

KNIGHTLY NEWS

4-17-2023

4/18: Reports Cards available to view through HCPSS Connect, 4PM

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!*)

5/1, 5/2, 5/4, 5/5: MCAP 8th Grade Social Studies

5/5, 5/6: Addams Family Play

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.

Quarter 3 Report Cards Available April 18

Quarter 3 report cards will be available in HCPSS Connect Synergy beginning at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18th. [Directions on how to access report cards](#) can be found online.

MCAP Testing Information

8th grade ELA MCAP- April 18th and 19th

8th grade Social Studies MCAP- May 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th

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

MESA News

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 MESA teams in the Howard County MESA Competition for their outstanding performance! Each team placed 1st in their division for each of the following categories; National Engineering and Design Challenge, Mobile App Design, Wearable Technology, and Expanding Structures.

Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork have paid off and they are truly deserving of this recognition and achievement. Teams are now headed to the Maryland State MESA Competition in April/May. Please wish them all the luck on this challenge!

National Engineering and Design Challenge;

BabyBot created by:

Ahana Roy, Amitha Sabbani, Saanvi Kakarlapudi, and Sravika Laasya Bolla

Mobile App Design;

Healthy Me created by:

Adithi Allagadda, Adithi Kolli, Sarayu Aerpula, and Sreenidhi Hari

Wearable Technology;

Created by:

Caleb Son, Rihaan Desai, Rajit Rath, and Shreyas Lingam

Expanding Structures;

Created by

Nathaniel Cherian, Timothy Lu, Abhi Muthoju, and Rafael Hugo Pangan

Thank you to Mrs. Stephenson and all of our parent volunteers for their support of our MESA Program!

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! ❁ WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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.

IEES Survey

As part of our school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities at our school. Please use the link below to complete the HCPSS Indicators of Educational Equity Survey by May 1, 2023. We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next year.

This survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school.

- [English survey](#)
- [Spanish survey](#)
- [Chinese survey](#)
- [Chin survey](#)
- [Korean survey](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Michael_babe@hcpss.org, Principal or Razia_kosi@hcpss.org.

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.

Our Turn to Talk discussion

Join us at Centennial High School on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:00-8:00 pm for a viewing and panel discussion of *Our Turn To Talk*, a film that features teens sharing the impact of social media, sexual identity, gender identity, racism, and the pandemic on their mental health. The film is sponsored by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Howard County, the Howard County Public School System, Horizon Foundation, One Voice, Active Minds, and the Howard County Health Department. Families and staff may access the [trailer](#) and [registration form](#) for more information.

The event will feature the following panelists:

- Jennifer Marshall (Executive Producer, Principle Pictures)
- Peace Williams (WLHS student, Active Minds member)
- Stephanie Reid (Youth and Family Support Services, [Howard County Health Department](#))
- Ivan Croft (Instructional Facilitator for Psychological Services, [Howard County Public School System](#))
- Oliver Song (President, Howard County Association of Student Councils)

2023-2024 Bus Service–

FAMILIES WHO NEED TRANSPORTATION FOR NEXT YEAR MUST DO THIS

Families Must Register by June 1 for 2023-2024 Bus Service

[Español](#) | [中文](#) | [한국어](#)

Per [Board of Education Policy 5200 Student Transportation](#), families whose students are eligible for bus transportation are required to register through HCPSS Connect Synergy to receive bus service for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. This new registration process will take place annually to help the HCPSS Office of Student Transportation plan for more accurate student ridership and to make routes more efficient. **Registration for 2023-2024 bus service is open now through June 1.**

Please note, families who reside in non-transportation areas are not eligible for bus transportation and do not need to take any action. Find the new [non-transportation areas](#) for your school online. Additionally, students who receive transportation as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan do not need to register.

[Register Now](#)

Families who need assistance with the registration process should reach out to their child's school.

Bus routes for the 2023-2024 school year, along with specific school start times, will be finalized in August, prior to the start of school. [More information](#) is available online.

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>

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.

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](#). We hope to see you there!

9:00am-1:00pm is VIRTUAL

[15 virtual sessions](#) to select from

Register for up to four sessions

Target audience - high school students, educators, parents, and community members

1:00pm-5:00pm is IN-PERSON

Join us at the Homewood Center for [in-person activities!](#)

10914 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City 21042

ALL are welcome to join us for the children and YA book talk sessions, Pride Outside session, Exhibition Hall, and outdoor activities.

Also featured will be "Prom wear Pop-Up" where high school students attending prom can take home party clothing, free of charge.

Target audience - The afternoon sessions and activities have a strong family focus.

Registration Information

Thanks to the It Gets Better Project 50States50Grants for funding this event! This conference is a FREE HCPSS event.

Participants must register to attend.

Register [HERE](#).

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 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

Knightly Newsletters

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