

KNIGHTLY NEWS

5-27-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 @PMS, 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
- 6/14: 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!*

Student Technology Incident Invoices

Soon families who have unpaid invoices for lost, stolen, or damaged Chromebooks will receive reminder emails from MySchoolBucks [do-not-reply@myschoolbucks.com]. Families can pay electronically by logging in to their MySchoolBucks account or create an account by selecting login and then choosing Sign up today! Originally, families would have also received an email from [hcpss_notifications@hcpss.org] with additional information concerning the incident. Questions regarding the student technology incident questions can be directed to DeviceDeployment@hcpss.org and invoicing and/or payment procedure questions can be directed to Finance@hcpss.org .

8th Grade Panoramic Picture (important update)

The Panoramic picture has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 7th. Online orders only. After Lifetouch takes the picture, they will upload the photo for you to see and purchase the photo. Here is the link which allows you to purchase the photo <https://events.lifetouch.com/tempHomepage.aspx?EventID=181495> 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.

8th Grade Promotion Celebration Party

See how you can help send the 8th graders out in style! We need donations for food/drinks and parents to help set up and decorate the school Hollywood Style! We appreciate any help you can give! [You can sign up here.](#)

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](#)

Band Concert

Thursday, June 2, 7pm at Patapsco Middle School! First and foremost, our concert is slated to be an outdoor performance on the blacktop basketball court behind the school. In the event of bad weather (rain, heavy winds, extreme heat, etc.) we will have the concert at Mt. Hebron High School on the same evening at the same time. A decision will be made before noon that day to determine if we will switch venues. All decisions will err on the side of caution. The evening will include performances by the Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. Bring your own chair!

Please visit your band Canvas page for more information!

Orchestra Concert

Our orchestra will perform on Tuesday, May 31st at 7pm at Mount Hebron High School. Students should report at 6pm, and the auditorium will open to the audience at 6:30 PM. Please visit your orchestra Canvas page for more information!

Additional Concert Info from the Boosters:

Concert Volunteers Needed!!

We really need volunteers to make these concert events a success! If you are able to help in any way, please visit the Sign-Up Genius links below to sign up for a job. We thank you so much for your support.

Orchestra Volunteers (May 31st) -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449afaf2e5-patapsco3>

Chorus Volunteers (June 1st) -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449afaf2e5-patapsco4>

Band Volunteers (June 2nd) -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449afaf2e5-patapsco5>

Flower Sale

The Boosters will be selling flowers at each concert night if you would like to purchase some for your student musician. One flower will be \$2, and three for \$5. Bring cash to purchase!

After/Before Concert Celebrations

Come out after the concert (or before) to enjoy a delicious treat and support the Patapsco Music Boosters! We are hosting fundraisers at the following locations during all three nights of the concerts:

May 31 - Yogi Castle (3pm - 9pm)

June 1 - Gong Cha Ellicott City (5pm - 10pm)

June 2 - Gong Cha Ellicott City (5pm - 10pm)

At the checkout, please let the store know that you are there for the Patapsco Music Booster fundraiser. This will ensure part of the proceeds will go toward the Music Boosters.

This is an easy way to support Patapsco's Music Program and an opportunity for the music students to celebrate after the concerts. If you are unable to go after the concerts, you can go anytime after 5pm any of the three nights.

See you there!

2022 Mt. Hebron Vikings Boys & Girls Soccer Camp

[See flyer for more information](#)

Free Summer Meals

HCPSS will continue providing free meals to all HCPSS students and any children aged 18 and under, weekdays from June 27-Aug. 12, with the exception of July 4 and 19. [Full details](#), including site locations, can be found online.

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.

Promoting 8th Grade Parents

Attention promoting 8th grade parents (rising 9th grade families)- Mt. Hebron Viking Backers are selling Class of 2026 Mt. Hebron t-shirts for \$15. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Dana Arthurs at spiritwear@vikingbackers.org. Shirts will also be on sale at the promotion ceremony at Mount Hebron on June 14.

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Celebration

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

PARKING

All parents who are attending the 8th grade promotion on June 14 must park in the parking lot that is the far lot (student parking). There will be plenty of space since the seniors have graduated Mount Hebron. Please DO NOT park in the bus loop as the High School has ARL students coming and going during our promotion ceremony time.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

View, download, print or subscribe to the [HCPSS 2021-2022 calendar](#) online. The calendar is subject to change; the online calendar reflects the most recent version. There will be no printed 2021-2022 calendars.

Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal

Complete this form to report a positive COVID-19 at-home test result to the Maryland Department of Health if you are a Maryland resident.

Please continue to contact the health room megan_blouse@hcpss.org if you are being tested or have a household member or if you are a close contact of someone who tested positive.

<https://onestop.md.gov/forms/maryland-covid-at-home-test-self-report-61dc801b819e860001f1037a>

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.