

KNIGHTLY NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/21/21- MCAP- Math- Grades 6-8

9/22/21- MISA- Science- Grade 6

9/22/21: PTA meeting- All are invited!

9/27/21: School Picture Day

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!*

Water Bottles for PE Class

"Students are **HIGHLY encouraged** to bring a water bottle to physical education class. They are allowed to take the water bottle to the fields during class. We are unable to send students back inside to the gym/building for a water break. We plan to be outside, pending rain, all the way until December. Then we will be back outside in March. Thank you for your support with this effort!"

From the PE Team

PTA Meeting

Mark your calendars for our first General Membership Meeting for next **Wednesday, September 22nd at 7pm**. We will be both in person in the **Media Center** and on **ZOOM**.

Here are the Zoom details for your convenience.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83092089902?pwd=N0FzdllIGUTJtZVpXQk1HaWtYYjNUUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 9208 9902

Passcode: 520210

Join the PTA! <https://patapscomiddle.memberhub.com/store#>

Hispanic Heritage Month: Word of the Day

Our fantastic World Language teachers: Sra Baez, Sra Goth, and Mr. Sherrow are guiding our students to not only learn Spanish but appreciate the many cultures that represent the many Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America and Spain. There will be a month-long contest for the Word of the Day. If they see the word and share the word with any world language teacher, they can earn Sir Prize Dollars...to be used at the school store. The words are posted on the bulletin board near the gym.

Forgotten Items

We are happy to accept lunches, instruments, homework, school projects, keys, or other items as long as they are brought to school before 10:30. Each day, we do one "all-call" announcement for any students who have items that have been left at the office or front desk by family members. Lunches that are brought in after that time are brought to the cafeteria and a general announcement is made.

We cannot accept items for delivery to students after this time period, with the exception of emergency situations, as we are committed to minimizing classroom interruptions throughout the school day. 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.

Early Dismissal

There will be no early dismissal after **2:30 PM** daily. There is simply not enough time to process everything before Patapsco staff must begin the regular dismissal process.

Chromebook Responsibilities and Obligations

Chromebook Obligations

Beginning Monday, September 13, HCPSS will charge families for lost, stolen, or damaged devices per the following parameters.

- Families will be charged for any devices that are lost, stolen or damaged while in their care.

- If devices are lost, stolen or damaged during school hours and in the school building, school administrators will conduct an investigation to determine if the incident was the result of neglect on the part of the assigned student.

[Please read detailed information about Chromebook responsibilities.](#)

Testing

All students will take part in the Math MCAP this **Tuesday, 9/21**, and 6th graders will take the MISA Science Assessment on **Wednesday, 9/22**. Please have your student come to school with a charged Chromebook.. Please limit any unnecessary absences on these days. Also, remind students that cell phones, Apple Watches, and any other electronic devices, etc. are not permitted during testing. This can lead to a test being invalidated. These early fall assessments are make-ups from the Spring assessments that were not administered last school year. Please email Heather Dinicola at heather_dinicola@hcpss.org with any questions.

Make-up Testing for students who have missed assessments will begin on 9/27.

Vaccination Expectations for Volunteers

All volunteers who enter HCPSS schools to interact with or support students **must provide proof of vaccination status or a negative COVID-19 test**. Parents and other visitors who **enter schools for a brief visit** are not required to show proof of vaccination or testing. All parents, visitors, and volunteers are **required to be masked**.

Picture Day is Coming!

It is time to order that perfect annual picture of your student. Lifetouch will be at Patapsco on September 27th to take your child's school portrait. Packages can be ordered [online](#). Picture Day ID: **EVTKGGDP9**
For more information [see flier](#)

Patapsco Sir Knight Prize Store

The Sir Knight Store is open on select Wednesdays from the first bell until 8:45 AM. Volunteering at the school store is a fun way to help out and to interact with the students! All volunteers must show proof of vaccination or a negative covid test.
Responsibilities:

- Get the key from the secretaries & unlock cart
- Roll the cart from the hallway near the art room to the front lobby
- Collect Sir Prize dollars from the students
- Make sure each dollar has a teacher signature and the student's name

- Lock the cabinet at the end and roll back under the clock in the hallway
- Give the key to the front office
- Have fun!

