

KNIGHTLY NEWS

3-20-2023

3/24: Spirit Day (Google Meet Day)

3/27: HCPSS Debate Field Trip - Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab.

3/28: Chorus Assessment & Adjudication @ River Hill HS: 6th Treble Choir- 11:10AM, Concert Choir- 12:10PM, Select Treble - 2:55PM

3/29: 7th Grade Field Trip - Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

3/31: 3 Hour Early Dismissal

3/31: #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging

4/3-4/10: School Closed - Spring Break

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!*

Ramadan

Ramadan begins this Wednesday, March 22. As Ramadan is a time when some Muslims fast from dawn to sunset as part of their observance, we understand that we may have students not partaking of food or water during the day each day. In an effort to be supportive to the needs of our students, we will offer an alternative place in the media center with engaging activities for students to spend their lunch period if they choose not to join their peers in the cafeteria. Should your student require additional support or accommodations during Ramadan, please contact michael_babe@hcpss.org.

We wish all who are celebrating a peaceful and happy month of Ramadan.

Ramadan Mubarak,

Mike Babe

Principal

SAVE THE DATE: Patapsco Wellness Evening (a student and family event) April 27, 2023

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

6th Grade Field Trip- HC Conservancy

The 6th Grade Field trip to the Howard County Conservancy was a huge success. Our students were fantastic and learned so much about the environment and the climate. **A huge kudos and thank you to our parent chaperones, our teachers, and staff who attended the field trip today.**

7th Grade Field Trip - BSO

Attention 7th grade families! On Wednesday March 29th we will be going on a field trip to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to see the performance Beethoven Lives Upstairs. If you have not already done so, please return the permission form to school with payment. Students will return to school for lunch. If you or your child have never been to the symphony, click on the link below to read more about what to expect at a performance. Specifically, please review with your child the BSO cell phone policy.

BSO Beginner's Guide

<https://www.bsomusic.org/visit-joseph-meyerhoff-hall/#>

For the consideration of the musicians and your fellow audience members, please turn off your phone or other mobile devices during the performance. With all of modern life's constant exposure to media and technology, think of this as a fun opportunity to shut off your phone for an hour at a time and live in the moment. Photography and video are not allowed during a performance.

We look forward to sharing this opportunity with our students this year! Contact 7th grade team leader Ed White (edward_white@hcpss.org) if you have any questions.

Student Drug Use - A Crisis We Can't Ignore

HCPSS is hosting a community event called *Student Drug Use: A Crisis We Can't Ignore* to engage students, parents/guardians, staff and community members regarding the substance abuse crisis that is directly impacting our schools and community.

The event will be held on Tuesday, March 28, from 7-9 p.m., at Howard High School (8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City).

Superintendent Dr. Michael J. Martirano will keynote the event, sharing local and national data about student substance use and behavioral health needs that illustrates the frightening realities our youth are facing, and how HCPSS is responding to those needs. Following Dr. Martirano's remarks, attendees will have the opportunity to choose one of several breakout sessions led by HCPSS staff and community health partners.

Visit the [HCPSS websiteLinks to an external site.](#) for more information about the event. Please note: If you require any language support, please contact the [Office of Multilingual Family ServicesLinks to an external site.](#)

Medical Assistance

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE WITH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, MA has been automatically renewed since March 2020.

AUTOMATIC RENEWALS WILL STOP AS OF **APRIL 30, 2023**. Please call the Health Dept Insurance Line at 410-313-5845 to check your status. They will set up an appointment for you if needed.

PTA Wellness Night survey

The Patapsco Middle School (PMS) parent-teacher association (PTA) is planning a wellness night on April 27th 5:30 - 7:30 pm. The event is designed to offer PMS families helpful information about a variety of health topics such as nutrition, physical fitness, emotional & behavioral well-being, and overall health. Please answer these questions so that we can offer options that best address your interests/concerns on the specific topic of emotional/behavioral health.

<https://forms.gle/do3vYdUmZgjkxNyLA>

Heart and Sole ♥👟

Heart and Sole 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. Heart and Sole is the 6th-8th grade Girls on the Run program. Coaches inspire girls to value what makes them unique, and together, participants uncover confidence and understand the importance of physical and emotional health. Girls work on setting goals geared toward physical and emotional health, and actualize those goals through exercise, discussion, and connection.

The spring program runs from Monday, March 20th (first practice) to Monday, June 5th (end-of-year celebration). Each season ends with a noncompetitive 5K (Saturday, June 3) where girls celebrate who they are, how far they have come, and where they want to go. The program will run after school on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:50 pm - 4:15 pm.

Participants must register through Girls on the Run of Central Maryland and can do so using the following link, once registration opens on Sunday, February 19th - [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

Student absences, late arrivals, early dismissal procedures

[Information on our website](#)

Research in Science and Engineering (RISE) Conference

"The National Math Honor Society and the Science National Honor Society will hold the fourth annual RISE conference at Centennial HS on Friday, March 24th, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. At RISE, students can attend workshops and live demonstrations held by distinguished professionals in STEM fields.

Learn from professionals working at NASA, Google, Amazon, FDA, UMD, REGENXBIO, and so much more as they share their work and career path, how to acquire experience and research opportunities, career advice, etc. Explore various areas of STEM, including Computer Science, Medicine & Health, Astrophysics, Biology, Engineering, Psychology, Drug & Food!

Please fill out this form if you're interested in attending the RISE Conference:
<https://forms.gle/dWdzzMVs4HbRGuBF6>. Attendance is free, and dinner will be provided."

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

Knighly Newsletters

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