
Important Dates

March 25 - Mt. Hebron HS/Patapsco MS Guitar Concert 7pm
@MHHS

March 27 - U-Knighted Day and Night

March 30 - April 3 - Spring Break

April 6 - **Full Day of School for Students**

April 14 - 8th Grade Field Trip

April 15 - 3-Hour Early Dismissal

April 27-28 - English Language Arts MCAP

ELA MCAP Reminder (April 27–28)

Students will be taking the ELA MCAP on Monday, April 27 and Tuesday, April 28. Please ensure your child brings **wired headphones** for a component of the test. Thank you for your support!

Lost and Found

Lost and found items are now on tables at the entryway to the cafeteria. Please remind your student to check the lost and found for things that belong to them - even if they don't think anything is missing. Items that remain in our collection by spring break will be donated or discarded.



Early Dismissal

If you need to pick up your student before the end of the school day, please be sure to come to the front office with your identification **prior to 2:55 pm**. After that, you may not enter our parking lot due to the arrival of our buses. If you arrive later than 2:55, you must join the car loop line to pick up your child after dismissal at 3:15.

Mt. Hebron Summer Camps

This summer, Mt. Hebron High School is offering a variety of sports camps for elementary and middle school students. See the link below for more information, dates, cost and registration. [Mount Hebron Sports Summer Camps](#)

U-Knighted Night

Come join us from 5:30 to 7:00pm on Friday, March 27 for U-Knighted Night! There will be food samplers, live performances, a food truck, and a raffle. The deadline for signups is Wednesday, March 25th. Please consider signing up and helping out during the festivities. The link to the Sign-Up Genius can be found below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA9AD2EA5FDC25-62437687-uknighted#/>

Please email jae_lee@hcpss.org if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

[Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, Arabic, Russian, Nepali, Urdu, Azerbaijani, Telugu, Turkish, Japanese, Pashto, Punjabi, Amharic, and Tigrinya](#)

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Semester 2 Reminders and Expectations

During Knight Time on Wednesday, March 4th, students were reminded about the expectations for the following topics: Academic Dishonesty, Dress Code, Electronic Devices and Tardies (to school and class). These topics are addressed in the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Help Keep Our School Community Healthy This Norovirus Season

Dear Families and Community Members,

Norovirus season is here, and we want to work together to keep everyone in our school community healthy. Norovirus is a common stomach bug that can spread quickly, especially in group settings like schools.

The best way to prevent norovirus is through proper handwashing with soap and water. Please note that hand sanitizer does not kill norovirus, so regular handwashing is essential, especially after using the restroom, before eating, and after helping a sick child.

Here's what good handwashing looks like:

- Wet hands with clean, running water.
- Apply soap and lather well—don't forget the backs of hands, between fingers, and under nails.
- Scrub for at least 20 seconds (about the time to sing "Happy Birthday" twice).
- Rinse thoroughly under running water.
- Dry with a clean towel or air dry.

By practicing and teaching good hand hygiene at home, you help protect your family, your children's classmates, and our staff. Together, we can reduce illnesses in our community and keep everyone learning and thriving.

Thank you for your partnership and care!

Warm regards, Tiffany Ailstock, RN, HCPSS School Nurse, Patapsco Middle School

'Tis the Season!

Cold and flu season is here! How can you help?

-Donate tissues! Please consider dropping off a box of tissues in the front office. Our supply is running low.

-Practice healthy habits - get plenty of sleep, be physically active, drink plenty of fluids, wash your hands often, and eat nutritious foods.

-If you have cold and flu symptoms, **stay at home and rest!**

Girls Flag Football League

Howard County Recreation and Parks is now offering a Middle & High School Girls Flag Football League. See the HCPSS [website](#) or view this [flyer](#) for more information.

Biz Kidz Academy *Celebrate Your Talents!* Competition

The Biz Kidz Academy *Celebrate Your Talents!* competition is an engaging opportunity that invites students ages 8–14 to submit a short essay or video showcasing a creative talent or business idea, or to participate as vendor exhibitors to pitch and sell their products and services. Participants can win prizes such as laptops, gift cards, art supplies, and trophies; entries and registrations are due by March 31, with an awards ceremony on April 25. See [this flyer](#) for details.

Morning Drop-off

Parents of car riders are reminded that students should not be dropped off before 8:15am which is the same time that students exit the buses. This gives our staff time to post at their morning duty station and be ready to receive and supervise our students.

Yearbook Orders

Have you ordered your Patapsco 2025-2026 yearbook?! It's not too late! To guarantee your yearbook, order soon at jostensyearbooks.com. Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of school. If you would like to check if you have already ordered, please look in your email for a receipt from Jostens, or email kalina_salsman@hcpss.org.

Expanded Online Tutoring Help

Brainfuse HelpNow is now available 24/7 for all library users, expanding access beyond the previous 2 p.m.–midnight live tutoring hours. This means students and caregivers can connect with live online tutoring and academic support anytime that fits their schedule. Brainfuse HelpNow is available on the [HCLS website](#), and video and written instructions on how to use the resource are available [here](#). First-time users will need to create a username and password.

PTA and Music Boosters

Please consider joining our PTA and Music Boosters. Each parent-led organization does so much for our school. We appreciate your membership and donations as they directly support the students and staff at Patapsco Middle School. Please consider joining the [PTA](#) and/or [Music Boosters](#) as we could not do a lot of the exciting initiatives for our kids without these organizations!

Cell Phones

Cell phones should not be seen or heard during the school day. Reminders about the [HCPSS Policy 8080-Student Personal Device Use in Schools](#) were shared with students on the first day of school.

Forgotten Items

We are happy to accept lunches, instruments, homework, school projects, keys, or other items as long as they are brought to school before 10:30. All items can be put on the table in the foyer and labeled with student's name and grade. Lunches that are brought in late are taken to the cafeteria and a general announcement is made.

We cannot accept items for delivery to students after this time period, with the exception of emergency situations, as we are committed to minimizing classroom interruptions throughout the school day. We know homework, projects and instruments are important to our students, so we ask for your help in assisting students prepare for the day the night before, or the morning of, to ensure they have everything they need.

Community News and Programs

Howard County Public School System provides a [list](#) of community programs and events that may be of interest to members of the Patapsco community. These notices are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System. Programs include academic enrichment, child care, afterschool and camp programs; art, music, sports, and recreation programs, and volunteer opportunities.