

KNIGHTLY NEWS

3-25-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

4/26: A Little Knight Musical- 8th Grade Recital

4/27: Knight Time Schedule/Club Day

4/28: One Patapsco...Green Patapsco Family and Student event

4/29-4/30: High School Musical Jr.

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!*

May 2022 Calendar Update

The Board of Education recently approved a modification to this year's academic calendar, impacting the May schedule. Schools now will be closed for students Monday, May 2 and open on Tuesday, May 3. The [HCPSS academic calendar](#) may be found online.

From the Vocal Department

"Congratulations to the PMS Vocal Department on a fantastic job at our recent HCPSS Assessment Festival! Our Select Treble Ensemble, Concert Choir, & Treble Chorus represented our school at a very high level and did a great job working with our outside clinician during the evening performance this past Wednesday here at Patapsco. Please take a moment to congratulate our wonderful vocalists on a job well done! Mark your calendars now for Wednesday June 1st in our annual Spring Concert "Why We Sing" here at Patapsco!"

From the Art Department

Congratulations to 8th graders Elisabeth M. and Sofie S. After a rigorous submission process, in-depth portfolio review and detailed written statements about themselves and their work, they were both accepted to Art II at Mt. Hebron for their freshman year! This was a formidable challenge and a competitive process. Patapsco is proud of you both!

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](#).

[See FLIER](#)

Yearbook

Time is running out! Have you purchased your 2022 Yearbook?! To order online, please visit: www.jostensyearbooks.com

If you need to purchase by cash or check, please email Kalina_salsman@hcpss.org for a form.

College and Career Opportunities Webinar Series:

Please make your community aware of the HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program for the next College and Career Opportunities Webinar Series: Career Opportunities and Pathways to Success in your next newsletter. We will explore career pathways and discuss opportunities and resources available through Career and Technical Education. Students and families will learn about courses, internships, projects, apprenticeships for high school and beyond! The webinar will be held on March 29 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Students and families can register [here](#). [BSAP College and Career Opportunities Webinar](#)

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 flier](#)

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!. If you have any questions you can contact Melissa Singleton at 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. We will need a ton of help on that night to help this run smoothly!

SPRING CLEANING? 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.

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 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.

Students who will be entering 7th 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.

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 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](#)

[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.