

- 2/27:** Band Assessment & Adjudication @ Howard HS (Wind Ensemble - 5:30PM)
3/01: Band Assessment & Adjudication @ Howard HS (Concert Band - 5:25PM)
3/06: Spring Picture Day
3/06: MISA Testing (8th graders in Science Classes)
3/07: MISA Testing (8th graders in Science Classes)
3/07: Orchestra Assessment & Adjudication @ Reservoir HS
Chamber Orchestra - 2:10PM, String Orchestra - 4:00PM, String Ensemble - 5:00PM
3/09: MISA Testing (8th graders in Science Classes)
3/10: MISA Testing (8th graders in Science Classes)
3/15: 3 Hour Early Dismissal
3/28: Chorus Assessment & Adjudication @ River Hill HS
6th Treble Choir - 11:10AM, Concert Choir - 12:10PM, Select Treble - 2:55PM
3/20: 6th Grade Conservancy Field Trip
3/31: 3 Hour Early Dismissal
3/31: #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging

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!*

SAVE THE DATE: Patapsco Wellness Evening (a student and family event) April 27, 2023

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

Dear Patapsco Middle community,

During its Feb. 23 meeting, the Howard County Board of Education adjusted the start times of schools for the 2023-2024 school year. There is no impact to the current school year. All changes will take effect in August.

The exact start time for each school will be determined this spring and shared with the community as transportation routes are finalized. However, Patapsco Middle is part of Tier II, which means our school start time will be approximately 8:40 AM next school year. If your child will attend a different school next year, the [start times for all schools](#) can be found on the HCPSS website.

I want to reiterate the words that HCPSS Superintendent Dr. Michael Martirano shared: "finalizing and fully implementing this plan will be a months-long process." Much more information will be provided to students, staff and families from HCPSS and our school

throughout that process.

I encourage you to read more about the [process to evaluate school start times](#) on the HCPSS website. I know you may have questions; however, please note that there are many impacted pieces as a result of this decision and all details will not be available right away. We are working with HCPSS central office staff on the logistics related to the implementation, and additional information will be provided to you as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued care and support of our students.

Sincerely,

Mike Babe

Principal

Spring Picture Day is Coming!

It is time to order that perfect spring picture of your student. Lifetouch will be at Patapsco on next **Monday, March 6, 2023** to take your child's portrait. Packages can be ordered [online](#). Flyers went home on Friday February 17th.

Picture Day ID: **EVTCJWN3G**
See [flyer](#) for more information

8th Grade MISA Testing

All 8th grade students will be taking the MISA (The Maryland Integrated Science Assessment) on March 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th. Students will be testing in their science class. It is important that every effort is made for students to be present and on time on those days. Also make sure they arrive with their fully charged Chromebook on those days. Please reach out to Mrs. Dinicola with any questions.

Patapsco Spirit Wear Store-

Link to School Spirit Wear Store: 1stplace.sale/43932

PATAPSCO SPIRIT WEAR STORE



#OnePatapsco Day of Belonging

We are excited about returning this year's #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging (previously known as Culture Day)! We look forward to students sharing about their heritage, countries, cultures, and/or traditions and celebrating the rich diversity of our community. #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging will take place during the school day on 3/31 from 8:15 - 11:50 am. If your student is interested in presenting, fill out the form linked below. Please reach out to Ms. Kelly (grace_kelly@hcpss.org) with any questions.

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

PTA

- Patapsco Middle School will be hosting a "Spring into Wellness" night for our community on Thursday evening, April 27th. This event will be supported by the PTA, through membership donations and grants funded by the Horizon Foundation. We are looking to provide fun and engaging activities and resources for our community in support of **mental, emotional, and physical health**. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please reach out to patapscopta@gmail.com.
- Please consider donating low dollar gift cards (\$5 max) to local places where kids would be interested in going (Rita's, Starbucks, Dunkin, McDonalds, etc). You may send them directly into the school – please include your name for tracking purposes. These will be used for Sir Prize dollar "raffles" – incentives for the kids for positive behavior!
- Next PTA Meeting is on March 8th. We will be discussing our Spring into Wellness Night as well as upcoming elections that must happen during our last meeting of the year in May. **We need candidates for President – our PTA cannot continue next year without a President and the current one is at term limits**. If you are interested in serving on the PTA board for next year in any capacity, please reach out to patapscopta@gmail.com or come to the meeting!

Heart and Sole ♥👟

Heart and Sole helps girls (this includes any female-identifying and non-binary young people) unleash their potential by focusing on five key things: body, brain, heart, spirit, and connection. Heart and Sole is the 6th-8th grade Girls on the Run program. Coaches inspire girls to value what makes them unique, and together, participants uncover confidence and understand the importance of physical and emotional health. Girls work on setting goals geared toward physical and emotional health, and actualize those goals through exercise, discussion, and connection.

The spring program runs from Monday, March 20th (first practice) to Monday, June 5th (end-of-year celebration). Each season ends with a noncompetitive 5K (Saturday, June 3) where girls celebrate who they are, how far they have come, and where they want to go. The program will run after school on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:50 pm - 4:15 pm.

Participants must register through Girls on the Run of Central Maryland and can do so using the following link, once registration opens on Sunday, February 19th - [Heart & Sole Registration](#)

If you have questions/concerns about the program, registration process/fees (financial assistance is available!!), or anything else, please contact the intramural sponsor, **Ms. Grace Kelly** grace_kelly@hcpss.org

Green Team- help us become a GREEN SCHOOL

1. Beautification Boxes

We're **moving forward** with the design and building of our garden/beautification boxes to help beautify our portable classrooms. We'll fill our garden boxes with beautiful native flowers of Maryland.

So, how can you help? By bringing clothing and shoes that you'd like to donate to our *Clothing for Cash* recycling center.

Let's *beat our 500 lbs of clothing collected in January*. It's our mission to collect as many bags of unwanted clothing, shoes, towels, textiles, etc. as possible since we earn money for every pound donated!!

2. Energy Tips - Are you ready for spring? How about these energy-saving tips from the government:



"The Essence of Us" Workshop Series

The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County and the HCPSS Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have [partnered to present](#) "The Essence of Us: Chronicling the African American Experience," a workshop series geared toward middle and high school students that will provide a better understanding of African American history and how it is written. Workshops will be held both virtually and in-person. Participants will receive an email with details upon [registering online](#). Virtual and in-person Workshops will take place on Saturdays (March 11, April 15 and May 13) from 10-11:00 a.m.

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/>

