

KNIGHTLY NEWS

10-14-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/17: School Pictures!

10/19: Knight Time Schedule

Unity Day- Wear **Orange**

10/20: Music Boosters Fundraiser at Main Event, 5-8 PM

10/21: Schools Closed - Professional Work Day

10/24: Schools Closed - Professional Learning Day

10/26: 6th Grade Outdoor Education Field Trip

Knight Time Schedule

10/31: Flu Vaccine Clinic at PMS

Pinktober Breast Cancer Awareness Month- Wear **Pink**

11/2: 3hr. Early Dismissal (11:50 AM) - End of first Marking Period

Knight Time Schedule - Club Day

11/8: Schools and Offices Closed - ElectionDay

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!*

Picture Day this coming Monday!

Lifetouch Photography will be at Patapsco to photograph students this **Monday, October 17, 2022.**

Don't forget to order your package [online](#). Picture Day ID: **EVT8V3B93** [Order form](#)

All students will be photographed for yearbook and administrative purposes, but only those submitting a completed order form online will receive a portrait package.

National Unity Day

On Wednesday, October 19th, National Unity Day, wear and share **ORANGE** to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying. We invite all students, staff, and families to wear ORANGE on Wednesday. If you post on social media, please use #OnePatapsco and #Unityday on your posts.

Fire Drill

We want to make you aware that Patapsco practiced an evacuation/fire drill with students today. This drill is one of the safety measures that all HCPSS schools conduct periodically throughout the year as part of our [Emergency Response Plans](#), and is good practice for students and staff to review safety procedures. An evacuation is a procedure that involves our students and staff exiting the building as quickly as possible and assembling at predetermined areas.

We encourage you to ask your child about the drill and let us know if they have any questions or concerns. You can find detailed information about what occurs during protective actions taken during emergencies, and the types of situations when each is implemented, at www.hcpss.org/safety/ ([Links to an external site.](#)). Additional information can be found on the [Family and Community Resources for Speaking with Children About Traumatic Events](#) ([Links to an external site.](#)) page.

Our goal each and every day is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff at PMS, and we hope these measures have a positive impact on our community as well.

Students of the Month for September

Congratulations to the following Knights who have been nominated by our staff to be the September Students of the Month. They have exhibited being **Resilient, Responsible, and/or Respectful!**

6th	7th	8th
Anish K.	Adithi K.	Connor M.
Ava M.	Austin G.	Enoch O.
Charlotte C.	Colin M.	Jade S.
Ebie M.	Eden K.	Jaelyn P.
Jack S.	Julia R.	Janis T. C.
Jasleen K.	McKenna W.	Kayleigh S.
Lucy B.	Sidney F.	Kevin R. C.
Nysir B.	Sydney (Sage) T.	Lei L.
Peter B.	Wilson L.	Luis B. I.
Tridha S.		Saanvi K.
Zain A.		Shaelyn L.
		Sravika B.
		Sydney S.
		Taniya B.

BSAP College and Career Opportunities Night

The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program invites you to attend the upcoming **BSAP College and Career Opportunities Night** on **Thursday, October 27, 2022, 4:00 - 8:00 pm** at **Long Reach High School**. Scholars in grades 8-12 are invited to learn more about HCPSS pathways, network with working professionals, and explore post-secondary opportunities. The evening will highlight nearby colleges and universities as well as local businesses within the Howard County area. To register, complete the registration form linked [here](#). Access the [BSAP College and Career Opportunities Night](#) flier for more information.

Health Room

Students should go to the health room if they are not feeling well. The health room will contact the parent/guardian directly. Please remind your student that they should not use their cell phone during the day.

Welcome Parent/Guardians/Visitors

In order to ensure the safety of all students and staff, all visitors must press the buzzer located on either set of main doors to gain entry to our building. When we greet you, please provide us with your name and the reason for your visit. We will buzz you in and direct you to report to the main office.

Please remember to bring in a **valid photo identification** (e.g. Drivers License) if you are picking up one of our students. It's also a good idea to double check your Emergency Procedure information to ensure the list of individuals authorized to pick up your student during the school day is up to date.

♪♪♪ Music Boosters ♪♪♪

Feel like kicking off a long weekend with a night of arcade games, billiards, laser tag and bowling? Join us at the Main Event (<https://www.mainevent.com/locations/maryland/columbia/>) at the Columbia Mall on **October 20th from 5pm - 8pm**. 20% of the proceeds go to support our club.

If you are a returning Band, Orchestra or Chorus Family and have found that you've outgrown or no longer need your concert attire, we would gladly take them off your hands. All donations of polos, black pants, black skirts, and black dress shoes can be dropped off with anyone in the music department.

Counselor Corner

Robinson's Rainbows - If you love the outdoors and making new friends in your community, Robinson's Rainbows outdoor group is for you. This drop-off program is for kids in the LGBTQ+ community to enjoy outdoor adventures and bonding time in a safe environment with their peers and LGBTQ+ staff. Activities may include guided hikes, habitat explorations, scavenger hunts, social games, or team building activities. [See flyer for information](#)

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY & FRESH FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- Free Clothing Giveaway (10/22/22 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

Free clothing giveaway at the North Laurel Community Center. The flyers are available in [Spanish](#) and [English](#).

- Fresh Food Distribution (10/24/22 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Fresh food distribution at The Salvation Army Family Store (3267 Pine Orchard Ln., Ellicott City). The [flyers](#) are available in Spanish and English.

Mt. Hebron Band Showcase on 10/19 & Mt. Hebron Trunk Treat on 10/25

[Showcase of High School Bands flyer](#)

[Trunk Treat flyer](#)

Leadership and Volunteer Opportunity: The Howard County Association of Student Councils (HCASC) welcomes ALL middle and high school students to monthly student lead meetings.

When: Wednesday October 19 7:00pm-8:30pm

Where: Centennial High School Cafeteria

Who: ALL Middle and High School Students Welcome from throughout HCPSS

Virtual Option: Google Meet Code: HCASC-GA Students must use HCPSS emails to join the meeting online

HCASC meetings provide students the opportunity to

- Grow and practice the habits of heart and mind it takes to serve as engaged and informed citizens
- Collaborate with student and community leaders from across HCPSS
- Discuss current events impacting HCPSS students
- Share knowledge based, actionable feedback and ideas directly with the Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) and other HCPSS leaders
- Pair students with actionable steps they can take to achieve their goals, such as:
 - Collaborate with their school-based administrators
 - Provide testimony to elected officials
 - Connect to HCPSS staff, community organizations, or an elected official,
 - Join one of our committees where they can work to bring their ideas to life in Howard County

More information on the HCASC website <https://hcasc.hcpss.org/>

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 Flyers will be sent home Monday.

Student Absences, Late Arrivals and Early Dismissal

[Click link for information](#)

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located outside of the Media Center. We will clean out forgotten items at the **end of every month**. Please emphasize to your student that it is their responsibility to keep track of their belongings, and to check the Lost and Found if they are missing something.

Forgotten Items

We accept lunches, instruments, homework, school projects, keys, or other items as long as they are brought to school before 10:30 AM. Items can be dropped off and labeled with the student's name and grade and put on the table in the foyer. Lunches are taken to the cafeteria and placed on the stage for students to retrieve.

We know homework, projects and instruments are important to our students, so we ask for your help in assisting students prepare for the day the night before, or the morning of, to ensure they have everything they need for the school day.

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 \(md.gov\)](#)

[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.org