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## Important Dates

May 25 - Schools and Offices Closed

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May 28 - Spring Band Concert, 7pm @Mount Hebron HS

May 29 - Spring Chorus Concert, 7pm @Mount Hebron HS

June 2 - Dance Showcase, 6pm @Patapsco MS; PTA Fundraiser

@Chipotle

June 3 - General Music Showcase and Jazz Band, 7pm

@Patapsco MS

June 8 - Full Day of School for Students

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As we head into Memorial Day weekend, we wish you and your family a safe, restful, and meaningful holiday. We encourage our students to take time to reflect on and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend and look forward to seeing students back at school on Tuesday.

## Reflections Awards

Congratulations to all of the participants of the Reflections competition for contributing their creative work: Ayan Patel, Vedant Jethwani, Ranveer Yadava , Kriti Jethwani, Dhyey Shah, and Shiven Joshi.

This year's inspiring theme was "I Belong." The following students won at county level and moved to state level: Ayan Patel – Visual Arts, Vedant Jethwai – Photography & Literature, Kriti Jethwani – Film Making, and Ranveer Yadava – Photography.

Special Recognition: Kriti Jethwani honored with the prestigious Award of Excellence for her outstanding work in Film Making at State level.

## Incoming 9th Grade Athletics Orientation, Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 PM, Mt. Hebron High School Auditorium

Attention Incoming Freshmen and Families,

We invite all incoming 9th grade students interested in athletics to attend our Incoming Freshman Sports Orientation on June 16th. This meeting is designed to introduce

students and families to our athletic programs, expectations, eligibility requirements, and opportunities to get involved during the upcoming school year.

Topics will include:

- Fall, winter, and spring sports offerings
- Athletic eligibility requirements
- Registration and physical information
- Communication expectations
- Strength & conditioning opportunities
- Meet-and-greet with coaches and athletic staff

## 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.

### **PREVIOUSLY SHARED**

#### **Save the Date for 8th Grade Events**

**Friday, June 12** - 8th Grade Dance sponsored by the PTA, 7-9pm at Patapsco Middle School. For current 8th grade Patapsco students only.

**Wednesday, June 17** - 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 2pm at Mount Hebron High School. Ticket required.

Stay tuned for additional information regarding tickets, permissions slips, and attire for each event, and for volunteer opportunities!

#### **From the PTA**

##### **Ready! Set! Salsa!**

The PTA's next restaurant night is June 2 from 4pm-8pm at the Ellicott City Chipotle. If ordering in the store, let the cashier know you are with the Patapsco fundraiser or show them [this flyer](#). If ordering online or on the app, input our online fundraiser code 36DG9VL in the "Enter a Promo Code" section. Don't forget to click "Apply."

Please consider supporting our work and enjoying some delicious food!

#### **Election Season**

We are still accepting nominations for anyone interested in serving as the PTA treasurer. It's a great opportunity to work with our school and to support the kids,

teachers, and staff. Email [patapscopta@gmail.com](mailto:patapscopta@gmail.com) for more information or to nominate someone/yourself.

## **Family Read the Rainbow**

Greetings all! Our next FAMILY Read the Rainbow (sponsored by CARY) will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:00PM, virtually. The first 50 families with children in grades 5 and under will receive a free copy of the book, *My Shadow is Pink* by Scott Stuart. See the [flyer](#) for more information and registration link.

## **Yearbook Orders**

Have you ordered your Patapsco 2025-2026 yearbook?! It's not too late! To guarantee your yearbook, order soon at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://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](mailto:kalina_salsman@hcpss.org).

## **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.

Also, the car loop procedures exist to get students out of cars and into the building as quickly and safely as possible. Safety is our top priority so we kindly ask that you not "cut" around the line, and always be mindful of students walking to the curb. We also ask that you provide a little grace to students taking a little longer to get out of the car. For everyone's safety, please be patient. If a student needs additional support, a staff member will assist.

## **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.

## **Aaah-Choo!**

Allergy season is in full swing, and all of the itchy eyes and runny noses are depleting our supply of tissues! If you are able to donate a box or two to the front office (tissues *without* lotion, please), it would be greatly appreciated.

## **23rd Annual Mount Hebron Lacrosse Golf Outing**

Come out for a fun day at the [Mount Hebron Lacrosse Golf Outing](#) to support Mt. Hebron's girls and boys lacrosse programs! Whether you have a future Viking lacrosse player, just love golf, or have a business that would be interested in a sponsorship, we'd love to have your support!

For more information, go to [vikingbackers.org/shop/ols/categories/golf-tournament](http://vikingbackers.org/shop/ols/categories/golf-tournament)

## **Mathematics Policy Family Information Sessions**

MSDE will host virtual Math Policy Family Information Sessions in June 2026 to support family understanding of upcoming mathematics initiatives and updates for the 2026–2027 school year. Participants must [register in advance](#) to receive session links. [Click here](#) for details and dates/times.

## **Student Led Initiative - Dot Drop**

This year we will be doing something a little extra to help our school and our community. We are doing a menstrual products drive! It's called the Dot Drive and we need you to help us by donating unopened products in their original packaging. We will be accepting pads, tampons, panty liners, and period underwear. Your children can donate by putting donations in the Dot Drop boxes that are located in their ELA classes and the health room. Proceeds will be going to our school stash to be accessed in the healthroom, as well as the Baltimore Hunger Project Period Pantry and the WGC's Break the Cycle drive. We encourage you to donate to this important cause and thank you for your support!

## **Make Your Voice Heard! Your Opinion Matters!**

Parents and guardians of children receiving special education and related services were mailed the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services. Parents are asked to complete the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope by Friday, June 5, 2026. [The survey can also be completed online](#). Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in HCPSS. Your voice can make a real difference for your child and many other children across the state of Maryland.

## **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.