

KNIGHTLY NEWS

6-3-24

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6/4: 8th Graders Visit Mt. Hebron HS during school day

6/4: General Music Showcase at 7pm PMS Cafeteria

6/5: 3-hour Early Dismissal

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.

Follow us on Twitter: [@hcpss_PMS](#) and Instagram: [PatapscoMS](#)

[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. Parents/guardians of 8th grade students please be on the lookout for 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.

Mt. Hebron High School Sports Orientation

All incoming 9th Graders and Parents-

Are you interested in playing sports at Mt. Hebron next year? Then please attend the Mt. Hebron 8th Grade Sports Orientation on June 4th at 6:00 PM in the Mt. Hebron Auditorium.

Brian Rau, Athletics and Activities Manager, will begin the meeting at 6:00 PM by discussing general high school athletic policies and procedures. He will also discuss tryout dates, athletic eligibility requirements, and online athletic registration.

Team Breakout sessions. Immediately following the general meeting coaches will hold sport specific breakout sessions. This is a great way to meet the coaches and to receive sports specific information such as tryouts criteria and rubrics, off seasons workouts, summer leagues, etc.

Please mark your calendars and join us on June 4th at 6:00 PM at Mt. Hebron.

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)

Bus Service Registration Deadline Extended to June 5

Parents/guardians whose children are eligible for bus transportation must register to receive bus service for the 2024-2025 school year. Details on bus transportation registration, including a guide to register and scenarios families may see when registering, can be found online. Please click [here](#) for more information.

School Supply List 2024/2025

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

HCPSS Pride Week June 3-9

Greetings, all!

We have every night of HCPSS Pride Week covered! Check out some of the activities on our [website](#) being offered for HCPSS Pride Week from Monday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 9th.

A [Downloadable HCPSS Pride Week Flyer](#) has also been created so that you can share. I'll be sending more focused information as we get a little closer, but wanted y'all to have access now so you can mark your calendars and join us if you are able. See below for individual advertisements and flyers for each event. Thanks y'all!

Monday, June 3, 6:00PM - 6:45PM - FAMILY Read the Rainbow with Joanna McClintick -

[Downloadable/shareable flyer](#)

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00PM - 8:00PM - Read the Rainbow with Kelly Quindlen -

[Downloadable/shareable flyer](#)

Wednesday, June 5, 11:00AM - 10:00PM - Shake Shack Donation Day! - [Downloadable/shareable flyer](#)

Thursday, June 6, 5:30PM - 7:30PM - SkyZone meet-up/Fundraiser - [Downloadable/shareable flyer](#)

Friday, June 7, 7:00PM - 9:00PM - Rainbow Campfire @ Robinson Nature Center - [Link to Register](#)

Saturday, June 8, 8:00PM - 11:00PM - HCPSS Pride Prom (high school students) -

[Downloadable/shareable flyer](#)

Sunday, June 9, 9:30AM - 1:00PM - HoCo Pride @ Colorburst Park - [Downloadable/shareable flyer](#)

BIPOC Leaders Panel Discussion

The Howard County Student Committee for Equity has planned a BIPOC Leaders Panel Discussion for June 6 from 6-8pm. Please register and share with others. Registration is recommended (for refreshment planning). See this [flier](#) for registration information.

Howard County Family Wellness Day

What: Howard County Family Wellness Day

When: Sunday, June 9th from 8am – 1pm

Where: Centennial Park (South Gate entrance off Rt. 108)

Website: www.WePromoteHealth.org

HCPSS joins with other leaders in challenging our community to incorporate healthy food choices and physical activity into your daily life. Howard County Family Wellness Day brings families together each year to put the focus on wellness in our schools, workplaces and community. There will be lots of interactive booths and activities for adults and children of all ages. This year's event kicks off with the 20th Annual Matzohball 5k run/walk. Family Wellness Day is free. There is a fee for participating in the 5k and the 1 Mile Fun/Run-Walk. All registration fees, [when registering on the official website](#), benefit HopeWorks, DreamBuilders and GrassRoots.

Take part in our annual CPR Pump-A-Thon at noon and watch the Internationally acclaimed "Kangaroo Kids" Performance at 12:30pm. There is something for everyone, including our kids zone and even an area showcasing the many available resources to help our seniors age gracefully.

Visit www.WePromoteHealth.org for information.

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 14th 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 6th 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.

Student Service Learning 7th Grade Project Begins!

Seventh grade students will create a picture book of a character who persevered and read to kindergarten classes at our partner community school. Students will also share what is learned in the 7th grade ELA Unit of Perseverance through a Student Service-Learning project.

