

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

5/22/2023

**5/22, 5/23:** MCAP 8th Grade Math

**5/29: Schools closed**

**5/30:** Orchestra Concert @ Mt Hebron HS 7pm

**5/31:** Chorus Concert @ Mt Hebron HS 7pm

**6/1:** "A Knight of Stars" 6:30pm

**6/5:** Band Concert @ Mt Hebron HS 7pm

**6/6:** Rising 9th Graders visit Mt Hebron HS

**6/7: 3 hr Early Dismissal**

Locker clean out

**6/8:** General Music Showcase 7pm

**6/9:** 8th Grade Promotion @ Mt Hebron HS at 12pm

**6/9:** 8th Grade Dance PTA Sponsored 7 pm

**6/12: 3 Hr Early Dismissal**

**6/13: 3 Hr Early Dismissal**

**6/14: Last day of School and 3 Hr Early dismissal**

## Important Phone Numbers

School Office: 410-313-2848

Student Services: 410-313-2850

Health Room: 410-313-2574

Dear Patapsco families:

I want to give congratulations to our students who participate in the performing arts and who attended the music field trip last Friday at Hershey Park. Our students performed AMAZING and here are the results:

Guitar Ensemble- 1st place Superior

Wind Ensemble- 2nd place Superior

String Orchestra- 1st place Excellent

Chamber Orchestra- 1st place Superior

Best overall Orchestra- Chamber Orchestra

Select Treble- 1st place Superior

Concert Choir- 1st place Excellent

Best Overall Chorus- Select Treble

Please join me in congratulating our students for their amazing performances...well-done! In addition, let's thank our Directors: Ms. Haight, Ms. Shum, Mr. Drake, and Mr. Rainbow for their support and direction as well as our parent chaperones and Music Boosters...this trip would not have been possible without their support!

I wish you a fantastic week!  
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

8th grade Math MCAP - May 22nd and May 23rd

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.

## 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on June 9th at noon at Mt. Hebron High School followed by a PTA sponsored evening dance. Click [here](#) for more information about the ceremony and please consider volunteering/chaperoning for the dance.

## Media Center News:

The end of the school year is upon us!  
Here are a few reminders:

- All library books are due back by **Friday, June 2nd**. Please place them in the book return bin in the media center.
- Any students who do not return their book(s) will be charged a lost book fee. Students returning damaged book(s) will be charged a replacement fee.
- Summer reading checkout news will be coming out next week.

The Howard County Public Library will be visiting Patapsco Middle School to promote the Summer Reading Program on the following dates during ELA classes:

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Interested 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## Chromebook Book Reminders:

Please bring fully charged chromebooks and chargers to school daily.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Snyder or Mrs. Murach

## End of Year Withdrawal

If your child is not attending Patapsco Middle School or Mount Hebron High School next year, please see the information below:

### I need to transfer my child to another HCPSS school:

If your child attended Patapsco Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year but will be moving to **another HCPSS school** district, please send a copy of your new lease or deed, a current utility bill (if available), and the completed [Change of Address form](#) to [Lindsey\\_Miles@hcpss.org](mailto:Lindsey_Miles@hcpss.org) .

I will work with your child's new school to complete the transfer process and you will receive a confirmation from the new school once the transfer process is complete.

### I need to withdraw my child from HCPSS:

If you need to withdraw your student because you have moved out of Howard County or your child will be attending a private school next year, please fill out the [Withdraw Request Form](#) and email it to [Lindsey\\_Miles@hcpss.org](mailto:Lindsey_Miles@hcpss.org) . **Students must return their HCPSS issued chromebook and charger to Patapsco on their last day of attendance.**

## “A Knight Of Stars”

“A Knight of Stars” is coming to Patapsco Middle School June 1, 2023. This enrichment fair is a wonderful event that showcases outstanding student work. There are also live presentations that highlight the many enriching opportunities that Patapsco has to offer. The evening starts promptly at 6:30 with presentations, displays and a gallery walk. Starting around 6:45, live performances and other live presentations and productions will also be showcased including some highlights from our #OnePatapsco's Day of Belonging as well as our spring musical. Parents/ Guardians should accompany their child to the fair because this is a family event! See our talented students, stay connected to your child's school and learn how your child can continue to be involved. We look forward to seeing you at [“A Knight of Stars”](#)- the 2023 Enrichment Fair.

## Time is Running out to Receive Bus Transportation

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

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Next School Year Families whose children are eligible for bus transportation must register through HCPSS Connect Synergy to receive bus service for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit <https://www.hcpss.org/schools/transportation/registration/> for instructions on how to register and more information.

We don't want any students who qualify for transportation to be without a bus if they rely on that to get to and from school. Please contact the school if you need help registering your child. Please contact the HCPSS Office of Transportation at [transportation@hcpss.org](mailto:transportation@hcpss.org) or 410-313-6732 if you have questions related to your eligibility to receive bus service. You may also find several frequently asked questions online.

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.

## Free Summer Meal Program Begins June 21

HCPSS will run a free summer meal program weekdays June 21-Aug. 4. Meals will be served only on days schools are open; there will be no meal service Tuesday, July 4. There are no applications, enrollment or fees to participate in this program, but children must be present to receive free meals. [Additional information](#), including a list of meal sites, is available online.

## PTA News

### 8th Grade Celebration Help Needed

Please sign up here to help with the 8th Grade celebration.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ea4a92aa7fa7-8thgrade1#/>

## “Our Time to Thrive”

Howard County Pride is proud to present our first ever T-Shirt Art Competition! This competition is designed to provide an excellent opportunity to local Maryland artists in grades K through 12. Please see the attached [flier](#).

## Patapsco Middle School Spring Concerts

Please join us for the Music Department's upcoming Spring Concerts. These performances will be a wonderful way to finish out the school year! Performing students should check their class Canvas pages for details.

Patapsco Orchestra - Tuesday, May 30th, 7pm, MHHS  
Patapsco Chorus - Wednesday, May 31st, 7pm, MHHS  
Patapsco Band - Monday, June 5th, 7pm, MHHS  
Patapsco General Music Showcase - Thursday, June 8th, 7pm, at Patapsco

## **Mt. Hebron Color Guard**

Mt. Hebron HS Marching Unit Color Guard would like to invite our students to their mini Spring Training Camps. Please see the attached [flier](#) for more information.

## **HC DrugFree Updates**

8 th–12th Grade Teen Advisory Council: Free. HC DrugFree’s Teen Advisory Council is open to all Howard County students in grades 8 through 12. This is a great opportunity to help prepare younger students for success in high school while allowing older students to develop their leadership and mentoring skills. The registration form is available at <https://hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisory-council/> and community service hours are available. Email your registration form to [admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:admin@hcdrugfree.org) or mail a hard copy to the office. Meetings are on Zoom from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To register for the Monday, May 22 meeting or any upcoming meeting, click on the TAC Registration link next to the meeting date <https://hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisorycouncil/>

Know What’s Happening in Howard County: Sign up for HC DrugFree’s newsletter at <https://hcdrugfree.org/enews-signup/> or follow us on social media to get updates on events as well as information to keep your family safe and informed: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#)

## **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)

## **Knighly Newsletters**

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