

KNIGHTLY NEWS

4-12-2023

4/12, 4/13: MCAP 6th grade ELA
4/14, 4/17: MCAP 7th grade ELA
4/15: Chipotle Music Boosters Fundraiser
4/17: 8th Grade Panoramic Picture
4/18, 4/19: MCAP 8th grade ELA
4/21: **School Closed**
4/25: A Little Knight Music Recital 7:00-8:30
4/26: 8th Grade Field Trip
4/27: Patapsco Wellness Evening (*we hope to see you there!*)

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!*

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

ELA MCAP Testing

Students will be participating in ELA MCAP testing on the following dates:

6th grade- April 12th and 13th

7th grade- April 14th and 17th

8th grade- April 18th and 19th

Please remind students to bring their charged Chromebook to school on testing days. Contact Heather Dinicola (heather_dinicola@hcpss.org) with any questions.

8th Grade Panoramic Picture (this Monday)

Our 8th grade students will participate in the Panoramic picture THIS MONDAY, April 17th.. If you would like to purchase a picture, order forms will be sent home with students this week. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Pajama Collection

Please join our school, along with Hollifield Station and Mt. Hebron High School in supporting the Casey Cares Foundation. We will be collecting new pajamas to support critically ill children by providing comfort. 20,000 children are diagnosed with a critical illness every year. Help us help kids by bringing some joy when they need it the most! We will be collecting new pjs from April 12-26th in homerooms.

✿ Patapsco PTA Spring into Wellness Night! ✿

Patapsco Middle School PTA invites you to enjoy an evening of **health and wellness** activities and information sessions for the **whole family!** Highlights include: Bluebird yoga, Kangaroo Kidz, Tiger World Class Tae Kwon Do, fun games, fitness activities, school play sneak peek, mental health talks, and health information for everyone!

Come strengthen your mind, body, and soul with us on Thursday, April 27th from 5:30PM-7:30PM! See main event [flier](#) for details.

✿ The Spring into Wellness Night will also feature numerous FOOD TRUCKS! See our [flier](#) for featured food trucks!

The Mall in Columbia Art Exhibit

The 49th Annual Student Exhibition at the Mall in Columbia is now open! Student artwork is on display from April 12th through May 1st 2023. Over 30 Patapsco students have art in the show. We encourage everyone to visit and enjoy what the K - 12 art students in Howard County have created this year!

Addams Family School Play Tickets

The Addams Family presented through young@part is coming to Patapsco Middle School! America's darkest family comes to life on stage as they learn about love, family, honesty, and growing up. Our students have been working hard to bring this story to life with these memorable characters.

Tickets are on sale now!

Shows:

May 5- 7:00 PM

May 6- 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

All tickets are \$5.00 and are good for any performance. To place a pre-order please use one of the following methods:

OSP Payment



Cash or Check

Checks can be made payable to
Patapsco Middle School- Drama Club

Pre-orders can be sent to Mrs. Castelbaum in room E8 through April 20th. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Medical Assistance

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE WITH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, MA has been automatically renewed since March 2020.

AUTOMATIC RENEWALS WILL STOP AS OF **APRIL 30, 2023**. Please call the Health Dept Insurance Line at 410-313-5845 to check your status. They will set up an appointment for you if needed.

PTA News

Nominees Needed for 2023 - 2024

Look at all Patapsco PTA has accomplished this year! Without a **president, vice president and some crucial committee members**, our school will not have a PTA next year. This means most of these things will not be around for our students. Please do not think that others will show up -- we need YOU to step up and volunteer for our school and our students.

Our PTA is currently accepting nominations for next year. **If we do not have a president to vote in during the May 17th General Membership meeting, there will be no PTA during the 2023/2024 school year at Patapsco Middle School.** Please fill out the link below to nominate yourself!

Sign Up Here: <https://forms.gle/uerpjcE6vXgqqBiT9>

PTA Sponsored Event

Come join the Hollifield Station Elementary School and Patapsco Middle School PTAs to cheer on the O's as they take on the Texas Rangers on Sunday, May 28th! Tickets will be \$15 per seat, and for each ticket sold, the Orioles will be donating \$5 to us. After the game, kids ages 4-14 can run around the bases. When you order your tickets, make sure to check off which schools your kids go to, and that will let us know where the raised funds should go. Please order your tickets by April 28th!

You may order tickets here: <https://hollifieldstationpta.memberhub.com/store/items/834102>

St. John's Lane Elementary School May Day



The famous May Day Festival will once again be held at SJLES on Saturday, May 6, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM!

The entire community is invited for this beloved tradition, with food, games, inflatables, face painting, prizes, silent auction, live entertainment, and more!

If you are a student and you need your service hours or just want to come help little jaguars play games, enjoy their balloon hats, or get their hair spray painted, please check out the link below to see our volunteer opportunities! This event is an annual highlight for SJLES students, and a long-running community favorite.

