

KNIGHTLY NEWS

6-3-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6/6: GT Algebra & Geometry Final exam

6/7: 8th Grade Panoramic Picture ****New Date**

6/7: General Music Showcase, 7PM

6/8: 3 hour Early Dismissal, 11:50AM, Club Day

6/9: Rising 9th Grade Visit to High Schools

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

Dear Patapsco families and community:

We are very thankful to all of the parent chaperones who attended the 7th grade field trip. It was a very hot but fantastic day for our students. So many of our students have never attended a zoo before and this positive experience could have not been possible without our parent chaperones. Thank you, Mr. White and the 7th grade team for organizing!

I also want to acknowledge all the hard work for our musicians. Our students had amazing performances at our orchestra, chorus, and band concerts this past week. You can see and hear the incredible talent on our social media pages. Thank you Ms. Haight, Mr. Rainbow, and Mr. Drake for their dedication and direction. We also look forward to our General Music showcase this coming Tuesday...Ms. Shum, Mr. Rainbow, and their students are excited to show their talents!

Finally, I want to acknowledge and celebrate all of the Mount Hebron graduates today...many of our Knights are now onto their next chapters and we could not be more proud! Once a Knight, Always a Knight!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mike Babe
Principal



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

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.

Please Join Us for....

Come rock out at the General Music Showcase on June 7th at 7PM in the Patapsco cafeteria featuring classic tunes such as "Beat It" by Michael Jackson and "Seven Nation Army" by the White Stripes with surprise teacher vocalists. Doors will open at 6:30. Hope to see you there!

HCPSS Pride Week June 6 – 12, 2022!

Visit: bit.ly/HCPSSRainbow to learn more about our HCPSS Pride week activities and to register for one or more of our events. Access this [link](#) for more information about each event.

Monday, June 6th – Rainbow Vision Reception at Busboys and Poets
Poetry slam combined with a meet and greet in this special reception for our middle and high school students who were published in our third volume of Rainbow Vision.
Registration required.

Tuesday, June 7th – Read the Rainbow Virtual Event/Shake Shack Fundraiser
Authors JR and Vanessa Ford will join us for a special reading and discussion of their book, Calvin.

Open to all. Registration required.

Join us at Shake Shack at The Mall in Columbia any time between 12pm - 8pm today and show the flier on our website or mention HCPSS Pride Giveback at the register. Use the code GIVEBACK when ordering online.

Wednesday, June 8th – Family Hikes @ Howard County Conservancy

Join us at either 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 o'clock pm for a family-friendly hike. Registration required and space is limited.

Thursday, June 9th – Main Event Fundraiser

Join us from 6:00-9:00pm at Main Event at The Mall in Columbia for a fundraiser! Be sure to drop your receipt at the HCPSS Pride table before you exit.

Friday, June 10th – Movie Night

Join us for one of two different movies tonight!

The Half of It (PG-13) will be showing at 7pm at Long Reach High School

The Mitchells VS the Machines (PG) will be showing at 7pm at Oakland Mills High School

Popcorn donated by E.C.Pops. Registration required.

On Friday, June 10th, we invite all HCPSS students, staff, and community members to wear rainbows in allyship of the LGBTQ+ Community.

Saturday, June 11th – Centennial Park Clean-Up

Open to middle and high school students and adult volunteers. Earn 3 hours of community service doing one of several service activities with Howard County Recreation and Parks.

Registration and a waiver are required for participation.

Chromebooks for summer/next year

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

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 7th 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 7th/8th 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 Panoramic Picture (important update)

The Panoramic picture has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 7th. Online orders only. After Lifetouch takes the picture, they will upload the photo for you to see and purchase the photo. Here is the link which allows you to purchase the photo <https://events.lifetouch.com/tempHomepage.aspx?EventID=181495> The price is \$17 plus shipping.

Parents that paid online for the postponed picture day on May 18th may call Customer Service: 1-800-736-4753 if you would like a refund. If you sent the payment envelope with your student, please ask your student for the envelope back.

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

Attention promoting 8th grade parents (rising 9th grade families)- Mt. Hebron Viking Backers are selling Class of 2026 Mt. Hebron t-shirts for \$15. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Dana Arthurs at spiritwear@vikingbackers.org. Shirts will also be on sale at the promotion ceremony at Mount Hebron on June 14.

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>

PARKING

All parents who are attending the 8th 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 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 7th 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 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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org.