Economics teacher.

HONOR SOCIETY installed today, March 9, includes Terry True, Anita Prettyman, Diann Ferguson, Todd Mason and Ardie B. Shaw. Mrs. Delores Jones (C) is advisor for the Pimlico Junior High chapter of the National J. H. Honor Society.

Even A gospel choir

If you like Gospel music, you should hear Pimlico J.H.'s Gospel Choir.

And this isn't all. Here are listed some of the curriculum offerings at the ultra modern school.

Pimlico's motto is "The Pacesetter" and in addition to the provisions for the students through curricular offerings, a program of extra-curricular activities is provided.

Clubs and programs presently functioning are:

Arts and Crafts, Audiovisual, Athletics: basketball, baseball, wrestling, lacrosse, tennis, ping-pong.

Band, Career Club, Cheerleaders, Chess Club, Drama Club, Drill Team, Foreign Language Club, Future Teachers of America, Gospel Choir, Knitting Club, Library Club, Mental Health Club.

Mixed Choir, Modern Dance, National Junior Honor Society, Newspaper, Peer Facilitators, Personnel Grooming, Photography Club, Red Cross Club, Science Club.

School Store, Sign Language Club, Student Council, Travel Club, Yearbook.

Photos Story More Coming AFRO

Pimlico J.H. Tuesday March 13

BASKETBALL TEAM with each one an ace at the game includes Paul Mason, Curtis Haywood, Jerry Harris, Curtis "Popcorn" Collick, James "Tweety Bird" Rawlings, Phillip Grahm, Darrell "Iceman" Manns, Timmy "Tee" Robinson, Larry Jackson, Wendell Richardson and Bryant Young. John Turpin is coach.

Something for Everyone

Pimlico J.H. has more and more added on until there is no doubt there is something to interest every pupil.

Here are some other programs:

1. MESA — An on-going project conducted cooperatively with the Johns Hopkins University Physics Laboratory to encourage mathematics, engineering and science achievement. Students are nominated by their teachers and participate in a weekly session with Scientists and Engineers.

2. The Fast-Paced Program, devised for enrichment in mathematics, is taught by a college professor to enriched 8th grade mathematics students who are advanced. Many students have qualified for high school credits as a result.

3. The GATE Program — The Gifted and Talented Education Department of the Baltimore city public schools works cooperatively with P.J.H. teachers in a program for exceptional students in the areas of Science and Creative Writing.

MRS. BEULAH MAXWELL
assistant principal

4. Project GO — the initials GO represent "Growing Opportunities" in the world of work, a project sponsored by the Guidance and Placement Department of the public schools. GO is designed for all 9th graders and gives each student introduction to the world of employment.

5. Annual Science and Social Studies Fairs are held each year to encourage interest and excellency in these areas. Pimlico students have won top prizes each year at the city level with their entries. (More Tuesday, March 15 AFRO)

MRS. ELLA WHITE
assistant principal

A. DALE PROFFITT
assistant principal

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STUDENT COUNCIL — Glynnis Moore, secretary; Mochaun Gray, member at large; Damon Washington, vice-president; Kenneth Hudgins, student senator; Jill Earl, president; Winifred Smith, parliamentarian; Jacqueline Frierson is advisor.

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