

KNIGHTLY NEWS

5/9/2023

5/9: Music Boosters @ 6:30 PM

5/10: Spirit Day - Mix It Up at Lunch/Recess

5/11, 5/12: MCAP 6th Grade Math

5/12: PTA Fun Knight (Tickets on sale @ lunches on Thursday & Friday)

5/12: Honor Roll Celebration at lunches

5/12 - 5/18: Shakespeare Residency (8th graders in ELA classes)

5/15, 5/16: MCAP 7th Grade Math

5/17: PTA meeting @ 7:00 PM

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

*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

6th grade Math MCAP - May 11th and May 12th

7th grade Math MCAP - May 15th and May 16th

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) with any questions.

PTA Fun Knight this Friday - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our last Fun Knight of the year is this Friday, May 12th. We cannot put this fun event on for our kids without adult assistance. Please sign up to help -- we can stick you in a dark corner and your kid won't even know you are there!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-patapsco13?useFullSite=true#/>

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
Arshmeet S.	Leo R.	Aiden S.
Daniel L.	Liz L.	Benjamin M.
Leif R.	Matthew S.	Brooke R.
Malakai M.	Oscar O.	Jaz J.
Mary E.	Rafael Hugo P.	Vignandeep V.
Miranda H. G.	Sreehith P.	
Shreya J.		
Timothy K.		

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week: from our PTA

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

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 evening dance. Information about the ceremony and PTA sponsored dance will be provided in the near future.

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

Time is Running out to Receive Bus Transportation

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

[Español](#) | [中文](#) | [한국어](#)

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 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.

Special Education Parent Involvement Survey, Spring 2023

All Parents of students with disabilities were sent the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey. The purpose of this survey is to hear from parents about how well they think their child's school is partnering with them and promoting parent involvement in their child's education. This information will provide valuable feedback for the HCPSS Department of Special Education. The last day to complete the survey is May 19. The survey can be accessed online here: www.mdparentsurvey.com/

Student 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. **6th grade students are fulfilling their hours in Science, our 7th grade students in English, and our 8th 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.

Sherri_Ross@hcpss.org

PTA News

- **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.

Social Media Awareness

Upcoming Event for Parents:

The Howard County Health Department is offering sessions on *Social Media Guides for Parents: Guide to Healthy Summer Habits*. The sessions are virtual, and you can register and see more details [here](#) (Links to an external site).

Each event is from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and will start with a presentation, and end with Q & A.

May 9 - Parents of Children ages 3-8

May 10 - Parents of Children ages 9-12

May 11- Parents of Children ages 13-17

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](#).

Mt. Hebron Lancers Dance Team Audition

Attention rising 9th graders. Please see the attached [flier](#) if you are interested in participating in Dance at Mt Hebron High School next year. If you are interested, please fill out the audition form link <https://forms.gle/WSupvS9AWwp9v9yj9>

Taller de SNAP (en español)

Familias aprovechen la oportunidad de hacer su registraci3n para SNAP que es Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria. Apoyo de alimentos para las familias. Haz clic en [el flyer](#) para m1s informaci3n.

HC DrugFree Updates

Vaping Town Hall: Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Free, but must register to receive the link. Nearly 40% of high school students will try vaping. Despite being promoted as a healthier alternative to smoking, vaping poses many health risks. Join HC DrugFree Executive Director

Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Mark Donovan, LCPC, LCADC of Congruent Counseling, and Dr. George Kolodner, a board-certified psychiatrist specializing in nicotine addiction to learn the consequences of youth vaping and what we can do about it. Learn more and register:

www.HCDrugFree.org/currentevents/

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 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 for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at publicinfo@hcpss

Knighly Newsletters

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