

KNIGHTLY NEWS

12-22-2021

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/22:** School Store
- 12/22:** Chipotle Night for Music Boosters
- 12/23 -12/31:** Schools Closed - Winter Break
- 1/06:** 8th Grade Family Information Night, 6PM- Virtual (MHHS)
- 1/07:** Spelling Bee (no visitors)
- 1/12:** School Store
- 1/12:** Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation
- 1/17:** School Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/18:** Vision and Hearing Screening
- 1/19:** 3 hr. Early Dismissal, 11:50AM
- 1/20:** Music Boosters Meeting, 7PM
- 1:21:** End of 2nd quarter
- 1/23:** School Store
- 1/24:** School Closed for students
- 1/26:** PTA meeting, 7PM
- 1/31:** Report Cards posted

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:

As we approach winter break and the holiday season, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of our Patapsco Middle School commUNITY. We have amazing students, staff, families, and community members. Our school is a home away from home for me personally, and I want to thank you for sending us your best each and every day!

The past two weeks have been full of our #OnePatapsco spirit with the wonderful band, orchestra and chorus concerts. It was AMAZING to see our students perform again.

I also want to say a huge thank you to our parents and PTA for providing the delicious treats on Monday that our staff enjoyed. Your support and commitment to Patapsco is wonderful.

We look forward to meeting with all of our students in the New Year where we will promote the theme of New Year- New Beginning. We will highlight expectations, re-norm as a school, and also lift-up our 3 R's, which are **Resilient, Responsible, and Respectful**.

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!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Mike Babe
Proud Principal of Patapsco Middle



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

PTA SPIRITWEAR

Spiritwear was delivered in homeroom on Tuesday. Check with your student if they received their order.


Restaurant Night TONIGHT at Chipotle for Patapsco Music Booster

Enjoy a break from the busy holiday season by picking up a delicious meal from Chipotle!

- Wednesday, December 22
- 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 9120 Baltimore National Pike
- Ellicott City, MD 21042 (In the Sprouts shopping center)
- **Please let Chipotle know that you are supporting the Patapsco Music Booster and 33% of the sales will go toward the fundraiser.**
- If you are ordering through Chipotle's website, please input code **VFH8EWX**

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CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
PATAPSCO MUSIC BOOSTER
33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND | 4-8PM
9120 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE LOT A-1, ELLICOTT
CITY, MD, 21042

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **VFH8EWX**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

FROM THE PTA

Hi Patapsco Families!

Thank you so much for your support of the Student Recognition Committee this year!

With initiatives such as Sir Prize Dollars, Student of the Month, and Positive Office Referrals the student recognition committee is always trying to find new ways to recognize our amazing

students. This year, they are trying something new and are offering monthly raffles of Sir Prize Dollars, with various prizes. Students have been so enthusiastic about the raffles, and one prize that has been a hit has been \$5 gift cards to local fast-food restaurants.

They are currently running low on gift cards, and are looking for donations of \$5 gift cards to places like Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, or Starbucks. Any and all donations are appreciated, and can be accepted in the front office at the school. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Patapsco PTA

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! All volunteers must [complete the following forms and register with Pin Point](#) 5 days before volunteering. If you have any questions you can contact Melissa Singleton at mschnaar@hotmail.com Please sign up here: www.signupgenius.com

8th Grade Family Information Night - VIRTUAL

[Click here for more information](#)

Social Media for parents

We know that social media is a large trend for youth and many times parents are wondering how to engage in conversations with their children regarding social media. Winter break is a perfect time to unplug and engage in many conversations with your child for a variety of topics: how is school, how are you feeling, who is making you smile, social media, what are they into, shows, movies, etc. We encourage each parent to have a conversation with their child regarding social media and we wanted to provide some resources for you:

[Teaching Kids to Be Smart about Social Media](#)

[What Parents Need to Know about Social Media for Kids](#)

[Five Healthy social media habits every teen should know](#)

Patapsco Middle School (rising 6th grade) Orientation

January 12th at 6:30pm- 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. We will share more information in the New Year but we want everyone to SAVE-THE-DATE.

Spelling Bee

We look forward to the Spelling Bee every year! The purpose of the bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. It is a fun competition!

As in the past, classroom spelling bees were held in Patapsco's English Language Arts classes over the last month. One winner from each classroom bee has been chosen to participate in our schoolwide spelling bee on January 7th, 2022. The winner of our Patapsco School Spelling bee will move on to participate in the Howard County Spelling Bee. Parents and visitors are not allowed to be at Patapsco during the spelling bee this year.

Location: Oakland Mills High School

Date & Time: March 18th, 2022

The winner of the Howard County Library System Spelling Bee will advance to the National Spelling Bee!

Mount Hebron Dance Placement Auditions- UPDATE!

The MTH dance auditions will now be virtual, meaning that incoming 9th grade students and current MTH students who are not in the dance program will audition via **video submission**. All videos must be submitted by **Friday, January 7th**.

Please visit hebrondance.com and click on the "Audition" page for more information. Contact jennifer_dipietro@hcpss.org with any questions.

Technology Support Center Update

The [HCPSS Technology Support Centers](#) are regularly scheduled to be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please note the hours of operation for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year.

- Wednesday, December 22: Open from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Friday, December 24: CLOSED
- Monday, December 27: CLOSED
- Wednesday, December 29: CLOSED
- Friday, December 31: CLOSED

The Technology Support Centers will resume regular operations beginning Monday, January 3, 2022.

Students and staff may visit Technology Support Centers when they are open at:

- Old Bushy Park Elementary School, Room E2 (door to the left of the front entrance), 2690 Route 97, Glenwood (Building is between Glenwood Middle School and Bushy Park Elementary School)
- Old Cedar Lane Gymnasium (follow signs to door around left side of building), 5451 Beaverkill Road, Columbia.

BSAP Saturday Math Academy Virtual Spring 2022 Session

The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Saturday Math Academy (SMA) Spring Registration is approaching! The virtual enrichment program will be offered for Howard County Public School System students in all levels of Mathematics (pending course availability) for Grades 3-12. Online registration will take place via [HCPSS Connect](#) on Saturday, January 8, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - until capacity is reached. Class space is limited.

- [BSAP SMA Spring 2022 Flyer \(English\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Spring 2022 Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
- [HCPSS Connect Instructions](#)

Patapsco Middle Hearing and Vision Clinic – January 18

The Howard County Health Department and HCPSS School Health Services support your student's academic success by providing vision and hearing screenings. On Tuesday, January 18th, the Howard County Health Department will be at PMS to conduct a vision and hearing

clinic for all 8th grade students and any 6th or 7th grade student new to the state of Maryland. Please see the attached [Vision and Hearing Screening flyer](#) for additional details. The re-screening date is scheduled for Thursday, January 27th.

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.

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 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.

COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check

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

Quarantining Procedures

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Knighly 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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.