

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

# 6-10-2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**6/14:** 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony & Celebration at Mount Hebron High

**6/15:** 3 hour Early Dismissal, 11:50AM, Knight Time & School Store

**6/16:** 3 hour Early Dismissal, 11:50AM

**6/17:** 3 hour Early Dismissal, 11:50AM **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

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!*

## Newsletters

All parents/guardians are in our system to receive HCPSS and school emails/text messages. HCPSS systems will update in early August, at which point parents will automatically receive communication from your child's 2022-2023 school. Prior to that rollover, you will continue to receive communication from your child's 2021-2022 school. Please do not attempt to create a new account with your child's 2022-2023 school. Additionally, unsubscribing from any HCPSS or school messages will block you from receiving all messages from the district and your child's school. Please do not unsubscribe!

## Reminder

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.

## Students of the Month for May

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

6th	7th	8th
Asher V. P.	Adhya C.	Aryan U.
Ashley G. J.	Aliona C.	Brody D.
Carlos G. V.	Colette F.	Caleb G.
Chloe B.	Farah S.	Destiny A.
Colby K.		Elisabeth M.
Feyisayo O.		Grace E.
Gitika P.		Ian T.
Jen C. S.		Linda S.
Kyle K.		Nisa C.
Mykenzie H.		Theeksha M.
Nolan M.		
Sanjana M.		
Sarah L.		
Sreehith P.		

## 2022-23 Scheduled Courses

On June 9th, [HCPSS Connect](#) will display your child's 2022-2023 scheduled courses. This will not be your child's schedule with class periods and teachers, but it will be confirmation of your child's courses. Please be sure to review this carefully, and reach out to us if you have any questions. It is difficult to change courses once school begins in the fall, and if there are errors we would like to correct them as soon as possible. Thank you for your attention and support in this matter!

Mt. Hebron's spirit wear committee will have their store open the **morning of 8th grade graduation starting at 8:45 AM** and then again that **evening during the sports/clubs orientation at 5:45 PM**. They will be directly outside the auditorium.

## Medication Pick-Up Information

Medication remaining at the end of the school year should be picked up by the parent/guardian prior to/or on Friday, June 17th, the last day of school. Any medication not picked up will be discarded. If you are unable to pick up medication by 11:30 am on June 17th, please contact the Megan Blouse, School Nurse, [megan\\_blouse@hcpss.org](mailto:megan_blouse@hcpss.org) or 410-313-2574 to make alternate arrangements. Thank you!

Blank medication forms for School Year 22-23 are linked below. Medication orders for next school year MUST be dated no earlier than July 1, 2022.

<http://www.hcpss.org/f/aboutus/physician-medication-form.pdf>

<http://www.hcpss.org/f/schools/health/epipenorder-careplan.pdf>

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Sports Orientation on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Mt. Hebron will host an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade sports orientation night on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for all incoming freshmen students and parents that are interested in playing a fall sport next year. We will meet in the auditorium at 6:00 PM. Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents and athletes should plan on attending.

The school will discuss athletic registration, team specific tryout/practice schedules, practice uniforms, rules, regulations, procedures, and guidelines.

We hope to see all future fall athletes and parents in attendance.

Howard County Fall Sports Offerings:

Cheerleading

Boys Cross Country & Girls Cross Country

Girls Field Hockey

Football  
Boys Golf & Girls Golf  
Boys Soccer & Girls Soccer  
Girls Volleyball  
Allied Soccer

## **Salvation Army Food Bank - Fresh Produce Distribution**

### **English**

3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 443-656-3376

Monday, June 27 (July-Oct dates TBD)

Drive-Thru

From 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

Please do NOT arrive before 11:45 am.

### **Spanish**

3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 443-656-3376

Lunes, 27 de junio (Fechas de julio-octubre por determinar)

Drive-Thru

De 12:00 pm a 2:00 pm.

Por favor, NO llegue antes de las 11:45 am.

Productos frescos

## **Concert Clothing Closet Donations**

Do you have Patapsco Music polo shirts, black pants/skirts, or black dress shoes your student has outgrown? If so, consider donating them to the music department for use by students in need next school year. We will gladly accept donations through the last day of school. Thank you!

## **2022-2023 School Supply Lists**

Attention current 6th and 7th grade families! Want to get a jump start on next year? Our school supply list for the 2022-2023 school year has been published. [Click here](#) to check it out!

## **Chromebooks for summer/next year**

Grade Level	Storage Expectations	Notes
Grades 6-8	Students will keep their Chromebook over the summer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will bring their Chromebook to their assigned school at the start of the 2022-2023 school year.</li> <li><b>Students not returning to HCPSS should return their Chromebook to their home school prior to the end of the school year.</b></li> </ul>
Grades 6-8	Students and students who wish to store Chromebook at school over the summer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A parent/guardian must submit a request in writing to the media center <a href="mailto:brandy_murach@hcpss.org">brandy_murach@hcpss.org</a> to store the Chromebook at school over the summer.</li> <li>Students will return their Chromebook to the media center on or before June 17, 2022 for storage.</li> </ul>

## Online Acceleration Courses for Math

HCPSS has developed online acceleration courses in Canvas to help supplement some of the mathematics content that may be missed when a student skips a course(s). Students can log into Canvas and join the acceleration course by visiting the associated link(s). Students should begin with module 1 of the course they are joining. The expectation is for students to complete each of the modules in the appropriate acceleration course before the start of the 2022-23 school year.

