

KNIGHTLY NEWS

12-16-2022

12/21: Knight Time - Club Day

12/26 - 1/02: Winter Break

1/05: MHHS Rising 8th Parent Information Night and Elective Fair, 6-8:30PM

1/10: Music Booster Meeting, 6:30PM

1/11: Knight Time- School Store

1/11: PTA Meeting, 7PM

1/13: Spelling Bee during Homeroom

1/16: No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/18: 3hr. Early Dismissal, 11:50AM - Professional Work Day

1/19: Patapsco Middle School (rising 6th grade) Orientation, 6-7PM

1/20: End of 2nd Quarter

1/23: No School - Professional Work Day

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

Dear Patapsco families:

I would like to highlight the amazing Book Fair: Family, Food, and Fun night last evening. The event was so much fun and the performances from our General Music students...WOW- were incredible!

Thank you to Ms. Snyder, Ms. Murach, Ms. Shurtleff, as well as the Family Engagement Committee for organizing an amazing book fair for students and families. Thank you for Ms. Megan Mason and Elizabeth Stublieski for providing face painting to our students and their siblings. Your designs were so great to see! Thank you to Ms. Shum and her music classes for two awesome performances. It was great to see so many talented musicians and the community enjoyed listening while enjoying their dinner. Thank you to HCC, HC Library and HC Park and Recs for sharing valuable information on the amazing programs Howard County has to offer families. Thank you to our PTA and parent volunteers for assisting, volunteering, and also organizing the delicious food. The wonderful partnerships between staff, families, students, and community show our #OnePatapsco pride.

Patapsco wants to thank all the families that came out to support our Family Fun Night!

We will not send an entire edition of the Knightly News next week; therefore, I want to wish you and your family a safe and relaxing winter break. Happy Holidays...we are looking forward to a bright new year!

Mike Babe
Principal



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

Students of the Month for November

Congratulations to the following Knights who have been nominated by our staff to be the November Students of the Month. They have exhibited being **Resilient, Responsible, and/or Respectful!**

6th	7th	8th
Adebayo E.	Adithi A.	Ahana R.
Akshara V.	Aziz K.	Ayush D.
Edward R.-B.	Kushal D.	Henry C.
James R. Jr	Nathan K.	Lily D.
Juliana M.	Nicholas W.	Mason C.
Kambria B.	Nico S.	Tia J.
Mmasinachi U.	Saamiah S.	Vanessa D. G.
Nysir B.	Xueer C.	
Rebecca K.		
Rena D.		
Shreya S.		
Sri A.		
Wilson F.		

2023-2024 High School Course Registration Open Dec. 19 through Jan. 17

Beginning Monday, Dec. 19, current 8-11th grade students may view their teachers' course recommendations and submit course placement requests for the 2023-2024 school year. Course requests and alternates should be submitted by Jan. 17, 2023. Parents/guardians will be able to view course recommendations but cannot submit course requests. [Full details](#) are available online.

Let's Celebrate: Maryland Music Educators Association All-State Junior Chorus Ensemble

Congratulations to Patapsco Vocal Music singers Eden Brewer (8th) & Varshini Padmanaban (7th) for being selected to the Maryland Music Educators Association All-State Junior Chorus Ensemble! Eden & Varshini will be representing PMS as 2 of the best singers from across the whole state of Maryland in the 7th - 9th grades. This is a great honor for our students and we are so excited to have them represent our community in this state wide honor! Thank you, Mr. Rainbow for your direction and support.

Patapsco Middle School (rising 6th grade) Orientation 1-19-2023

January 19th at 6:00pm- **Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation:** On this night we welcome our rising 6th grade parents to attend our Orientation to learn about middle school, the 6th grade schedule, and answer any questions about the transition to middle school. Our orientation will be in the cafeteria of Patapsco Middle School.

[Here is information](#) and we look forward to seeing you on the 19th at 6:00 PM at Patapsco Middle School.

We look forward to seeing our Knight families!

**CLEANING OUT AFTER THE HOLIDAYS?
Clothing to Cash- easy donation!**

Please donate to our Clothing to Cash fundraising program! [Clothing to Cash](#) is a textile recycling program that donates money to the school for every pound of donated items. Look for the white donation bin in the parking lot. Clothing to Cash will accept items in ALL conditions: new with tags, or torn, stained, worn-out knees, shoes with holes or only one shoe, backpacks, old sheets, towels, blankets, stuffed animals and more. What a great way to help the school and clean out your closets! All donations must be bagged and put in the collection bin.

Black History Month Essay Competition - “Champions of Courage”

Entries are open for the 36th Annual “Champions of Courage” Black History Month Essay Competition, presented by WBFF Baltimore FOX 45. The competition is open to all Maryland students grades 6 through 12. “Champions of Courage” is a showcase for students to salute their personal heroes...positive role models who have demonstrated the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspiring them to dream and achieve. Students can enter by writing a brief essay saluting their “Champion of Courage”. Fifteen (15) essays will be selected, and student winners will present their essays on FOX 45, The CW Baltimore, and My TV Baltimore during January and February 2023. Each essayist will receive a \$100 prize. Please review [this linked document](#) for more detailed information and how to apply!

Lost and Found

Please remind your student to look for their lost items (jackets,lunch boxes, water bottles, clothing, etc). Lost and Found is located outside of the Media Center. Please emphasize to your student that it is their responsibility to keep track of their belongings, and to check the Lost and Found if they are missing something.

All items will be donated at the end of the school day on Friday, December 23.

Reminder

In order to ensure the safety of all students and staff, all visitors must press the buzzer located on either set of main doors to gain entry to our building. When we greet you, please provide us with your name and the reason for your visit. We will buzz you in and direct you to report to the main office.

Please remember to bring in a valid form of identification (e.g. Drivers License) if you are picking up one of our students. It's also a good idea to double check your Emergency

Procedure information to ensure the list of individuals authorized to pick up your student during the school day is up to date.

Note from the Health Room

As flu/cold season has begun, this is a reminder that good hand washing and covering sneezes and coughs with tissues and sleeves are essential steps to preventing the spread of "germs." Also, remember that despite concerns about school attendance, your children's health (and the health of other children/staff) is most important of all. For this reason, we ask you to please:

- Call the health room (410-313-2574) to let us know if your child is absent with a contagious illness such as Covid, strep throat, or the flu etc. Please provide any documentation from your physician about diagnosis and release to return to school. (Ear and sinus infections, while often a reason for keeping a child home, are usually not contagious.)
- Keep your child home if he/she has a fever of over 100.0. A fever indicates that your child has an infection that could be passed to other students. If you give your child Motrin or Tylenol, the fever will, of course, disappear but he/she will still be contagious to others. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school!

Thank you very much for helping keep all our students and staff safe and healthy!

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale for \$25. Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school. To order online, please visit: www.jostensyearbooks.com

Student Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Dismissal

[Click link for information](#)

Weather/Recess

Please be sure that your student comes to school with appropriate outerwear and head coverings, as students will wait outside until the 8:00 entrance bell rings, and outdoor recess will be held until the temperature combined with the wind chill is less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

We will go outside as much as we can so please make sure your student is prepared for

all types of weather. [Weather/Recess guidelines](#)

From the Health Room

[2022-2023 Health & Safety – HCPSS](#)

Anyone that tests positive on an at home rapid should complete this form for the Maryland Department of health

[Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal / Portal de Maryland para Reportar Un Resultado Positivo de Una Prueba Casera del COVID | Maryland OneStop \(md.gov\)](#)

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/>

