

KNIGHTLY NEWS - 6/11/2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 6/13 | 8th Grade Dance 7-9pm @Patapsco MS |
| 6/16 | 3-hour Early Dismissal 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony- 2pm @Mt. Hebron HS (Ticketed event) |
| 6/17 | 3-hour Early Dismissal |
| 6/18 | 3-hour Early Dismissal LAST DAY OF SCHOOL |
| 6/19 | Schools and Offices Closed |
| 6/23 | Report Cards Available at 4pm |
| 7/4 | Schools and Offices Closed |
| 8/21 | New Student Orientation at 1pm |
| 8/25 | First Day of School for Students |

View 2025-2026 MS/HS Courses Through June 17

Families may [view scheduled courses](#) for current 5th-11th grade students in HCPSS Connect Synergy through 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17. Families and students are encouraged to review these courses for accuracy. Note, this will show registered courses only. Final schedules with periods and teachers will be available in late August.

Staffing Change

As we inch closer to the end of the school year, a staffing change that will impact our school for next school year is being shared. Patapsco Middle School will have a reduction in school counselors. As a result, Kendra Brantley will be moving to Guilford Park High School for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Brantley has been a stellar member of the Student Services team and she will be greatly missed by students, staff and parents. As we prepare for next school year, please note that Erin Shurtleff will work with students with last names that begin with A-L and Morgan Kempthorn will work with students with last names M-Z.

Summer Office Hours

The front office will be open between 8am and 3pm during the summer. We strongly encourage anyone planning to visit the school to call ahead before stopping by to ensure that a staff member will be available to assist you.

Lost and Found

Please ask your student to check the lost and found for anything they may have left here at school! ALL remaining items will be donated when the school year ends.

Locker Clean Out

Locker clean out will be held on Monday, June 16 and Tuesday, June 17. If students keep supplies in their lockers, they are encouraged to start taking those items home now. A little each day will prevent their backpacks from being extremely heavy on the last day of school.

Eighth Grade Dance Volunteers Needed

We are in good shape for food and drinks for Friday's Eighth Grade Dance, but we still need a few more chaperones and help with setup. Are you available to pitch in? Sign up [here](#).

Student Service Learning Completion 2025

This week, students will receive their yellow sheet copy of the "Student Service Validation Form". This record verifies that the student has completed 25 hours of the required course work for Student Service Learning. Please keep this form in a safe place in your student's home records. The original form will be kept in the student's permanent record file, held by the school system. If you have any questions about your student's student service record, please contact Sherri Ross (sherri_ross@hcpss.org).

PTA News

One more round of applause!

The PTA once again thanks all its dedicated members and volunteers for their support this year. We are already underway planning for a vivacious and energetic year in 2025-2026!

Treasurer needed!

At our June 2 meeting, we elected two new board members and welcomed them to the team. However, since then we received news we will need someone to fulfill the remaining year of the current treasurer's term. The treasurer role is essential to the PTA - without a treasurer, we cannot operate as an organization.

Please consider serving in this important position. You will have personal training and ample resources, plus will work closely with the President, who is seasoned with this work!

If interested or have any questions, email patapscopta@gmail.com

See you in the fall!

PRIDE Field Day at Dancel Y

Unmatched Athlete is partnering with the Dancel Y in Ellicott City to invite you to a [PRIDE Field Day](#) on Saturday, June 21st, 2025! The event starts at 12pm and ends at 2:30pm, so please arrive by 11:45pm to check-in. The field day will include both indoor basketball for ages 12-18 from 12pm to 12:45pm and then outdoor activities for ages

7-18 from 1pm to 2pm. All families are welcomed! And Parents are welcome to Play!
Register at <https://unmatchedathlete.org/pride>.

NEWS WORTH REPEATING

From the Health Room

Attention Parents:

All medications that remain in the Health Room should be picked up by noon on the last day of school. At that time, any medications leftover will be discarded.

Attention Parents of 6th grade students:

The MCV4 and Tdap vaccinations must be received by the first day of school 8/25/25. Any student without these 2 immunizations will be excluded from coming to school on 8/25/25. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Room at 410-313-2574.

Summer Reading 2025 Information

As part of the A+ Partnership with HCLS, schools are invited to share information and resources about summer reading with their students and families. [Promotional flyers](#) and an information session will be offered by HCLS staff. Please [see additional information](#). Direct questions to Melissa Daggett.