Thank you in advance for checking this out!

[Sign Up Genius for May Day Volunteers](#)

You can email Jane Fisher at sjles.volunteer@gmail.com with questions.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to reach out if you have questions.

Warmly,

Jane Fisher

SJLES Volunteer Coordinator

Music Boosters

Join us for our next Music Boosters meeting virtually on Tuesday, April 18th at 6:30pm! Topics this month include "A Little Knight Music" Recital, big budget items, Hershey Park, and Spring Concert updates. We will use Google Meet for the meeting. Please sign in with your child's credentials and use the code PMS-musicboosters.

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY!!

Please support our Music Booster Club fundraiser night at Chipotle. Please see the attached [flier](#).

Hershey Park Chaperones

Attention Hershey Chaperones! Thanks so much for volunteering to join us on our Hershey Park trip on Friday, May 19th. To make sure we are all prepared and on the same page with trip procedures, we are asking you to attend one of the below meetings on Google Meet using the code PMS-hershey. Please sign in with your child's credentials. Please contact a music teacher if you are unable to attend.

- Tuesday, April 18th at 6:00pm
- Thursday, April 27th at 6:00pm

HCPSS Rainbow Conference - Register Now!

The HCPSS Rainbow Conference will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 9am - 5pm. The conference will be hybrid with opportunities for both virtual and in-person participation. For more information scan the QR code on the [Rainbow Conference Flier](#) or access this [link](#).

Formal Wear Collection

Time to clean out those closets! Do you have any semi-formal or formal wear taking up space in your closet that you would like to donate to a student? Drop off your gently used items to the Miller, Savage, or Glenwood library branches any time from April 1st - April 30th. The items will be brought to Homewood on May 6th for our Pride Prom Pop-Up where students can try on and take home affirming clothing items that they can wear to their school prom or to our first Pride Prom! This collection is sponsored by CARY.

HC DrugFree Updates (4-10-23)

Medication & Sharps Disposal Event: Free. The next safe and convenient drive-thru medication & sharps disposal event will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wilde Lake Village Center Parking lot near the Swim Center. HC DrugFree is accepting prescription and over-the-counter medications, sharps (needles, syringes, EpiPens, etc.), vapes, inhalers, veterinary medication and more. Medication will be guarded/transported by Howard County Police. Learn more at <https://hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day-1/>

Student, Adult and Medically-Trained Adult Volunteers Wanted: HC DrugFree is in need of 70-80 student, adult, and medically trained adult volunteers to work the Saturday, April 22 drive-thru Medication and Sharps collection in the Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot. Set up at 9 a.m. and event ends at 2 p.m. Groups, clubs, teams, families and colleagues are encouraged to volunteer. Learn more or sign up to volunteer at <https://hcdrugfree.org/drug-take-back-day-1/>. If complete all paperwork by April 20, students may earn community service hours for volunteering.

Free Parenting Classes (open to grandparents too): Free. Guiding Good Choices is an evidence-based, interactive prevention program that provides families with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs and alcohol or engage in other dangerous behaviors. Howard County parents, guardians and grandparents will learn how to encourage your child to adopt healthy attitudes and behaviors, how to communicate more effectively, how to build a relationship of trust, and much more! HC DrugFree's classes will be held Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. via Zoom. Learn more or register: <https://hcdrugfree.org/2023/02/guiding-good-choices-free-classes-for-parents-2/>

Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City: Free. Howard County high school seniors and their families welcome. HC DrugFree is NOT encouraging teens to vacation without their parents or adult supervision. However, if they do, it is our hope that by providing this program, Howard County teens attending Senior Week will have additional information to make wise decisions and keep themselves and each other safe. Please join us via Zoom on Tuesday, April 25 at 7p.m. Registration is required. Links may not be shared. Presented by HC DrugFree in partnership with the Ocean City Police Department and Howard County Collaborative PTSA Parent Education Group. Learn more or register: <https://hcdrugfree.org/senior-week/>

8th-12th Grade Teen Advisory Council: Free. HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council is open to all Howard County students in grades 8 through 12. This is a great opportunity to help prepare younger students for success in high school while allowing older students to develop their leadership and mentoring skills. The registration form is available at <https://hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisory-council/> and community service hours are available.

Email your registration form to admin@hcdrugfree.org or mail a hard copy the office. Meetings are on Zoom from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To register for the Monday, April 17 meeting or any upcoming meeting, click on the TAC registration link next to the meeting date <https://hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisory-council/>

Know What's Happening in Howard County: Sign up for HC DrugFree's newsletter at <https://hcdrugfree.org/enews-signup/> or follow us on social media to get updates on events as well as information to keep your family safe and informed: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#)

Community Health Fair

Please see the attached [flier](#).

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

Knighly Newsletters

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