- *The **Mathematics 8 acceleration course** is designed for rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who will skip Mathematics 7. The course contains self-paced Mathematics 7 content. Students can join/access this course by visiting: <https://hcpss.instructure.com/enroll/H47PRL>*
- *The **Algebra 1 acceleration course** is designed for rising 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will skip Pre-Algebra GT or Mathematics 8. The course contains self-paced Mathematics 8 content and some Mathematics 7 content. Students can join/access this course by visiting: <https://hcpss.instructure.com/enroll/LY6YCF>*

Additional student and family mathematics course support is available online at the **HCPSS Family Math Support Center (under “Middle School” and “Middle School Course Expectations”)** – <http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com>.

## **Student Technology Incident Invoices**

Soon families who have unpaid invoices for lost, stolen, or damaged Chromebooks will receive reminder emails from MySchoolBucks [do-not-reply@myschoolbucks.com]. Families can pay electronically by logging in to their [MySchoolBucks](#) account or create an account by selecting login and then choosing Sign up today! Originally, families would have also received an email from [hcpss\_notifications@hcpss.org] with additional information concerning the incident. Questions regarding the student technology incident questions can be directed to DeviceDeployment@hcpss.org and invoicing and/or payment procedure questions can be directed to Finance@hcpss.org .

## **8th Grade Promotion Celebration Party**

See how you can help send the 8th graders out in style! We need donations for food/drinks and parents to help set up and decorate the school Hollywood Style! We appreciate any help you can give! [You can sign up here.](#)

## **Free Summer Meals**

HCPSS will continue providing free meals to all HCPSS students and any children aged 18 and under, weekdays from June 27-Aug. 12, with the exception of July 4 and 19. [Full details](#), including site locations, can be found online.

## **Media Center**

All media books need to be returned. Borrowed devices (Chromebooks and Chargers) need to be returned daily by 2:45pm.

## Promoting 8th Grade Parents

Mt. Hebron's spirit wear committee will have their store open the morning of 8th grade ceremony starting at 8:45 AM and then again that evening during the sports/clubs orientation at 5:45 PM. They will be directly outside the auditorium.

## 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Celebration

We will have our 8th grade promotion celebration on June 14th during the school day.  
<https://pms.hcpss.org/news/2022/04/8th-grade-promotion-ceremony-and-celebration>

*Additional tickets are no longer available.*

### **PARKING**

All parents who are attending the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion on June 14 must park in the parking lot that is the far lot (student parking). There will be plenty of space since the seniors have graduated Mount Hebron. Please DO NOT park in the bus loop as the High School has ARL students coming and going during our promotion ceremony time.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

View, download, print or subscribe to the [HCPSS 2021-2022 calendar](#) online. The calendar is subject to change; the online calendar reflects the most recent version. There will be no printed 2021-2022 calendars.

## Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal

Complete this form to report a positive COVID-19 at-home test result to the Maryland Department of Health if you are a Maryland resident.

Please continue to contact the health room [megan\\_blouse@hcpss.org](mailto: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.

<https://onestop.md.gov/forms/maryland-covid-at-home-test-self-report-61dc801b819e860001f1037a>

## Update on COVID-19 Information

### An individual is considered fully vaccinated if...

-They are between the ages of 5 and 11 and have completed a two dose series

-They are 12 years and over and they have completed a two dose series AND have received their booster vaccine when eligible (5 months following the second vaccine)

In the event of a confirmed classroom or cohort outbreak, unvaccinated and not fully vaccinated individuals (meaning that an individual who is eligible for their booster and has not received it) will be required to quarantine per the guidelines from the Howard County Health Department.

For additional information, please visit the [HCPSSS Health & Safety page](#).

### Booster Eligibility

The Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) authorized booster shots of the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines for all individuals age 18 and older (age 12 for Pfizer). Please review the following information:

- If you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you are eligible for any vaccine booster shot, if you are 18 years of age or older, two months following your initial vaccination.
- If you received the Moderna vaccine, you are eligible for the booster shot if you are 18 years of age or older, five months after your final vaccination.
- **If you received the Pfizer vaccine, you are eligible for the booster shot if you are 12 years of age or older, five months after your final vaccination.**

**Note:** Pfizer is the only vaccine approved for adolescents ages 12–17, including booster shots. Adults 18 and older may choose any vaccine booster no matter which original vaccine was received

## From the Health Room



[Students who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year](#)

## **COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check**

[Click on this link for more information](#)

## **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](mailto: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.

## **[Knightly 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](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org).