

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

# 4-1-2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**4/01:** 3 hr. Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM (End of 3rd quarter) and Club Day

**4/07:** Music Boosters (Virtual), 7PM

**4/08:** Reports Cards posted

**4/11-4/18:** School Closed - Spring Break

**4/20:** School Store and Student of the Month

**4/26:** A Little Knight Musical- 8th Grade Recital

**4/27:** Knight Time Schedule/Club Day

**4/28:** #OnePatapsco...Green Patapsco Family and Student event

**4/29-4/30:** High School Musical Jr.

Refer to the [Patapsco Calendar](#) to stay up-to-date with all the events at Patapsco Middle School.

## **Important Phone Numbers**

School Office: 410-313-2848

Student Services: 410-313-2850

Health Room: 410-313-2574



*Patapsco- a place where **everyone** is valued and important!*

**There are a lot of exciting things and programs happening now, in the next few weeks, and at the end of the year. Please take a look at our Newsletter each week to stay up-to-date.**

## **Quarter 4 classes start on Monday, April 4**

Please log in to [HCPSS Connect](#) to view your child's new Quarter 4 schedule. Select "Class Schedule" from the navigation bar on the left side and then select Q4 on the right.

## Ramadan

Ramadan begins this weekend and extends through May 2nd. As Ramadan is a time when some Muslims fast from dawn to sunset as part of their observance, we understand that we may have students not partaking of food or water during the day each day. In an effort to be supportive to the needs of our students, we will offer an alternative place in the media center with engaging activities for students to spend their lunch period if they choose not to join their peers in the cafeteria. Should your student require additional support or accommodations during Ramadan, please contact [lindsey\\_miles@hcpss.org](mailto:lindsey_miles@hcpss.org).

We wish all who are celebrating a peaceful and happy month of Ramadan.

Ramadan Mubarak,  
Mike Babe  
Principal

## MSDE School Climate Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Maryland requires that all public schools survey students about school climate. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning.

Students will take the survey in their social studies classes next week. The survey will take about 30 minutes and will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate his or her privacy.

The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school, and results will be reported for each school and district.

We are eager to receive this very important information about your child's school and about schools across the state.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the Survey Administrator at the Maryland State Department of Education by emailing to:  
[survey.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:survey.msde@maryland.gov)

Sincerely,  
Pauline Carey  
MSDE Project Specialist and Survey Administrator

## **Advanced Debate Team 2021-2022**

**The advanced debate team competed in their county-wide competition to debate the following resolution:** *"Be it resolved that the production of gas-powered, two-axle vehicles should be banned by 2030 in the US."* Our negative team won our debate and we couldn't be more proud of the whole team and their hard work this season.

## **High School Musical Jr. (Come see our talented students)**

Patapsco Performers presents, "High School Musical Jr."

Come see our Patapsco Knights perform on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 and 7:00. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.00 and all funds go back to building up our drama program!

*We're All in this Together* and we hope to see you there!

## **Concert Band and Wind Ensemble**

Congratulations to the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble on their excellent performance during our Assessment Masterclass! Dr. Mark Lortz from Stevenson University had a lot of praise and helpful suggestions for both groups. We were very fortunate to have his shared expertise.

Thank you to everyone in the Patapsco community for all your support during our preparation for this event. Our success is your success, too!

Mr. Drake

## Chesapeake Shakespeare Theatre Company

From April 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Patapsco Middle School will welcome back the Chesapeake Shakespeare Theatre Company! Teaching artists from CSC will be coming from Baltimore to join 8<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts classes for a 1-week residency. Plays were meant to be performed, not read, so we are very fortunate that all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to take the words of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet off the page and bring it to life.

CSC will be working with every 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA class Monday through Friday. Attendance and participation is critical to a theatrical performance, so we hope to see 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on time every day from the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanks to the PTA for their support and donations so all 8th grade students are able to participate at no cost!**

-Mr. Azat, Mrs. Eckert, and Ms. Wardlaw

## #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging

We are excited about our #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging! We look forward to having an opportunity for students, staff, and families to share about our countries, cultures, and/or traditions and to celebrate the diversity of our community. It will take place on 5/18 from 8:15 - 11:50 and we want to know if any of you want to be part of the day. If you are interested in presenting to our students, fill out the form linked below. Please reach out to Mr. Weeks ([william\\_weeks@hcpss.org](mailto:william_weeks@hcpss.org)) with any questions.

[#OnePatapsco Day of Belonging Participant Interest Form](#)

## Attention Hershey Park Chaperones!

All Hershey Park Chaperones should plan to attend one of the below virtual meetings. Each meeting should last approximately 30 minutes. Please note the difference in start times and use the Google Meet code: <https://meet.google.com/gwj-ptpv-ams>. See you there!

-- Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

-- Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

## Music Boosters

Please join us at our upcoming virtual Music Boosters Meeting on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Topics for this month's meeting include "A Little Knight Music Recital," Assessment Reflections, Spring Concert Volunteers, and Supply Purchase Updates. Meet code: <https://meet.google.com/gwj-ptpv-ams>. See you there!

## From the Family Engagement Committee

One Patapsco...Green Patapsco *Student and Family event!!!!*

Patapsco Middle School is hosting One Patapsco, Green Patapsco on April 28 from 6 - 8 PM. We will have environmental organizations at our school to promote the importance of conservation and other environmental themes along with literacy! We will start our Patapsco garden in front of our building and plant a large tree, and there will be engaging activities, arts and crafts, including a scavenger hunt and prize! The event is for children and adults of all ages! Please bring your family!

**Pizza will be provided by our supportive Patapsco PTA.** Please RSVP by April 21 at this [link](#).

[See flier](#)

## Yearbook

**Time is running out!** Have you purchased your 2022 Yearbook?! To order online, please visit: [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

If you need to purchase by cash or check, please email [Kalina\\_salsman@hcpss.org](mailto:Kalina_salsman@hcpss.org) for a form.

## School Store Volunteers Needed

The Sir Knight Store is open on select Wednesdays from the first bell until 8:45 AM. Volunteering at the school store is a fun way to help out and to interact with the students!. If you have any questions you can contact Melissa Singleton at [mschnaar@hotmail.com](mailto:mschnaar@hotmail.com) Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ea4a92aa7fa7-pms>

## From the Patapsco PTA

As we are returning activities to "normal" we are in need of a lot of volunteering help! Please help so that we may be able to provide these experiences for our kids!

### **Current PTA Volunteering Needs:**

International Women's History Month Door Decorating Judges – after school judging on April 6th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ABAF29A46-womens>

### **School Play:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-patapsco>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-patapsco1>

Mark your calendar: **May 6th - Fun Knight/Dance!** We anticipate a very large attendance like we did in the fall so if anyone has ideas or input on how we can logistically make our checkin and checkout process more efficient please reach out to me at patapscopta@gmail.com. We will need a ton of help on that night to help this run smoothly!

## Howard County Food Bank

Spring Break is coming up April 11th -18th. Please remember the Howard County Food Bank (9385 Gerwig Lane, Suite J Columbia, MD 21046 410-313-6185) for families as appropriate.

### GROCERY SHOPPING HOURS:

- Tuesday – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. walk ins & appointments
- Wednesday – 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. walk ins welcome
- Thursday – 1 pm. – 4 p.m. walk ins & appointments
- Saturday – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. appointments required

For more information refer to the following website: <https://cac-hc.org/food-assistance/>.

**4th Annual Long Reach High School Spring Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, April 2nd 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Line starts at 7:00 AM.**

[See flier \(English & Spanish\)](#)

## Student Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Dismissal

A reminder to all families that **if your student arrives late to school, please send them in with a parent note or doctor's note that indicates the reason for their late arrival** so that their attendance may be appropriately adjusted. You can also email [pmsabsence@hcpss.org](mailto:pmsabsence@hcpss.org) with a late arrival or absence note. If we are not provided a parent or doctor's note for lawful late arrivals or absences, your child will be marked unexcused. [Click here](#) for more attendance information.

## From the Health Room

If you have not provided the health room with records of your child's COVID vaccines please send a copy to the health room. If your child has received a booster please also forward that information. Fax number 410-313-1741 or email [Megan Blouse@hcpss.org](mailto:Megan_Blouse@hcpss.org).

**Students who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year** are required to have the MCV4 and Tdap vaccines prior to the first day of school. **Any student that does not have the required vaccines will be excluded from school on the first day.** Please provide the health room with your child's updated records. If your child has not had these vaccines please contact your health care provider to schedule an appointment. The Health Department provides immunization opportunities for kids who are not up-to-date on school-required vaccinations. Call the Health Department at 410-313-7500 to schedule a vaccination appointment for your child.

We are now accepting negative rapids (not home tests) for symptomatic students as long as they have not had a known exposure in the past 14 days.

## COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check

When emailing the school regarding your child's absence due to a positive Covid-19 test result, or close contact to a positive case, please provide the following information.

Positive Test

- Date tested

- Date the symptoms began (if any)
- Vaccination status

#### Close Contact to a Positive Individual

- Date of exposure (if close contact)
- If your child is a household close contact - can the positive family member be completely isolated from the child.
- Has your child had a confirmed positive Covid-19 test within the last 90 days.

Please contact the health room [megan\\_blouse@hcpss.org](mailto:megan_blouse@hcpss.org) if you are being tested or have a household member or if you are a close contact of someone who tested positive.

**More Information:** [COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check & Quarantining Procedure](#)

### [Knightly Newsletters](#)

All previous newsletters are posted under News at <http://pms.hcpss.org/>

### [Community Notices:](#)

#### **New HCPSS Community News and Programs Site:**

In response to community requests for resources, HCPSS' new [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](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).