Student Service Learning (SSL) is a teaching method that combines meaningful service to the community within curriculum-based learning. Through SSL students apply specific academic skills to “real world” problems to gain a greater understanding of community needs. Additionally, students reflect upon how their service directly impacts others. Student Service Learning is not group organized volunteerism, independent volunteerism, or internships. It is a curriculum presented within the student’s school day. All service learning hours are completed as coursework offered through projects developed for each grade level. Each year, 25 service learning hours will be offered to students and awarded by participation in meeting course objectives and completion of the grade level project. In this way, students will obtain their required 75 hours of service by the end of their 8th grade year. Please look for SSL updates in the Patapsco Knightly News to be informed about special achievements, deadlines and activities. If you have questions about this program, contact our school SSL Coordinator, Sherri Ross, email: sherri_ross@hcpss.org.

Bullying Communication

As we gear up to finish the school year strong, it's important to address student interactions that can affect both individual students and/or our school community. Peer conflict is something that most students will experience at some point in their school career. . However, it is essential to understand the difference between conflict and bullying, should bullying occur. By understanding the differences, we can better navigate challenging situations and foster a positive school environment where everyone can thrive. We look forward to continuing to work together to end the school year on a strong and positive note. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Conflict	Bullying
<p><u>Mutual Disagreement:</u> Conflict typically involves a disagreement or difference of opinion between two or more individuals.</p> <p><u>Equal Power:</u> Those involved in the conflict usually have relatively equal power or standing.</p> <p><u>Occurs Occasionally:</u> Conflicts arise occasionally and may be resolved through communication, negotiation, or compromise.</p> <p><u>No Intention to Harm:</u> While emotions may be involved, there is no deliberate intent to harm or exert control over the other party.</p>	<p><u>Power Imbalance:</u> Bullying involves an imbalance of power, where one individual seeks to assert dominance or control over another.</p> <p><u>Repeated Behavior:</u> Bullying often consists of repeated actions or behaviors aimed at causing harm, either physically or psychologically.</p> <p><u>Intentional Harm:</u> The bully intentionally seeks to harm, intimidate, or humiliate the victim, often deriving satisfaction from the victim's distress.</p> <p><u>One-sided Aggression:</u> Unlike conflict, bullying typically involves one-sided aggression, where the victim feels targeted and unable to defend themselves adequately.</p>

More information can be found on the [HCPSS Stop Bullying website](#). If you have any questions regarding this policy or its implementation, please contact a school administrator. Here is the online link to report an [Instance of Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation](#) and a link to the [Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form](#) to fill out and return to your students school administrator. More information on HCPSS Policy9460 can be found at [Bullying, Cyberbullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Involving Students - HCPSS](#).

Forgotten Items

We accept lunches, instruments, homework, school projects, keys, or other items as long as they are brought to school **before 10:30 AM**. Items can be dropped off and labeled with the student's name and grade and put on the table in the foyer. Lunches are taken to the cafeteria and placed on the stage for students to retrieve. We are seeing an increased amount of lunches being brought in, please whenever possible send your child's lunch with them to help save time for you and the office staff.

We know homework, projects and instruments are important to our students, so we ask for your help in assisting students prepare for the day the night before, or the morning of, to ensure they have everything they need for the school day.

CELL PHONES - MIDDLE SCHOOL

This is a friendly reminder to our community that per HCPSS Policy 8080, middle school students “will not use personal technology devices during non-instructional time, to include but not limited to transition between classes, lunch, recess, or in bathrooms.” Please remind your

students that their cell phones should be off and away during the school day. Students are always welcome to use an office phone to reach out to a parent during the school day. If you need to get a message to your child, please call the front office at 410-313-2848.

Update Your Family File!

We need every family to update this every year. Please [click here](#) if you have not updated the family file.

Volunteer Information

Are you interested in volunteering at Patapsco Middle this school year - maybe chaperone a field trip or help in a classroom? We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and school. According to Howard County Board of Education Policy, all volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools and must complete the Child Abuse and Neglect Training for Parents. Please complete this course and training before registering to volunteer at your child's school. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. Please turn both of your completion certificates into the front office at the school when you are finished. Course and training can be found [HERE](#)

2023-2024 Attendance Information and Resources

Click [here](#) for the 2023-2024 Attendance Information and Resources.

Transportation

Patapsco Middle School has experienced great improvements in our bus arrival and departure times. If you have any transportation related questions or concerns that cannot be addressed by Patapsco staff, please use the link below to contact the HCPSS Office of Student Transportation.

[HCPSS Office of Student Transportation Contact Form](#)

[HCPSS Office of Student Transportation Contact Form - Spanish](#)

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](#)

Knighly 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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss.org