

KNIGHTLY NEWS

11-04-2022

- 11/06:** Daylight Saving Time Ends - clocks are turned back 1 hour
- 11/08: Schools and Offices Closed** - Election Day
- 11/14-11/18:** American Education Week
- 11/15:** Music Boosters Meeting, 6:30PM
- 11/11:** Reports Cards available to view through HCPSS Connect, 4PM
- 11/21:** 3hr. Early Dismissal (11:50AM), Turkey Trot, Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/21-23:** Parent Teacher conferences
- 11/22:** 3hr. Early Dismissal (11:50AM), Parent Teacher Conferences
Knight Time Schedule- Club Day
- 11/23-25: Schools closed**
- 12/02:** School Picture Retakes (more information to come)

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!*

From the Principal's Desk...

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 21-23, 2022 and will be held in-person on Monday, November 21st and virtually on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 22nd-23rd. **From Monday, November 7th at 8:00am, through Thursday, November 17th at 4:00pm, parents/guardians can log into [HCPSS Connect](#) to view and select available time slots to meet with teachers.**

The purpose of this conference window is to allow parents/guardians the opportunity for a virtual meet and greet with staff to discuss general student progress. Accordingly, each conference slot is 15 minutes long and will be conducted **in-person on Monday and through google meets on Tuesday and Wednesday**. If you have a pressing concern, you are strongly encouraged to contact the teacher to discuss it outside of the conference window. Synergy Conference

Management allows users to schedule time with individual teachers. We do not recommend scheduling your conferences back-to-back (on Monday) as you will lose meeting time while walking to each conference.

To permit access to our staff by all parents with interest, we ask that parents schedule conferences only for those classes for which there are concerns. Unlike your experience in elementary school, middle level educators do not have a slot for each and every student. So, please be strategic about who you'd like to see and mindful of the need for your neighbors to have the same access.

For step by step directions, please refer to the [parent directions](#). Should you have any questions or require assistance scheduling your appointments during the scheduling window, please contact Lindsey Miles, Student Services Secretary, via email at [Lindsey Miles@hcpss.org](mailto:Lindsey_Miles@hcpss.org). For questions about availability or course specific questions, please contact the teacher directly.

I hope your student has had an amazing start to quarter two! Have a wonderful weekend!

Mike Babe
Principal

School Pictures

School Pictures/Proofs went home on Wednesday. It's not too late to order pictures. Inside the picture packet is a card with your student's Portrait ID number and Access Code. You will use both of these to order pictures. Click here to order [online](#). [See sample](#)

American Education Week

November 14-18 is American Education Week! During this week, we celebrate the achievements of public schools in America and honor the work of people making a difference in education. We will provide more information next week in the newsletter but we wanted to invite you to some of the events that week.

- November 15: Music Boosters meeting through google meet
- November 16: Coffee and Conversation with Administration at Patapsco Middle (8:05-8:50 AM in media center)
- November 16: PTA meeting in person in media and zoom

Here are some additional reminders for your visit:

- Parking will be limited, so please consider carpooling or alternative parking options
- For safety, please sign in upon entering the building and wear your visitor sticker

- Please do not bring any siblings into the classroom during your visit
- For student privacy, please silence your phone & do not take pictures while in the classroom
- Due to capacity limitations, we are unable to accommodate guests or families during our lunch or recess periods

MAP fall reports available

Home report PDFs for the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) fall testing are now available in HCPSS Connect. The assessment was given to students in grades 1-8 in reading and mathematics. Reports can be viewed/downloaded by Parents/guardians by taking the following steps:

1. Log in to [HCPSS Connect Synergy](#)
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Report Cards from the menu
4. Near the top of the page, select MAP_2022_FALL

Note: Students in Algebra I/II or Geometry, and English 8 G/T do not participate in MAP testing. If your child did not participate in the October administration, a report may still appear based on the previous administration.

Additional detail on MAP testing and how to interpret the report can be found [online](#).

REQUESTS!!

The LEGO clubs are off to a great start in the "Patapsco Lego Wars". Over 80 Students are feverishly building their cityscape for the upcoming competition. HOWEVER, our Patapsco student community students are in desperate need of additional LEGOs. **Do you have ANY legos that your student no longer uses and is just collecting dust?** *Consider donating ANY LEGO (Big or Small collections) to the LEGO Clubs* for Mr. White, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Stephenson, and Mr. Spliedt. These can be dropped off in the main office. Thanks for your consideration!

Patapsco MS Yoga & Meditation Club - Needs Yoga Mats!

The Patapsco Yoga and Meditation Club is looking for yoga mats. We are seeking donations -- old or new! Please send the mat into school with your student to drop off in the front office if you have one already to donate. Here's an Amazon wish list if you wish to send a new one directly to the school. Thanks!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3KH0DW7GPJTG0?ref=wl_share

Crazy Mason Spirit Night [Flyer](#)

Mark your calendars! We are excited to be partnering with The Crazy Mason Milkshake Bar Old Ellicott City for a sweet fundraiser! Join us on November 16th, from 4-7pm! Custom Patapsco mason jars are available for the first 50 customers!

Come out for a sweet treat and show your school spirit! Patapsco will earn 10% of all sales during the event! <https://fb.me/e/2j4GDYSFi>

Spirit Wear Sale

Our next Patapsco spirit wear sale will kick off next week!

*The sale will run from November 7 - November 30

*20% savings sitewide

*Free shipping over \$75

*Guaranteed delivery by December 23rd or the order is free!

