

Dear Patapsco Middle School families,

Welcome to the first edition of our Knightly News for the 2026–2027 school year!

We hope you are enjoying a fun, relaxing, and restful summer. As we prepare to begin a new school year, we are thrilled to welcome both our returning families and those who are joining our school community for the first time.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time filled with anticipation, new beginnings, and opportunities to learn and grow. We can't wait to see our classrooms and hallways once again filled with the energy and enthusiasm of our students!

In the coming weeks, please stay tuned for important updates, reminders, and information to help your family prepare for a successful start to the school year. We truly value your partnership and look forward to working together to make the 2026–2027 school year positive, meaningful and memorable for every student.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and we look forward to welcoming you back soon!

Kelly Hearn, Principal

Theresa Barber-Wehrman, Assistant Principal

Important Dates

August 19 – Student Schedules Available in Synergy

August 20 – New Students and Families Orientation,
1:00pm-2:30pm

All 6th grade and new 7th & 8th grade students and families are invited.

August 24 – First Day of School for Students, 8:30am-3:15pm

September 2 – Back to School Knight, 6:00pm

September 7 – Schools and Offices Closed

September 21 – Schools and Offices Closed

September 30 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal (12:15pm dismissal time)

New Student Orientation

August 20 1:00-2:30pm at Patapsco Middle School

At orientation, all 6th grade students will report directly to the gymnasium and new 7th and 8th graders who are first time students at Patapsco Middle School will report to the media center. Students will have an opportunity to follow their schedule and meet their teachers, practice with their lockers, and learn all about what Patapsco has to offer. For parents and guardians, this will be a time for you to hear from the Patapsco administrators and staff, learn about supports for students and ask questions during a brief Q&A.

We look forward to meeting our new Knights and their parents and caregivers at the New Student Orientation!

Student Supply List

Please use the link below to access the student supply lists for each grade level. Whenever possible, families are encouraged to reuse or recycle school supplies from the previous year to save on costs and reduce waste.

[Student Supply List](#)

Update Family File

Please assist us by completing your Family File as soon as possible at hcpss.org/connect. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update emergency information for each child every school year. Parents/guardians [access and complete Family File](#) by logging in to HCPSS Connect, selecting the Online Registration/Family File at the top right of the page and then selecting Family File Verification.

2026-2027 School Meals Information

Click [here](#) to learn more about HCPSS meal information.

Free and Reduced Meals (FARMSs)

Many HCPSS families are eligible to participate in the [Free and Reduced Price Meals \(FARMs\)](#) program, which provides children with a wide range of benefits including free or discounted college tuition, testing and application fees, academic and athletic program fees and many others in addition to free or discounted meals. Families are urged to check their eligibility and complete a [FARMs application](#) as soon as possible. Families must submit a new application every school year. [Details on the Free and Reduced Meals program](#), including a link to apply, are available online.

2026-2027 HCPSS School Calendar

For your planning needs, please see the link below to access the HCPSS School Calendar which details dates/holidays for this coming school year, including Winter break, Spring break, and professional learning days.

[2026-2027 HCPSS School Calendar](#)

Student Schedules

Schedules for middle school students will be available in HCPSS Connect/Synergy on August 19.

Transportation Information

The online HCPSS bus locator application is scheduled to be available Wednesday, Aug. 19. At that time, eligible families can access bus stop locations, and pickup/dropoff times.

Medication Information

If your child needs medication at school this year, please visit the link below for all required forms, including EpiPen, diabetes, and general medication orders. Learn more information [here](#).

Patapsco PTA News

We need YOU!

As the school year dawns, the PTA is gearing up for a great year! Please consider

becoming a member of the PTA and making an impact on our Patapsco school community. Click [here](#) to find the membership options. If you have any questions, email patapscopta@gmail.com

Patapsco Spirit Wear

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