

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

6-10-24

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**6/10:** Locker Clean Out; Yearbook Distribution

**6/12:** 3-hour Early Dismissal; 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony @Mt.Hebron HS 2pm; 8th Grade Celebration sponsored by the PTA 6pm @Patapso MS

**6/13:** 3-hour Early Dismissal

**6/14:** 3-hour Early Dismissal; Last Day of School

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

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[Patapsco Middle School Website](#)

## Important Phone Numbers

School Office: 410-313-2848

Student Services: 410-313-2850

Health Room: 410-313-2574

## 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00pm in the Mt. Hebron High School auditorium. This is a ticketed event and families are responsible for transporting students to this event. Each family will receive 2 tickets. If you require more tickets, please email Ms. Salsman at [kalina\\_salsman@hcpss.org](mailto:kalina_salsman@hcpss.org). Parents/guardians of 8th grade students please refer to the newsletter that contains pertinent information about the end-of-year events for our 8th grade students. We look forward to celebrating all of the 8th graders as we prepare to send this amazing group of students to high school.

## Yearbook Distribution

Students who purchased yearbooks will receive them on June 10th. There are a few yearbooks available for sale on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Ms. Salsman at [kalina\\_salsman@hcpss.org](mailto:kalina_salsman@hcpss.org) to request a yearbook. Yearbooks cost \$25 and can be purchased with cash or check (payable to Patapsco Middle School).

## News

### 8th Grade Celebrations - Possible Cancellation

Once again, we **REALLY** need chaperones for the 8th grade dance and lawn games for field day. If we don't get enough parent support, we will have to cancel these fun activities. The PTA is funding the majority of this event including music, a photo booth, snacks, and decorations. We still need donations and more importantly, chaperones and set-up/clean-up help to make it possible. Food can be dropped off at school anytime on Wednesday, June 12, labeled "8th Grade." Thank you! Sign up online.

**Dance Assistance** - <https://bit.ly/3yqk4FA>

**Yard Games** - <https://bit.ly/4bGxsUI>

### **School Supply Kits**

Patapsco Families, it's time to order your 1st Day School Supplies. We've worked hard with our teachers to give you the exact supplies needed and make your lives easier. Please take advantage of this great program!

Order Here --> <http://1stday.sale/47384K>

### **MHHS Band Marching Unit try-outs**

Please see the attached [flier](#) for more information if you are a rising 9th grader.

### **Student Service Learning 8th Grade Project Completion!**

The state of Maryland requires that 75 hours of Student Service Learning (SSL) be completed, as a requirement to obtain a high school diploma. This year, 25 service learning hours are being offered to our 8th grade students through science Social Studies. SSL hours are awarded by participation in meeting course objectives, by completing the course work of Learning for Justice: Anti-Bias Unit. Please check Canvas to ensure that your student has completed these activities. If you have questions, contact Sherri Ross ([sherri\\_ross@hcpss.org](mailto:sherri_ross@hcpss.org))

### **School Supply List 2024/2025**

Please click [here](#) for the list of school supplies needed for next school year.

### **Wellness Workshop and Supports Summer Series**

In partnership with Backpack Healthcare and Congruent Counseling/Integrative Counseling, HCPSS presents a spring/summer series of "Wellness Workshops and Support for Parents". All HCPSS parents are invited to attend any or all of these free, virtual evening workshops. Sessions are from 6-7 p.m. on a variety of dates. [Wellness Workshops and Supports for Parents Flier](#)

### **From the Health Room - Medication Pick-up**

If your student has medication at school, it will need to be picked up by the end of the school year by a parent/guardian. Health Room staff will be available during school hours (8:30am to 3:45pm) for medication pick up (except on June 5th, 12th and 14<sup>th</sup> which will close at 12:00 Noon)

Any medication that is not picked up by 1pm on June 14th will be destroyed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the health room at 410-313-2574.

Medication order forms for the 2024-25 school year have been sent home via email already. Please remember they need to be completed after July 1st each year. Below is the link for HCPSS medication information at school and links for the forms if needed.

<https://www.hcpss.org/health/medications/>

### **Attention 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents!**

Please remember that your student's **Tdap and MCV4 immunizations** are due before the first day of school, 8/28/24. If you have any questions, please call the Health Room at 410-313-2574. Thank you.

## **2024 Free Summer Meals Program**

To continue meeting the growing need to feed hungry children and families in Howard County and fill the nutritional gap over the summer months, HCPSS once again will provide free summer meals Monday-Friday, June 24-Aug. 2, at locations throughout the county. Meals will be served only on days schools are open and there will be no meal service Thursday, July 4. Complete [details on the HCPSS 2024 Summer Meals Program](#) are available online.

## **Previously Shared Information**

### **2023-2024 School Year Last Day of School Scheduled**

The Howard County Public School System has used three inclement weather days this school year. Therefore, the last day of school for students in full-day Pre-K through grade 12 is now scheduled to be Friday, June 14. The last day for half-day Pre-K/RECC students is currently Tuesday, June 11. The complete [HCPSS academic calendar](#) is available online. This information is subject to change, pending any additional inclement weather.

## **HCPSS Mental Health and Wellness**

If you have an immediate need for help with depression, suicidal thoughts, or other serious mental health issues, please contact:



Grassroots Crisis Intervention: Call 988 or 410-531-6677

The Maryland Crisis Hotline: Call 988 or 211 and then choose option 1

The Crisis Text Line: Text 988 or 74174 and a trained counselor will respond

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline: Call 988 or 1-800-273-8255

For additional information, visit the [HCPSS Mental Health and Wellness webpage](#)

## **Knightly Newsletters**

All previous newsletters are posted under News at <http://pms.hcpss.org/>

## **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](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)