Viking Backers Summer Camps

The Mount Hebron High School Viking Backers are offering a number of Summer Camps for Elementary and Middle School students. There are programs for Drawing, Photography, Film, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Football, Volleyball, Basketball (boys and girls), Lacrosse (boys and girls), Girls Soccer, and Girls Field Hockey. For more information, visit the [website](#).

STEM Exploration Summer Camp at MHHS

WEngineer is a nonprofit organization run by individuals who are passionate about teaching young students about the fascinating world of engineering. The WEngineer team is delighted to announce a new STEM Exploration Summer Camp at Mount Hebron High School for rising 6th to 8th graders! Not only is this camp great for students seeking to learn skills in the field of engineering, but it is also excellent for

learning important soft skills, such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, and more.

This year, we have a new set of exciting activities lined up, such as Rube Goldberg Machines, Innovative Design Challenges, and more, all of which are conducted by our experienced team members at WEngineer!

Dates: August 22nd through August 24th (Excluding Thursday, August 21st)

Location: Mount Hebron High School (9440 Old Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042)

Ages: Rising 6th to 8th Graders

Registration and Fees: [WEngineer-Sign-Up](#)

If you have any questions, please contact info@wengineer.org

LGBTaQ&A Event - Silhouette Stages

Thursday, June 26, 2025

7:00-8:30 PM

Slayton House

10400 Cross Fox Ln

Columbia, MD 21044

This program is an opportunity for families to meet, connect, and learn. In this seventh LGBTaQ&A, following the success of our previous event with our partners at Silhouette Stages, we're doing it again to bring you a very special evening! The theatre production company will be performing several highlights from their upcoming production, Seussical! So, feel free to bring your school age children along. After the performance highlights and Q & A, parents and students will be able to enjoy some dessert in the Slayton House lobby, meet the cast, and have an opportunity to connect with community.

Please [register](#) as space is limited.

Drawing Camp

Mt. Hebron's Viking Backers are sponsoring a Drawing Camp for rising 6th-9th graders June 23-27 from 9-3pm, taught by MHHS art teacher Jen Johannes. Practice observational, figure, and gesture drawing. Play drawing games and complete detailed works of art in a variety of media. Have fun and make new friends! See this [flier](#) for more information.

Inspirit Artificial Intelligence Summer Program

This summer, Inspirit AI is partnering with Howard County Public Schools to offer an in-person project-based artificial intelligence program. [Inspirit AI](#) is an AI education program developed and taught by Stanford and MIT alumni and graduate students. The program will consist of ten (10) 3-hour sessions taking place from July 14-25, 2025 at Hammond High School. The program fee is \$1,500 and some financial assistance is available through Inspirit AI. Interested families should fill out this [short interest form](#). The [program brochure](#) includes information about the curriculum, schedule, projects, and teaching team.

SPRING CLEANING? Clothing to Cash- easy donation!

Please donate to our Clothing to Cash fundraising program! [Clothing to Cash](#) is a textile recycling program that donates money to the school for every pound of donated items. Look for the white donation bin in the parking lot. Clothing to Cash will accept items in ALL conditions: new with tags, or torn, stained, worn-out knees, shoes with holes or only one shoe, backpacks, old sheets, towels, blankets, stuffed animals and more. What a great way to help the school and clean out your closets! All donations must be bagged and put in the collection bin.

Youth Football Camp

The head football coach of the Mt Hebron Vikings, Shawn Frederick, will be hosting a youth football camp this summer at Mt. Hebron HS from June 23-27th, 9a-3pm for 1st-9th grade students (SY 2025-26). If interested, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/v1bdySFVffLUdkfw9>. For questions, please contact Coach Fred at shawn_frederick@hcpss.org.

HCPSS Emergency Notifications

Families are reminded that in emergency situations (including inclement weather), information will be shared with the community only through the HCPSS website, email and text, Twitter/X and the HCPSS weather hotline. Be sure your Family File is up to date and that you have opted into texts to receive emergency messages.

Community Notices

HCPSS' [Community News and Programs](#) website makes it easy for families to find educational and recreational resources, events and after-school programs beyond the school day by non-profit organizations."

Community organizations requesting their announcements be shared in school newsletters should visit community-programs.hcpss.org for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org

Resources

[Patapsco Calendar](#)

[Quick Guide to Online Resources](#)

[Secondary Student & Parent Handbook](#)

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

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School Office: 410-313-2848

Student Services: 410-313-2850

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[Patapsco Middle School Website](#)