

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

5/1/2023

**5/1, 5/2, 5/4, 5/5:** MCAP 8th Grade Social Studies  
**5/4: Crazy Mason Fundraiser for PTA (4-7 PM)**  
**5/5, 5/6:** Addams Family Play (ticket information below)  
**5/11, 5/12:** MCAP 6th Grade Math  
**5/12:** PTA Fun Knight  
**5/15, 5/16:** MCAP 7th Grade Math  
**5/19: Schools closed**  
**5/22, 5/23:** MCAP 8th Grade Math  
**5/29: Schools closed**

## Important Phone Numbers

School Office: 410-313-2848  
Student Services: 410-313-2850  
Health Room: 410-313-2574

Dear Patapsco families:

I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank our PTA for their support and organization of the Wellness Evening along with the support of our Family engagement committee. It was an incredible event with so many resources for overall wellness. Thank you to the individuals and organizations who participated and supported the event.

This week we have our Crazy Mason fundraiser as well as the Addams Family musical. I cannot wait to continue to see the incredible talents of our students. Thank you to our directions: Ms. Wardlaw, Ms. Castelbaum, Mr. Azat, Mr. White, and Mr. Rainbow for their collaboration, direction, and many-many hours of support for our students. I hope to see you there!

Finally, this month we have continued MCAP testing and just a reminder that our students need to rest, charge their chromebook, and bring their charger. It is important that they attend school and on time to reduce them having to miss instruction on a make-up testing date.

Thank you for your partnership,

Mike Babe  
Principal

*Patapsco- a place where **everyone** is valued and important!*

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

## MCAP Testing Information

8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies MCAP- May 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th

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.

## Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week: from our PTA

Please help celebrate our amazing teachers and staff by signing up [here](#).

## Service Learning

Each year, our students complete 25 hours of Student Service Learning as part of their graduation requirement. This year, our students are completing their hours in a specific class. **6<sup>th</sup> grade students are fulfilling their hours in Science, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in English, and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Social Studies.** Students must complete the required form for their hours to be completed.

For any questions, please contact your student's teacher or Ms. Sherri Ross.

## 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony (Save the Date)

The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on June 9th at noon at Mt. Hebron High School followed by a PTA sponsored dance. Information about the ceremony and PTA sponsored dance will be provided in the near future.

## 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. Please see the attached [flier](#) for more information.

## Student Recognition Donations Needed

In order to help us recognize the hard work and good habits of our students the Student Recognition Committee needs your donations!

Patapsco Middle School students are resilient, responsible, and respectful! They have been earning Sir Prize Dollars which can be spent at the school store or used as RAFFLE TICKETS.

Help make our END OF THE YEAR RAFFLE a great success by donating any new items you think they might like. Please review the available slots under the suggested ideas below and click on the button to sign up. Then bring items to the office marked "Student Recognition Committee donation" by Friday May 26th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4CAEA62EAAF85-student>

Thank you!  
The Student Recognition Committee

## Health Room Reminder

### Attention 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Very Important Information:

Please remember to turn in your permission slips for immunizations if you would like your child to receive the immunization of Tdap and MCV4. The clinic is to be 5/22/23. These forms are due **May 5!** If there are any questions, please call your school nurse.

## Bus Transportation for 2023-2024

Families Must Register by June 1 for 2023-2024 Bus Service

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Families whose children are eligible for bus transportation must register through HCPSS Connect Synergy to receive bus service for the 2023-2024 school year. This new process will take place annually to help HCPSS plan for student ridership and to make routes more efficient. Registration for 2023-2024 bus service is open now through June 1.

Visit <https://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/registration/> for instructions on how to register and more information. Families who reside in non-transportation areas are not eligible for bus transportation and do not need to take any action. Find the new non-transportation areas for your school online. Students who receive transportation as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan do not need to register.

## Patapsco MS School Musical - Cast Party Donations

Hello PTA members! Our students have been preparing for the awesome spring musical and they are having a cast party to celebrate after the Saturday performance. Please see signup to

help provide some goodies! Items are to be dropped off at school by 2pm on May 6th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ABAF29A46-patapsco14>

## PTA News

- Teacher Appreciation Week Sign up -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45acaa2ca31-pmsteacher1#/>

- School Musical Cast Party Donations -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-patapsco14#/>

- Another Crazy Mason Milkshake Bar Fundraiser! We hope you can join us on May 4th, from 4-7pm! See attached [flier](#).

- May 17th General Membership meeting -- Last meeting of the year and we need attendees for elections!

## Nominees Needed for 2023 - 2024

Look at all Patapsco PTA has accomplished this year! Without a **president, vice president and some crucial committee members**, our school will not have a PTA next year. This means most of these things will not be around for our students. Please do not think that others will show up -- we need YOU to step up and volunteer for our school and our students.

Our PTA is currently accepting nominations for next year. **If we do not have a president to vote in during the May 17th General Membership meeting, there will be no PTA during the 2023/2024 school year at Patapsco Middle School.** Please fill out the link below to nominate yourself!

Sign Up Here: <https://forms.gle/uerpjcE6vXgqqBiT9>

## Music Boosters

We need your help to keep our music boosters up and running!

Come join us for our last meeting (Tuesday May 9th), or better yet JOIN THE BOARD! We will be in need of a Vice President and Secretary next year (2023-2024).

As Vice President, you will help out with the logistics, like helping secure fundraisers and working with the rest of the board to help the music programs run smoothly.

As Secretary, you will take the meeting notes for each meeting and update the booster website

(don't worry it's super easy).

And the best thing, everyone helps each other and we work as a team!

If you're interested in joining the board, please let your child's Music Director know (Mr Drake, Mr Rainbow, Ms Haight, or Ms Shum) or email [patapscomusicboosters@gmail.com](mailto:patapscomusicboosters@gmail.com).

## **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](#). We hope to see you there!

9:00am-1:00pm is VIRTUAL

[15 virtual sessions](#) to select from

Register for up to four sessions

Target audience - high school students, educators, parents, and community members

1:00pm-5:00pm is IN-PERSON

Join us at the Homewood Center for [in-person activities!](#)

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ALL are welcome to join us for the children and YA book talk sessions, Pride Outside session, Exhibition Hall, and outdoor activities.

Also featured will be "Prom wear Pop-Up" where high school students attending prom can take home party clothing, free of charge.

Target audience - The afternoon sessions and activities have a strong family focus.

Registration Information

Thanks to the It Gets Better Project 50States50Grants for funding this event! This conference is a FREE HCPSS event.

Participants must register to attend.

Register [HERE](#).

## **Mt. Hebron Department of Music**

Mt. Hebron HS Music Department would like to invite our community to their Spring Concerts.

Please see the attached fliers for the [Spring Concert](#) and [Jazz Spring Concert](#).

## **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)

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