

KNIGHTLY NEWS

9-22-2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/25: Schools and offices closed

9/28: Music Boosters at 7 PM

9/29: PTA Fun Knight 7 - 9 PM

10/9: Schools closed for students

10/17: Picture Day

10/20: Schools closed for students

10/24: Music Boosters at 7 PM

10/31: 3-hour Early Dismissal (12:15 PM)

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

Dear Patapsco Families:

Our students and staff have taken the new school start and dismissal times in stride. We thank everyone for their continued patience and flexibility with the changes. We'll see our Knights back at school on Tuesday, September 26!

Kelly Hearn
Principal

MCAP Reports

On 9/22, students will be bringing home results from the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP). Results are for the spring 2022 mathematics and English Language

Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) assessments in Grades 3 through 8, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and English 10. This was the first full administration of the MCAP assessments that have replaced the previous Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) program. The assessments use a four-point score scale, with students performing at levels 3 and 4 considered proficient for their grade level or course content.

2023-2024 Attendance Information and Resources

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

Music Boosters

Our next **Music Boosters meeting** will be on **Thursday, September 28 at 7pm**. The meeting will be held virtually using the Google Meet code **PMS-MUSICBOOSTERS**. You will need to login with your student's HCPSS credentials. We will be introducing the board members and music directors, discussing the budget, teacher needs and fundraising opportunities. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

PTA News

Fun Knight Volunteers!

Our first Fun Knight will be held on Friday, September 29th from 7pm - 9pm. This is an awesome evening for the kids with a DJ, games, basketball, snacks, a photo booth, and more! We need all the help we can get to provide a safe and fun event for our students. We have lots of jobs available -- your kid doesn't even have to know you are there! If you have any high school students in your family who need service hours -- we will gladly welcome and "sign" for them! Last year we had to cancel the Spring Fun Knight merely because we couldn't get enough parent volunteers. Let's not let that happen again folks.

We will be selling tickets during lunches on Thursday, September 28th and Friday, September 29th. To purchase a ticket, students should bring \$5 cash or check (made payable to PMS PTA). Payment must accompany a signed permission slip form (which will be sent home on Tuesday, September 26th)!. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Please see sign up here...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ABAF29A46-patapsco15?fbclid=IwAR0ZFxFp4RatUk0CRJv54a7eIVQXzorZ6DRBRy1cg8Od6fHCWOFiqUB02Fk#/>

You can always reach us at patapscopta@gmail.com.

Thanks, Megan Mason (23/34 PTA President)

Previously Shared Information

Update Your Family File!

We need every family to update this every year. There are **114** families that still need to complete their Family File. Please [click here](#) if you have not updated the family file.

Heart & Sole

Heart and Sole (Girls on the Run program for 6th - 8th graders) helps girls (this includes any female-identifying and non-binary young people) unleash their potential by focusing on five key things: body, brain, heart, spirit, and connection. Participants work on setting goals geared toward physical, emotional, and relational health, and actualize those goals through exercise, community building, and connection.

The fall season runs from Monday, September 18th (first practice) to Monday, December 4th (end-of-year celebration). Each season ends with a noncompetitive 5K (Saturday, December 2nd) where participants celebrate who they are, how far they have come, and where they want to go. The program will run after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm and will meet in Ms. Kelly's room (A4).

Participants must register through Girls on the Run of Central Maryland and can do so using the following link - [Heart & Sole Registration](#)

If you have questions/concerns about the program, registration process/fees (financial assistance is available!!), or anything else, please contact the intramural sponsor, **Ms. Grace Kelly** grace_kelly@hcpss.org.

Spirit Wear

Our PTA is selling fantastic Spirit Wear. Check out the online store! There are plenty of items for students and families! Let's show off our Patapsco Pride at school and in our community.

[Patapsco Spirit Wear](#)

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