

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

3-27-2023

**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** (dismissal at 11:50 AM)

**3/31:** #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging

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

**4/12: PJ Day**

**4/12, 4/13:** MCAP 6th grade ELA

**4/14, 4/17:** MCAP 7th grade ELA

**4/18, 4/20:** MCAP 8th grade ELA

## 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!*

Dear Patapsco families:

Spring Break starts this weekend and I wish you and your family a relaxing Spring Break. Please continue to follow our website, newsletter, and social media that highlights some amazing activities that are occurring at Patapsco in the coming months. We have some exciting events planned when we return such as the Wellness Evening, 8th grade field trip, MESA competition, Addams Family the musical, the Fun Knight, and many more! I hope to see you and your family at one of our many upcoming events this year.

The quarter also ends at the end of the week and please take a few moments to check Canvas with your student to make sure you all are aware of their progress academically. Finally, we are looking forward to our #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging this Friday. Our students have been working so hard the past several weeks to prepare for this event. I would like to recognize Ms. Grace Kelly, April Wardlaw, and our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee for their efforts and support of this important event.

As always, thank you for sending us your best,

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.

## **7th Grade Field Trip - BSO**

Attention 7<sup>th</sup> grade families! On Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade team leader Ed White ([edward\\_white@hcpss.org](mailto:edward_white@hcpss.org)) if you have any questions.

## **ELA MCAP Testing**

Students will be participating in ELA MCAP testing on the following dates:

6<sup>th</sup> grade- April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> grade- April 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> grade- April 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Please remind students to bring their charged Chromebook to school on testing days. Contact Heather Dinicola ([heather\\_dinicola@hcpss.org](mailto:heather_dinicola@hcpss.org)) with any questions.

## **Pajama Collection (and PJ day on April 12)**

Please join our school, along with Hollifield Station and Mt. Hebron High School in supporting the Casey Cares Foundation. We will be collecting new pajamas to support critically ill children by providing comfort. 20,000 children are diagnosed with a critical illness every year. Help us help kids by bringing some joy when they need it the most! We will be collecting new pjs from April 11 -26th. In honor of the Casey Cares Foundation, we are asking all students and staff to wear Pajamas on Wednesday, April 12th.

## **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.

## **Earth Month Activities**

Are you ready for Earth Month?

Here are some local events to help improve our environment:

Planting: PVSP Hollofield Area

Event Details:

Date: April 1, 2023

Time: 9:00am — 12:00pm

Website:

<https://www.patapsco.org/event/kick-off-earth-month-phg-tree-planting-pvsp-hollofield-area/>

Venue: Patapsco Valley State Park: Hollofield Area

Join Patapsco Heritage Greenway in planting native trees to help mitigate stormwater at the Hollofield Area of Patapsco Valley State Park.

PHG Invasive Plant Removal: Historic Oella Cemetery

Event Details:

Date: April 22, 2023

Time: 9:00am — 12:00pm

Website: <https://www.patapsco.org/event/phg-invasive-plant-removal-historic-oella-cemetery/>

Venue: PHG Invasive Plant Removal: Historic Oella Cemetery

Join Patapsco Heritage Greenway in helping clean and take care of the Historic Oella Cemetery.

## **Addams Family School Play Tickets**

The Addams Family presented through young@part is coming to Patapsco Middle School! America's darkest family comes to life on stage as they learn about love, family, honesty, and growing up. Our students have been working hard to bring this story to life with these memorable characters.

Tickets are on sale now!

Shows:

May 5- 7:00 PM  
May 6- 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

All tickets are \$5.00 and are good for any performance. To place a pre-order please use one of the following methods:

OSP Payment



Cash or Check

Checks can be made payable to  
Patapsco Middle School- Drama Club

Pre-orders can be sent to Mrs. Castelbaum in room E8 through April 20th. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

## 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 Sponsored Event

Come join the Hollifield Station Elementary School and Patapsco Middle School PTAs to cheer on the O's as they take on the Texas Rangers on Sunday, May 28th! Tickets will be \$15 per seat, and for each ticket sold, the Orioles will be donating \$5 to us. After the game, kids ages 4-14 can run around the bases. When you order your tickets, make sure to check off which schools your kids go to, and that will let us know where the raised funds should go. Please order your tickets by April 28th!

You may order tickets here: <https://hollifieldstationpta.memberhub.com/store/items/834102>

## 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>

## **HCPSS Rainbow Conference - Register Now!**

The HCPSS Rainbow Conference will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 5pm. The conference will be hybrid with opportunities for both virtual and in-person participation. For more information scan the QR code on the [Rainbow Conference Flier](#) or access this [link](#).

## **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.](#)

## **Formal Wear Collection**

Time to clean out those closets! Do you have any semi-formal or formal wear taking up space in your closet that you would like to donate to a student? Drop off your gently used items to the Miller, Savage, or Glenwood library branches any time from April 1st - April 30th. The items will be brought to Homewood on May 6th for our Pride Prom Pop-Up where students can try on and take home affirming clothing items that they can wear to their school prom or to our first Pride Prom! This collection is sponsored by CARY.

## **Student absences, late arrivals, early dismissal procedures**

[Information on our website](#)

## **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](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss)

## **[Knightly Newsletters](#)**

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