

KNIGHTLY NEWS

5-13-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/16:** 8th Grade Panoramic Picture
- 5/17:** MCAP Math (8th grade)
- 5/18:** 3 hour Early Dismissal, 11:50AM, Club Day
- 5/18:** #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging, 8:15-11:50AM
- 5/19:** MCAP Math (7th grade)
- 5/20:** MCAP Math (7th grade)
- 5/23:** MCAP Math (6th grade)
- 5/24:** MCAP Math (6th grade)
- 5/26:** MCAP - Alg., Alg 2, Geo (6,7,8 grade)
- 5:27:** MCAP - Alg., Alg. 2, Geo (6,7,8 grade)
- 5/30:** School Closed - Memorial Day
- 5/31:** PMS Orchestra Concert at MHHS, 7PM
- 5/31:** 7th Grade field trip to Maryland Zoo

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

Dear Patapsco families and community:

It was an absolute pleasure to meet our rising 6th grade students yesterday. The energy was electrifying! Our newest students were also knighted...a Patapsco tradition. We look forward to seeing our newest Knights in August!

I also want to thank our parents and staff chaperones on the 6th grade team building field trips the past two weeks. This would not have been possible without our parent volunteers, our staff chaperones, and the leadership of Ms. Meikrantz, 6th grade team leader.

Finally, the Spring Fling PTA Fun KNight last Friday evening was a ton of fun! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who made this evening a success and a safe space for our students.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Mike Babe
Principal



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

8th Grade Panoramic Picture

Our 8th grade students will participate in the Panoramic picture THIS MONDAY. If you would like to purchase a picture, order forms were sent home with students this past week.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to 8th graders Kaelyn Cisna and Elisabeth Min. Their drawings were recognized and chosen from the Columbia Mall Show display by the HCPSS Fine Arts office to be displayed in future exhibitions within the community! This is a wonderful achievement for these young artists!

Students of the Month for April

Congratulations to the following Knights who have been nominated by our staff to be the April Students of the Month. They have exhibited being **Resilient, Responsible, and/or Respectful!**

6th	7th	8th
Anna N.	Ayush D.	Ailyn Z.
Catalina M.	Brandon J. S.	Anika L.
Drake B.	Dylan C.	Ariel K.
Ethan C.	Kayleigh S.	Brithi S.
Haram K.	Sanai R.	Garen S.

Sahasra G.	Shaelyn L.	Hannah P.
		Katie E.
		Monica M.
		Nathaniel L.
		Osiel C. L.
		Sheiry M. M.

MCAP Testing

Please remind students to get plenty of rest and bring their charged, school-issued Chromebook the day of testing. All students test at their grade-level with the exception of Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. These are mixed-grade assessments.

Math 8- Monday, May 16th and Tuesday, May 17th

Math 7- Thursday, May 19th and Friday, May 20th

Math 6- Monday, May 23rd and Tuesday, May 24th

Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry- Thursday, May 26th and Friday, May 27th

There will be make-up testing for those students who are absent.

Share your voice! PLEASE

As part of our school improvement process, we are asking families to provide input about their equity priorities for our school. Please use the link below to complete the Indicators of Educational Equity Survey. We will use your input, along with other school data, to refine our school improvement plan for next school year.

The survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. If you have children at more than one school, please complete one survey per school. If you have questions, please contact michael_babe@hcpss.org.

[English version](#)

[Chin version](#)

[Chinese version](#)

[Korean version](#)

[Spanish version](#)

Bus Evacuation

Your child's safety is our concern. In the case of an emergency while on a bus (ride to/from school), students need to know how to properly evacuate the bus. Thus, it is very important for students to practice how to evacuate a bus. We practiced a bus evacuation drill this morning. Car riders, we appreciate your patience while bus riders practiced the bus evacuation.

The drill was implemented as follows:

1. To begin the drill, the driver will say "Evacuate by the rear door".
2. Students should leave all loose belongings such as books, backpacks, etc., on the bus.
3. Students will evacuate from the front of the bus toward the rear door while alternating rows.
4. Students should step down from the bus to the pavement. Jumping could cause a fall or serious injury. Students may sit on the floor at the rear exit and scoot out the door, if they prefer.
5. Upon leaving the bus, students will form a line at the front door to await further instructions.

Please, contact Ms. Dinicola at Heather_Dinicola@hcpss.org if you have any questions.

Fire Drill

We practiced an evacuation drill on Tuesday, May 10th. These drills are one of the safety measures that all HCPSS schools conduct periodically throughout the year as part of our [Emergency Response Plans](#) and are good practice for students and staff to review. An evacuation is a procedure that we would use in any number of scenarios, but in general, it involves our students and staff exiting the building as quickly as possible and assembling at predetermined areas. We encourage you to ask your student about the drill and let us know if they have any questions or concerns. You can also find detailed information about what occurs during protective actions taken during emergencies at www.hcpss.org/safety/.