If you have any questions you can contact Melissa Singleton at mschnaar@hotmail.com
Please use this link to sign-up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ea4a92aa7fa7-pms>

Intramural Programs

Intramurals are incredible extracurricular opportunities to extend knowledge, exercise the mind and body, and develop social skills. Please browse the following intramural offerings and know there may be more coming especially in the second semester. Most intramurals are after school however there are a few in the morning. Transportation is not provided and we appreciate your promptness when dropping off or picking up your student. Carpooling is always a great idea!

* As part of our Three R's, we encourage interested students to take the **Responsibility** and contact the program sponsor themselves.* Please email sponsors with any questions.

[Click here](#) to explore our intramural programs! *We will add more intramurals throughout the year.*

Glee Club

- Open to 6th-8th Grade Singers
- Max of 40 students
- Tuesday & Thursday from 3:15-4:15 in D10
- Come perform popular music from today, yesterday, and decades ago! This group focuses on performing music that has been popular or that is currently popular in a choral format. Ever heard of Pentatonix? This is the same thing just bigger 😊

Sponsored by Mr. Rainbow

Delta Scholars

Mentoring Program - Academic Support

A group for 7th and 8th grade African American young ladies who will be mentored by the Mount Hebron Delta Scholars group. The students will be given time to get help with homework, free time, as well activities that will help them get through middle school years. If interested email Kendra_Lee@hcpss.org

Sponsored by Ms. Lee

MESA

MESA students are able to see the real world applications of what they are learning in school, develop the STEM skills they will need in the future, and begin to see themselves in STEM careers. Held Monday and Wednesday. November - March. For more information email Danielle_stephenson@hcpss.org

Sponsored by Ms. Stephenson

Student Leadership Intramural

Welcome to Student Leadership! This intramural is designed to provide students an opportunity to explore what leadership is and develop individual student leadership skills.

Each and every day is an opportunity for new ideas and those ideas are developed and driven by individuals who see a need and then lead the way to change. During this intramural, students will explore the importance of communication, research, teamwork, and vision as they develop their own leadership projects. We hope you can join us.

Sponsored by Ms. Castelbaum

Patapsco Middle School Girls basketball tryout

Please check this out for students who are interested in playing basketball this year through HCYP. [flyer](#)

Instructional Seminar Sign-Up! Starting Soon

Seminars are a great way to expand your knowledge and skills around a topic of interest in a non-graded environment. Each seminar offers a unique focus. However, all seminars have four universal components. They all (1) develop critical and creative thinking skills, (2) involve conducting research, (3) involve working collaboratively to produce an authentic product or creative production, and (4) utilize technology to create and communicate. **Due date is September 30th.**

Use the link below to sign up, or scan the QR code. Please make sure you are logged in with student HCPSS credentials.

<https://forms.gle/fuSpUZaJbMPXjuYM9>



Quarantining Procedures

The [close contact and quarantining procedures](#) that were put into place last year will remain this fall. Only unvaccinated students and adults who are identified as close contacts must quarantine. ***Vaccinated students and staff will not be required to quarantine*** unless they receive a positive test or are displaying symptoms, but are expected to monitor their symptoms closely for the 14 days. [Instructional supports](#) are in place for students who must quarantine. Students will be able to see when their teachers are available through their canvas page.

COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check

Parents/guardians should keep their children home if they are experiencing symptom(s) associated with any communicable disease, including COVID-19. In addition, parents/guardians are to perform the following COVID-19 health check every day before the student leaves home.

Do not send your child to school with any of the following symptoms:

- COUGH
- FEVER
- HEADACHE
- SORE THROAT
- DIARRHEA OR VOMITING
- NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
- DIFFICULTY BREATHING

IF YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL WITH ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS THEY WILL BE SENT HOME TO QUARANTINE. UNVACCINATED siblings of children who are exhibiting symptoms need to stay home also. Please contact the health room if your student is being tested for COVID or has a household member who is COVID positive or exhibiting symptoms.

It is very important that we are able to make contact with parents. Please make sure that your contact numbers and emergency contacts are up to date in family file. Students are expected to be picked up as soon as possible, and within the hour.

Please contact the nurse if you have any questions 410-313-2574 or Megan_Blouse@hcpss.org

Please visit the [HCPSS website](#) for additional information on self screening, contact tracing and quarantining procedures. Additionally, visit the [HCPSS website](#) for more information on the 2021-2022 school year and answers to frequently asked questions.

[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.