

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

# 3-18-2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**3/22:** Spring Picture Day

**3/23:** School Store

**3/23:** Chorus Assessment (6th, 7th, & 8th), 6PM

**3/30:** Band Assessment (6th, 7th, 8th), 4PM

**4/01:** 3 hr. Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM (End of 3rd quarter) and Club Day

**4/07:** Music Boosters (Virtual), 7PM

**4/08:** Reports Cards posted

**4/11-4/18:** School Closed - Spring Break

**4/28:** One Patapsco...Green Patapsco event

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!*

## Spring Picture Day Next Week!

SAY CHEESE!!!

It is time to order a new picture of your student. This is a great opportunity to see your child's growth from the Fall to Spring. Lifetouch will be at Patapsco this coming Tuesday, March 22, 2022 to take your child's portrait. All students will have their Spring picture taken. Packages can be ordered [online](#).  
Picture Day ID: **EVT2CB4BR** [See flyer for information](#)

## From the Family Engagement Committee

One Patapsco...Green Patapsco *Student and Family event!!!!*

Patapsco Middle School is hosting One Patapsco, Green Patapsco on April 28 from 6 - 8 PM. We will have environmental organizations at our school to promote the importance of conservation and other environmental themes along with literacy! We will start our Patapsco garden in front of our building and plant a large tree, and there will be engaging activities, including a scavenger hunt and prize! The event is for children and adults of all ages! Please bring your family!

**Pizza will be provided by our supportive Patapsco PTA.** Please RSVP by April 21 at this [link](#).

## Winter Food Drive

In this year's canned food drive, we were able to collect 906 food items thanks to the thoughtful generosity of our students and families. All donations are headed to the Howard County Food Bank for people in need in our greater community. Thank you to everyone who was able to help! We are #OnePatapsco

## Orchestra Assessment

Congratulations to all orchestra students for a fantastic performance at last week's Orchestra Assessment! Students worked hard, played well and received valuable feedback from Dr. Harlan Parker, a respected adjudicator. To see your child's performance and some of Dr. Parker's comments, please visit the orchestra canvas page and locate the post-assessment announcement. A link to the performance is there for you to enjoy! Thank you.

## How to Record Proper Pronunciation of your Student's Name

Parents may use the ParentVUE mobile app to record the proper pronunciation of a child's name. This recording will be available to teachers, school administrators, and school support staff. [See attached flyer](#)

## School Store Volunteers Needed

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 [complete the following forms and register with Pin Point](#) 5 days before volunteering. If you have any questions you can contact Melissa Singleton at [mschnaar@hotmail.com](mailto:mschnaar@hotmail.com) Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ea4a92aa7fa7-pms>

## From the Patapsco PTA

As we are returning activities to "normal" we are in need of a lot of volunteering help! Please help so that we may be able to provide these experiences for our kids!

### Current PTA Volunteering Needs:

International Women's History Month Door Decorating Judges – after school judging on April 6th  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ABAF29A46-womens>

### School Play:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-patapsco>  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-patapsco1>

Mark your calendar: **May 6th - Fun Knight/Dance!** We anticipate a very large attendance like we did in the fall so if anyone has ideas or input on how we can logistically make our checkin and checkout process more efficient please reach out to me at [patapscopta@gmail.com](mailto:patapscopta@gmail.com). We will need a ton of help on that night to help this run smoothly!

## Clothing to Cash- easy donation!

Please donate to our Clothing to Cash fundraising program! [Clothing to Cash](#) is a textile recycling program that donates money to the school for every pound of donated items. Look for the white donation bin in the parking lot. Clothing to Cash will accept items in ALL conditions: new with tags, or torn, stained, worn-out knees, shoes with holes or only one shoe, backpacks, old sheets, towels, blankets, stuffed animals and more. What a great way to help the school and clean out your closets! All donations must be bagged and put in the collection bin.

## Yearbook

**Time is running out!** Have you purchased your 2022 Yearbook?! To order online, please visit:  
[www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

If you need to purchase by cash or check, please email [Kalina\\_salsman@hcpss.org](mailto:Kalina_salsman@hcpss.org) for a form.

## 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](mailto: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.

## From the Health Room

If you have not provided the health room with records of your child's COVID vaccines please send a copy to the health room. If your child has received a booster please also forward that information. Fax number 410-313-1741 or email [Megan\\_Blouse@hcpss.org](mailto:Megan_Blouse@hcpss.org).

**Students who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year** are required to have the MCV4 and Tdap vaccines prior to the first day of school. **Any student that does not have the required vaccines will be excluded from school on the first day.** Please provide the health room with your child's updated records. If your child has not had these vaccines please contact your health care provider to schedule an appointment. The Health Department provides immunization opportunities for kids who are not up-to-date on school-required vaccinations. Call the Health Department at 410-313-7500 to schedule a vaccination appointment for your child.

## Vaccines Available

3/22/22 4-6pm Miller Library 9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042  
<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/8512609179>

3/23/22 4-6pm Savage Library 9525 Durness Lane, Laurel, MD 20723  
<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1982910605>

3/29/22 4-6pm Glenwood Library 2350 State Route 97, Cooksville, MD 21723  
<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/2619581109>

3/30/22 4-6pm Central Branch Library 10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia, MD 21044  
<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1615729059>

## COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check

When emailing the school regarding your child's absence due to a positive Covid-19 test result, or close contact to a positive case, please provide the following information.

### Positive Test

- Date tested
- Date the symptoms began (if any)

- Vaccination status

#### Close Contact to a Positive Individual

- Date of exposure (if close contact)
- If your child is a household close contact - can the positive family member be completely isolated from the child.
- Has your child had a confirmed positive Covid-19 test within the last 90 days.

Please contact the health room [megan\\_blouse@hcpss.org](mailto: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.

**More Information:** [COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check & Quarantining Procedure](#)

## Volunteers and Chaperones Vaccine Requirements

All volunteers and chaperones who interact with students, and parents/guardians who are conducting classroom observations will be required to use the PinPoint platform to show proof of full vaccination at least five school days in advance. [Learn how to access and use the PinPoint VaccineCheck platform](#). Parents entering the school for short periods of time (*i.e. to sign-out a student for early dismissal, to drop something off for a student*) do not need to follow this procedure at this time.

## Instructional Supports for Students in Quarantine

Students who must quarantine have several [opportunities to continue learning and receive supports](#), which will help them easily transition back to instruction once they return to school. At Patapsco Middle, teachers will post their virtual check-in days and times on their Canvas pages. In addition, if you would like to request evening school tutoring, please contact your child's teacher or [lindsey\\_miles@hcpss.org](mailto:lindsey_miles@hcpss.org).

## Knighly 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](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).