[Order online](#) [Flier](#)

It's time for MESA 2022 - 2023

Students of Patapsco! You heard about MESA on the morning announcements this week. Are you interested in joining? Below are our challenges for the 2022-2023 school year and links for you to register.

Our first meeting is Wednesday, 11/9 from 2:50 - 4:50 in D6 with Mrs. Stephenson

1. Projects are the same as in previous years [2022-2023 MESA Challenges.docx.pdf](#)
2. Here's a [link to register for Patapsco AND Maryland MESA for the 2022-2023 School Year](#)
3. I can't wait to see you at our first meeting is Wednesday, 11/9 from 2:50 - 4:50

Please note that I will be capping the group around 45 people, so be sure to talk with your friends and share the MESA Registration.

Ms. Danielle Stephenson, 8th Grade Science danielle_stephenson@hcpss.org

Free Bus Passes

HCPSS has again partnered with the Howard County Government and the [Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland](#) to provide free RTA bus access to students. This supports students who use public transportation to get to jobs and other services and destinations throughout the county. The passes are not intended to take the place of school buses for transport to school. Please contact Ashley Anderson (ashley_anderson@hcpss.org) for more information if you are interested.

Patapsco PTA

Save the date for the next **PTA meeting - November 16th** in the Media Center or via Zoom. Details to come!

There's still time to **join the Patapsco PTA!** We still need your support! **Membership is a big part of how we can support all the student activities and initiatives at Patapsco.**
<https://patapscomiddle.memberhub.com/store>

Volunteers needed for the Patapsco Turkey Trot. This event is not possible without our parents' support. Sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-patapsco4>

Book Fair Coming to Patapsco! We need your help...

On the evening of December 15th, the Patapsco Media Center will be hosting the book fair, with support from the PTA. The Staff Led Family Engagement and Education Committee at PMS would like to collaborate with the PTA to make this evening a fun family event for Patapsco students and their families (food trucks, open the school store, games in the gym for students, etc).

They are looking for help with the following:

- With organizing the food trucks (we are hoping the trucks will give the PTA a portion of their profits)
- We would need a few people to help with the school store.
- Advertising the event
- Collaborating with us for other ideas to make it a fun night

If you are available and interested in planning this event, please reach out to patapscopta@gmail.com

Music Boosters

Our next **Music Boosters meeting** will be on **Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30pm**. The meeting will be held virtually using the Google Meet code **PMS-MUSICBOOSTERS**. You will need to login with your student's HCPSS credentials. We will be discussing event dates for this year, volunteer needs, fundraising, and more. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Don't feel like cooking the Monday before Thanksgiving? Order from LEDO's Monday, November 21st in Ellicott City and help support our club! We'll get 20% of the proceeds if you mention Patapsico Music Boosters when making your order.

Mt. Hebron Dance Classes

All Patapsco Middle School students are welcome. [See flier for more information](#)

Counselor Corner

Career Academy Info Sessions

Current 8-11 grade students and their parents/guardians are [invited to attend in-person information sessions](#) on HCPSS career academies on Wednesday, Nov. 9 and Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Applications and Research Laboratory, 10920 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City. Each evening will include two 15-minute information sessions and a visit to a third academy.

CARSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Carson Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. An interested student must be nominated by the principal at his/her/their school to be able to compete for a Carson Scholarship. Only one student from each school is able to apply, ensuring that each nominee epitomizes academic excellence. Carson Scholars must have a GPA of 3.75 and display humanitarian qualities through community service. Scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement and humanitarian qualities, without regard to financial need, ethnicity, creed or religion.

If you are interested in being considered for nomination, please complete the [Carson Scholarship Nomination Form](#) and send it to Mrs. Shurtleff at erin_shurtleff@hcpss.org.

All nomination forms will be due to Mrs. Shurtleff no later than Friday, December 2, 2022.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale for \$25. Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school. Purchases can be made now through March (**personalization is only available through October 28th**). To order online, please visit: www.jostensyearbooks.com

Student Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Dismissal

[Click link for information](#)

From the Health Room

[2022-2023 Health & Safety – HCPSS](#)

Anyone that tests positive on an at home rapid should complete this form for the Maryland Department of health

[Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal / Portal de Maryland para Reportar Un Resultado Positivo de Una Prueba Casera del COVID | Maryland OneStop \(md.gov\)](#)

Howard Lions' Pride Second Annual Craft Fair

Sunday, November 6th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Howard High School. Our 100+ vendors will be selling crafts, books, candles, kitchen goods, jewelry, home decor, clothing, accessories, and much more! General Info link: <https://tinyurl.com/3tzxuhme>.

Free Community Health Fair

Glen Mar Church is hosting a free Community mini-health fair on November 12th. Everyone is welcome and it is free to the public. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Walk-ins accepted as time slots allow.

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022

Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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

The scheduled health-related services are:

- COVID boosters
- COVID Pfizer (5 to 11 years)
- COVID Bivalent Pfizer (12 and up)
- Annual Flu shots
- Health screening (blood pressure & BMI checks) (18 years and up)
- Vision screening (6 years and up)
- Hearing screening (6 years and up)
- Health risk assessment

Additional Information:

- [Flyer](#) for event
- Register at <https://bit.ly/3SM9yxk>
- For the latest information, please visit us at: <https://glenmarumc.org/events/mini-health-fair-2022/> .
- If you have any questions, email us at healthfair@glenmarumc.org.

[Knightly Newsletters](#)

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

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