

KNIGHTLY NEWS

3-06-2023

3/07, 3/09, 3/10: MISA Testing (8th graders in Science Classes)

3/07: Orchestra Assessment @ Reservoir HS: Chamber Orchestra - 2:10PM, String Orchestra - 4:00PM

3/08: Orchestra Adjudication @ Reservoir HS (String Ensemble - 5:00PM)

3/08: Knight Time- School Store

3/15: 3 Hour Early Dismissal

3/20: 6th Grade Conservancy Field Trip

3/26: 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

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!*

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.

Orchestra Assessment and Adjudication 🎵

Good luck to our orchestra students on their assessment and adjudication this week! Please check your child's Canvas page for specifics on the trip for their ensemble. We could still use some volunteers to ride on the bus with us to and from the event. If you are available to help, please contact Ms. Haight. Thank you!

8th Grade MISA Testing

All 8th grade students will be taking the MISA (The Maryland Integrated Science Assessment) on March 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th. Students will be testing in their science class. Please avoid scheduling appointments or early dismissals during these times. It is important that every effort is made for students to be present and on time on those days. Also make sure they arrive with their fully charged Chromebook on those days. Please reach out to Mrs. Dinicola with any questions.

☆ Beyond School Hours - Program Has Started! ☆

All Beyond School Hours classes are starting this week! If your child has enrolled in Beyond School hours, please make sure they attend after school. Just a reminder that in person classes end at **3:55 PM** and students need to be picked up in front of the school at that time. Please email ryan_price@hcpss.org for any questions.

6th Grade Field Trip

6th grade will spend the morning of March 20th at the Howard County Conservancy applying what they have learned in science classes to climate justice activities. This will contribute to student service-learning requirements. The cost is \$3 for students. We will eat lunch at the Conservancy. **Please consider volunteering as a chaperone. We need lots of help! The trip will run from 8:50-11:40 AM.**

PTA

- Patapsco Middle School will be hosting a "Spring into Wellness" night for our community on Thursday evening, April 27th. This event will be supported by the PTA, through membership donations and grants funded by the Horizon Foundation. We are looking to provide fun and engaging activities and resources for our community in support of **mental, emotional, and physical health**. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please reach out to patapscopta@gmail.com.
- Please consider donating low dollar gift cards (\$5 max) to local places where kids would be interested in going (Rita's, Starbucks, Dunkin, McDonalds, etc). You may send them directly into the school – please include your name for tracking purposes. These will be used for Sir Prize dollar "raffles" – incentives for the kids for positive behavior!
- We will be having our next meeting on **Wednesday, March 8th at 7pm in the Media Center and via Zoom**. Please join us for a meeting chock full of exciting topics!
 - ★ Planning for Spring into Wellness Night - Mark your calendars for April 27th
5:30-7:30pm
 - ★ Crazy Mason Fundraising Night - May 4th

★Final Fun Knight - May 12th

★Elections for next year - elections will be held during final meeting May 17th

Zoom Details:

Please email patapscoPTA@gmail.com for zoom information.

HCASC Student Leadership

[Promote Leadership and Volunteer Opportunity- HCASC Meeting](#)

All middle and high school students are welcome to attend the March 15 HCASC Meeting at Oakland Mills High School 7 p.m. HCASC meetings are excellent opportunities to develop leadership skills, learn about job and volunteer possibilities, and meet community leaders.

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

"The Essence of Us" Workshop Series

The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County and the HCPSS Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have [partnered to present](#) "The Essence of Us: Chronicling the African American Experience," a workshop series geared toward middle and high school

students that will provide a better understanding of African American history and how it is written. Workshops will be held both virtually and in-person. Participants will receive an email with details upon [registering online](#). Virtual and in-person Workshops will take place on Saturdays (March 11, April 15 and May 13) from 10-11:00 a.m.

Elevating Equity in Schools Film Screening

Join us for a screening and community discussion of the documentary film, "*Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*." The 2019 film takes a close look at the educational, judicial, and societal disparities facing Black Girls. It is inspired by the groundbreaking book of the same name by renowned scholar, Monique W. Morris, Ed.D.

[Information and registration here.](#)

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

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