Community Health Fair

WHERE: Glen Mar Church, 4701 New Cut Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

WHEN: Saturday, May 21 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Everyone is welcome. All services are free to the public. Pre-registration information will be coming soon and is strongly encouraged, but walk-ins will be taken as time slots allow.

FREE Community Health Fair including the following services:

- Immunizations for children (K-12) with Howard County Health Department: Varicella (K & up); Tdap and Meningococcal(ACWY) (7th grade & up); HPV (ages 11 to 18); & Meningococcal-B (ages 16 to 18)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic with the Howard County Health Department \(ages 5+ from 1-4 pm\)](#)
[REGISTER](#)
- Vision and possibly hearing checks with the Lions club (ages 6+)
- Foot and ankle health check with a medical group (Podiatrist)
- Health Screening (blood pressure & BMI checks) with Howard County General Hospital (ages 12+)
- [Blood Drive with the American Red Cross](#)
Anyone 17 years and older and 110+ lbs may register for the blood drive; 16 years with parental/guardian consent. Blood donation can take an hour to complete.
[Under Date Range, click + Choose My Dates and select May 21, 2022]
[REGISTER](#)

We are looking for and working with medical service providers to add additional health services like:

- Adult Immunization: Tdap, MMR, Varicelle, RZV, HPV, PCV15, HepA, HepB, MenACWY, MenB, & Hib
- Blood glucose and cholesterol checks with a medical group or laboratory
- Skin checks with a medical (dermatology) group
- Dental and oral health check with a dental group

Please visit and share our [Facebook page](#).

Media Center

All media books need to be returned by **June 3rd**. Borrowed devices (Chromebooks and Chargers) need to be returned daily by 2:45pm.

From the Family Engagement Committee

The committee would love to get your feedback about the One Patapsco...Green Patapsco Student and Family event that was held on April 28th. Please click the link to complete the form [Green Patapsco One Patapsco Feedback Form](#)

Lost & Found

Lost and Found (located outside of the Media Center) has a large amount of jackets, reusable water bottles, and lunch boxes, all with no student names on them. If you are missing something, be sure to have your student come and check out these items. **All items will be donate on May 20th.**

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.

HCPSS Pride Week

HCPSS is proud to announce the upcoming HCPSS Pride Week, June 6-12, 2022. Throughout the week, there will be multiple activities and events for students, families and staff to show support for HCPSS Pride, including events at Busboys and Poets, book reading/discussion at Shake Shack, family hikes at Howard County Conservancy, Centennial Park clean-up, and a fundraiser at the Main Event at The Mall in Columbia. Friday evening, June 10, there will be movies at Long Reach High and Oakland Mills High...popcorn provided! Many events require prior registration. Access this [link](#) for more information about each event.

Theatre Camp at GHS this Summer!

Who: Rising 3rd-Rising 8th Graders

When: July 5-15, 2022 9am-3pm

Where: Glenelg High School

Performances- 2 Performances on July 14 & 15

Cost- \$550

Questions? Email- Kassidy_Sharp@hcpss.org

Visit <https://www.glenelgboosters.com/summer-sport-camps/> for more info!

Mt. Hebron Volleyball

Link to Mt. Hebron Volleyball flier [here](#).

For more information, please visit <https://vikingbackers.org/summer-camp> or to register go directly to

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpVRIGXTBnaGm6BqfmIENI9EZFaXFkv8G8zm1_WD5zmatlqg/viewform.

Mt. Hebron Percussion

Please see Mt. Hebron Percussion flier [here](#).

For more information, please email Mr. Fischer (Band Director at Mt. Hebron) at joe_fischer@hcpss.org.

Mt. Hebron Color Guard

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8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Celebration

We will have our 8th grade promotion celebration on June 14th during the school day. [Here is information!](#)

Update on COVID-19 Information

An individual is considered fully vaccinated if...

-They are between the ages of 5 and 11 and have completed a two dose series

-They are 12 years and over and they have completed a two dose series AND have received their booster vaccine when eligible (5 months following the second vaccine)

In the event of a confirmed classroom or cohort outbreak, unvaccinated and not fully vaccinated individuals (meaning that an individual who is eligible for their booster and has not received it) will be required to quarantine per the guidelines from the Howard County Health Department.

For additional information, please visit the [HCPSSS Health & Safety page](#).

Booster Eligibility

The Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) authorized booster shots of the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines for all individuals age 18 and older (age 12 for Pfizer). Please review the following information:

- If you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you are eligible for any vaccine booster shot, if you are 18 years of age or older, two months following your initial vaccination.
- If you received the Moderna vaccine, you are eligible for the booster shot if you are 18 years of age or older, five months after your final vaccination.
- **If you received the Pfizer vaccine, you are eligible for the booster shot if you are 12 years of age or older, five months after your final vaccination.**

Note: Pfizer is the only vaccine approved for adolescents ages 12–17, including booster shots. Adults 18 and older may choose any vaccine booster no matter which original vaccine was received

From the Health Room

[Students who will be entering 7th grade next year](#)

COVID-19 Self-Screening Symptoms Self Check

[Click on this link for more information](#)

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.

Knighly 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.