

KNIGHTLY NEWS

1-28-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/31: Report Cards posted

2/1: School Closed for students: Professional Work Day

2/9: School Store

2/16: 3 hr. Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM and Club Day

2/17: Music Boosters, 7PM (virtual)

2/23: School Store

2:23: Spirit Day - Wear Your Patapsco Gear or Grade's Color (6- silver/gray, 7-white, 8-blue)

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!*

Evacuation Drill

We want to make you aware that Patapsco Middle School engaged in an evacuation drill today.

These drills are one of the safety measures that all HCPSS schools conduct periodically throughout the year as part of our [Emergency Response Plans](#) and are good practice for students and staff to review. All drills are announced to the students before beginning so they are aware that it is a drill.

An evacuation is a procedure that we would use in any number of scenarios, but in general, it involves our students and staff exiting the building as quickly as possible and assembling at predetermined areas. We encourage you to ask your student about the drill and let us know if they have any questions or concerns. You can also find detailed information about what occurs

during protective actions taken during emergencies a www.hcpss.org/safety/.

Our goal each and every day is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff at Patapsco and we hope these measures have a positive impact on our community as well.

Vaccine Clinic

5–11-year-old Clinic Dose of Pfizer

Saturday Jan. 29th from 10-4 at the Florence Bain Center (5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD 21044)

Registration preferred, link below. Will also accept walk-ins.

First or second doses. Links below for Saturday 1/29:

1st Dose on 1/29: <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/howardcokids1>

2nd Dose on 1/29: <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/howardcokids2>

QUARTER 2 Report Cards

Quarter 2 Report Cards will be available to view on Monday, January 31 after 5:00 p.m. Printed copies are not being issued. Parents can view their child's report card through [HCPSS Connect](#).

Quarter 3 classes start on Tuesday, February 25. Please log in to [HCPSS Connect](#) to view your child's new Quarter 3 schedule.

Council of Elders Academic Celebration

We had the pleasure of recognizing Patapsco Middle students at a Virtual Council of Elders Academic Celebration. Each year the Howard County Council of Elders in collaboration with the HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program honors and recognizes students of African and African-American heritage throughout the county for their academic excellence. We could not be prouder of each and every student honored. Thank you to the students and families who attended this amazing event.

Shiloh A.	Adaure E.	Jason N.
Ayooluwa A.	Nadia G.	Michelle N.
William A.	Robell G.	Jadea O.

Fimidara A.	Jack G.	Khaleelat O.
Tooni A.	Erica H.	Elizabeth O.
Henry A.	Liya H.	Fathiu O.
Abigail B.	Saged I.A.F.	Jaelyn P.
Chloe B.	Ifemidayo I.	Dana P.
Elijah B.	Lauryn L.	Kai P.
Ali B.	Lila M.	Sanai R.
Allee B.	Ahmad M.	Giselle S.
Jordan D.	Savannah M.	Jaz S.
AJ E.	Tani M.	Tyson S.
Nicholas E.	Elias N.	Raquel W.
Nneka E.		

Course Registration Info

Attention current 6th and 7th grade parents!

Course registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be available online during the window of **February 8, 2022 - February 22, 2022**. Please [click here for more information](#)

2022 Summer Programs Preview: The 2022 Summer Programs Preview, which contains descriptions of HCPSS' four summer programs and enrollment information, is available to view and download from the [Summer Programs web page](#).

Summer Program Offerings:

- Innovative Pathways High School (Entering Grade 9, Current Grades 9–12)
- BSAP Summer Institute (Grades K–9)
- Gifted and Talented (G/T) Summer Institutes for Talent Development (Grades 1–8)
- STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Camp (Grades 7–8)

Full Program Descriptions available at the [Summer Programs Webpage](#).

Enrollment request dates:

The Synergy Parent Portal will accept enrollment requests from February through June starting the 1st of each month at 6 p.m. and will remain open for two weeks each month. For programs and courses that are not full, enrollment requests may continue to 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 courses will be open for enrollment on March 1, 2022.

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**.

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.

From the Health Room

If you have not provided the health room with records of your child's COVID vaccines please send a copy to the health room. If your child has received a booster please also forward that information. Fax number 410-313-1741 or email Megan_Blouse@hcpss.org.

Students who will be entering 7th grade next year are required to have the MCV4 and Tdap vaccines prior to the first day of school. Any student that does not have the required vaccines will be excluded from school on the first day. Please provide the health room with your child's

updated records. If your child has not had these vaccines please contact your health care provider to schedule an appointment.

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 megan_blouse@hcpss.org if you are being tested or have a household member or if you are a close contact of someone who tested positive.

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

Quarantining Procedures

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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.