

KNIGHTLY NEWS

1-21-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1:21: End of 2nd quarter
- 1/23: School Store
- 1/24: School Closed for students: Professional Work Day
- 1/26: PTA meeting, 7PM (virtual)
- 1/31: Report Cards posted
- 2/1: School Closed for students: Professional Work Day
- 2/9: School Store
- 2/16: 3 hr. Early Dismissal, 11:50AM and Club Day
- 2/21: School Closed - Presidents' Day
- 2/23: School Store

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



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

LOST AND FOUND

We have an assortment of items in our Lost and Found—coats, lunch boxes, water bottles, umbrellas, etc. If your child has lost something, please ask them to check the Lost and Found outside of the Media Center. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of January.

Arriving on Time to School

We want to stress the importance of successfully starting the school day by being on time. There has been a recent increase in unexcused tardiness in the morning. Doors open to Patapsco Middle at 8:00AM and homeroom begins at 8:05AM. Students who arrive after 8:05AM are considered tardy and must sign in late with the main office. Parents can either walk in with the student or send a written note or email to pmsabsence@hcpss.org. Starting second semester, students who have 3 tardies or more in a quarter will see their counselor to problem solve the reasons they are coming in late. The 4th tardy the student will be directed to administration to receive a consequence for tardiness. Our hope is that all students can arrive at school on time, ready to learn. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

Leaders Wanted: Knights of the Round Table Cadre

Hello Everyone!

Just a reminder that Patapsco Middle School needs voices like yours to make our school a better place! If you are interested in joining our leadership cadre, Knights of the Round Table, please complete the Google Form Application found below. Submissions require either a paragraph or audio response to a question so make sure to read all parts of the form before submitting. Interested leaders have until January 28th to complete and submit their applications. We can't wait to work with you.

<https://forms.gle/C7WssqkjepQ4WJs7>

Patapsco PTA President is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

We will be having our January 26th meeting VIRTUALLY ONLY on Zoom at 7pm. Details for the call below. We will be discussing some budget updates and other committee activities.

Topic: January General Membership Meeting

Time: Jan 26, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time

For safety and security purposes, if you would like the zoom code, please email patapscoPTA@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are back on! After a year without books, the Yearbook Team will be looking forward to helping us remember this year back in school! Books will be distributed the last week of school, but can be purchased NOW (through March)! To order online, please visit:

www.jostensyearbooks.com

If you need to order by cash or check, please email kalina_salsman@hcpss.org for an order form.

Innovative Pathways Summer School Program UPDATE-

Synergy will accept enrollment requests from February through June starting the 1st of each month at 6 p.m. and will close the 15th of each month at 6 p.m. For programs and courses that are not full, enrollment requests may be made each month through June.

- The first enrollment request window will open February 1, 2022 and is limited to current HCPSS students only.
- February enrollment requests for Innovative Pathways High School are limited to mathematics and science course requests only. All high school courses will be open for enrollment on March 1, 2022.

For more information please visit the HCPSS Summer Programs website-

<https://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/> or view/download the [Summer Programs Flier](#)

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

When emailing the school regarding your child's absence due to a positive Covid-19 test result, or close contact to a positive case, please provide the following information.

Positive Test

- Date tested
- Date the symptoms began (if any)
- Vaccination status

Close Contact to a Positive Individual

- Date of exposure (if close contact)
- If your child is a household close contact - can the positive family member be completely isolated from the child.
- Has your child had a confirmed positive Covid-19 test within the last 90 days.

Please contact the health room if you are being tested or have a household member or if you are a close contact of someone who tested positive.

megan_blouse@hcpss.org

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

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Instructional Supports for Students in Quarantine

Students who must quarantine have several [opportunities to continue learning and receive supports](#), which will help them easily transition back to instruction once they return to school. At Patapsco Middle, teachers will post their virtual check-in days and times on their Canvas pages.

In addition, if you would like to request evening school tutoring, please contact your child's teacher or lindsey_miles@hcpss.org.

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.