

KNIGHTLY NEWS

5-20-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/20: MCAP Math (7th grade)
- 5/23: MCAP Math (6th grade)
- 5/24: MCAP Math (6th grade)
- 5/25: Knight Time
- 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
- 6/1: Choral Spring Concert @PMS, 7PM
- 6/2: Band Spring Concert @MHHS, 7PM
- 6/6: GT Algebra & Geometry Final exam
- 6/7: 8th Grade Panoramic Picture ****New Date**
- 6/7: General Music Showcase, 7PM
- 6/8: 3 hour Early Dismissal, 11:50AM, Club Day
- 6/9: Rising 9th Grade Visit to High Schools
- 6/9: Music Boosters Meeting (Virtual), 7PM
- 6/14: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony & Celebration
- 6/15: 3 hour Early Dismissal, 11:50AM, Knight Time & School Store
- 6/16: 3 hour Early Dismissal, 11:50AM
- 6/17: 3 hour Early Dismissal, 11:50AM **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

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!*

MCAP Testing Dates

Please remind students to get plenty of rest and bring their charged, school-issued Chromebook the day of testing.

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

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

Make-up MCAP Testing will take place on Wednesday, May 25th, as well as May 31st-June 3rd.

MAP Reports

The Spring Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) scores have been uploaded into the parent view in Synergy. Follow the link below for instructions on how to access your child's MAP scores. If you have questions on how to read the score report, please contact your child's ELA or Math teacher.

MAP Score Access Link:

<https://help.hcpss.org/grades-testing/fall-2020-MAP-scores>

Message from HCPSS Grounds Services

To: All Staff and the Parent of ALL STUDENTS
From: Brandon Sands, Grounds Services Manager
RE: Pesticide Application

The purpose of this memorandum is to serve notice that the Grounds Service Department has scheduled a pesticide application to control Canadian Thistle in the environmental areas. Specifically, this is a spot application in the Storm Water Management Areas, Reforestation Areas, and along wood lines where the weeds are present. The date for the application will be the weekend June 4-5, 2022.

If unfavorable weather conditions or other extenuating circumstances arise, the intended pesticide application may have to be delayed or postponed to a later date. If the application cannot be made within 14 days of the original planned date a new notice will be issued.

All precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of students and staff; however, state laws require that the following statement be included in this letter. The office of

Pesticide Programs of the United States Environmental Protection Agency has stated that: "Where possible, persons who potentially are more sensitive, such as pregnant women and infants (less than two-years old), should avoid any unnecessary pesticide exposure."

A summary of the potential adverse effect of the pesticides is below. Copies of any Material Safety Data Sheet and/or label for any pesticide being applied may be obtained by calling the school office. Should you have any questions regarding your school's application date please contact Brandon Sands at (410) 313-2577. Question about school notification should be addressed to Marcie Hardin (410)-313-7180.

CAUTION PESTICIDE APPLICATION

Notification is hereby made that an application of the pesticide shown below was made on this site to control Canadian Thistle

School Name: Patapsco Middle
Date: June 4th and 5th, 2022
Application Locations: Environmental Areas

PRODUCT NAME: Lontrel
COMMON NAME: clopyralid
EPA REGISTRATION NUMBER: 62719-305
HEALTH HAZARD DATA:

Eye: May cause very slight temporary corneal injury. Vapor may cause irritation experienced as mild discomfort and redness. Skin: Prolonged contact may cause moderate skin irritation with local redness. Prolonged skin contact is unlikely to result in absorption of harmful amounts. Ingestion: Very low toxicity if swallowed. Inhalation: Vapor concentrations are attainable which could be hazardous on single exposure.

Copies of Material Safety Data Sheet and /or label for any pesticide being applied may be obtained by calling the school office.

8th Grade Panoramic Picture (important update)

The Panoramic picture has been rescheduled to Monday, June 7th. Online orders only. After Lifetouch takes the picture, they will upload the photo for you to see and purchase the photo. The link to access the photo will come after the photo has been taken. The price is \$17. plus shipping.

Parents that paid online for the postponed picture day on May 18th may call Customer Service: 1-800-736-4753 if you would like a refund. If you sent the payment envelope with your student please ask your student for the envelope back.

#OnePatapsco Day of Belonging: Culture Day

Wow! What an amazing day Wednesday was for our #OnePatapsco Day of Belonging. Students, families, and alumni (from Mount Hebron) were able to share their culture, traditions, heritage, and more with our students! It was an incredible experience and we are so proud of our students and our community. The event was organized by students!! Thank you to Mr. Weeks for sponsoring and organizing along with Ms. Kim, Ms. Kelly and Mr. O for their support.

MESA at State Competition!

Congratulations to our MESA program who participated at the State competition recently. Our students did an incredible job and we thank Ms. Stephenson for being the sponsor and our parent volunteers. Here are the results:

Mobile App: 3rd place

Wearable Tech: 1st place

Expandable Structures: 3rd place

NEDC: 2nd place

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](#)

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](#).

Patapsco Middle School Vocal Program Concert

Patapsco Vocal Music is excited to present to our community "Why We Sing"- a vocal concert centered around the reasons that music brings us emotional responses! We will

also be recognizing our 8th grade vocalists and their dedication to the Patapsco Vocal Program as we move them onto the next phase of their scholastic experiences. Come celebrate with our Select Treble Ensemble, Concert Choir, Treble Chorus, Glee Club, and our combined choirs! The Concert will begin at 7pm on the Patapsco Stage and is free to the public. See you there" [See flyer](#)

Hershey Park Results and Thank You's

Thank you so much to our students and wonderful chaperones for a fun and successful trip to Hershey Park last week! Students proudly represented Patapsco, delivered beautiful performances, and had a great day enjoying the rides, food, and chocolate at Hershey Park. Below are the results of our Music in the Parks competition that day.

Wind Ensemble

1st Place
Superior Rating
Best Overall Concert Band

Jazz Ensemble

1st Place
Superior Rating

String Orchestra

1st Place
Excellent Rating

Chamber Orchestra

1st Place
Superior Rating
Best Overall Orchestra

Select Treble Ensemble

1st Place
Superior Rating

Best Overall Chorus

Orchestra Concert

The Patapsco Orchestras will showcase their hard work from this school year in their concert at Mount Hebron High School on Tuesday, May 31st at 7pm. Final details for performing students will be posted to Canvas next week. Hope to see you there!

Band Concert

The Patapsco Bands will have their final performance of the year on Thursday, June 2nd. More details about this performance will be coming soon. Save the date!

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.

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.

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.

[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.