

KNIGHTLY NEWS

10-21-2022

- 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 Patapsco Middle
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 - Election Day

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

Dear Patapsco families and community:

It has been an amazing first few months of the year! I cannot believe it is almost November. Quarter One is coming to a close in 6 days on November 2nd. This is a great time to talk with your child about their progress, grades, and discuss any goals they have for this year. Quarter one does not define students on their academics...it is just one piece of their academic journey. I encourage you to review your student's grades on Canvas so you are able to view their progress. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. **Parent-Teacher conferences will be in November and more information will be shared soon.**

I also want to lift up the importance of October. Every October, schools across the country join the nationwide campaigns to bring awareness to Bullying Prevention.

This past Wednesday, Oct. 19th, National Unity Day, students wore **ORANGE** to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying. They also participated in the Kindness challenge the week before and our students' messages from Unity Day will be on display soon.

[When our message is united, with each person feeling valued and important, we become a united commUNITY standing against bullying and cyberbullying. We are #OnePatapsco!](#)

I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing weekend,

Mike Babe
Proud Principal

Counselor Corner

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](#).

- Cold Wear Gear Giveaway [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- 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.

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 Flyers will be sent home Monday.

Dressing for Cooler Weather

We are having a beautiful fall and now the temperatures are getting cooler. Please be sure your child is dressed warm enough for outdoor recess and outdoor lunch if they eat outside. Please be sure you label your child's jackets and sweatshirts, as many items end up in the lost and found.

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 \(md.gov\)](#)

Knighly 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