

KNIGHTLY NEWS

10-7-2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/11:** Music Booster Meeting, 6:30 PM
10/12: Knight Time Schedule/School Store
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

Dear Patapsco families and community:

It has been an incredible start to the school year. Our students are engaged, energized, and are showing our #OnePatapsco spirit. We kicked off Bullying Prevention Month this past Monday with a Blue Day. We will continue this month by having all students participate in Kindness Challenges next week for a chance to win a gift card. Later we'll all wear ORANGE for UNITY day on October 19, 2022.... We are a commUNITY and it is critical for our students to celebrate and recognize the importance of Unity and kindness.

I also want to take an opportunity to remind you that we are a little past the midpoint for quarter one. This is a perfect opportunity for you and your student to:

- Sit together to review all grades and progress in Canvas

- Ask your student to explain what they are learning in each class
- Discuss goals for the next few weeks
- [Email your student's teachers](#) if you have additional questions or concerns

Finally, I want to thank our Patapsco PTA and all of our parent volunteers who made the Fun Knight possible last Friday. It was a great time and it could not have been possible without our PTA. If you have not joined the PTA, I am asking you to consider [joining](#) (it does not mean you have to volunteer)...simply [join](#). Your contributions make so many of our activities possible for our students.

I hope you and your family have a restful and sunny weekend,

Mike Babe
Proud Principal



*Patapsco- a place where **everyone** is valued and important!*

Student LEADERS: Knights of the Round Table

Hello Knights!

Patapsco Middle School needs voices like yours to make our school a better place! If you are interested in joining our leadership cadre, Knights of the Round Table, please complete the [Google Form Application](#) found below. Submissions require either a paragraph or audio response to a question so make sure to read all parts of the form before submitting. Interested leaders have until October 11th to complete and submit their applications. We can't wait to work with you.

Student Leadership Cadre: *The Knights of the Round Table!*

The Knights of the Round Table is a group of students that will engage with one another to: promote school spirit, develop leadership skills, plan school initiatives, serve as school ambassadors, and work with the advisors and the administration on building a sense of community and spirit among students. This is an exciting opportunity for students who want to get involved, build their leadership capacity, and plan some student-led initiatives at Patapsco.

In short we:

Serve the Patapsco community

Learn leadership skills

Communicate with fellow students and staff to continue to build our #OnePatapsco

[Applications](#) are available October 3rd and are due October 11th.

Updates from the PTA

Thank you to all staff and family volunteers who helped to make our first Fun Knight a success! We sold over 350 tickets to the event -- the largest turnout we've seen in years! If your child attended I hope they had fun! I witnessed so many smiles and excitement that night! The PTA needs your support to continue to plan these fun events for our kids. **We only have THIRTEEN PERCENT of Patapsco families signed up as PTA members. Please help us!**

Join Now: <https://patapscomiddle.memberhub.com/store>

Volunteer Information

Are you interested in volunteering at Patapsco Middle this school year - maybe chaperone a field trip or help in a classroom? We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and school. According to Howard County Board of Education Policy, all volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools and must complete the Child Abuse and Neglect Training for Parents. Please complete this course and training before registering to volunteer at your child's school. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. Please turn both of your completion certificates into the front office at the school when you are finished. Course and training can be found [HERE](#)

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.

Music Boosters Meeting

Our next Music Boosters meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 11** 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!

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.

Picture Day...say Cheese!

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

Packages can be ordered [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.

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.

We need YOUR VOICE: Family Engagement Committee

Staff from the Family Engagement Committee is also looking for **your** input! The Family Engagement Committee is a committee of staff members who aim to bridge the gap between parents/guardians, and the school by providing opportunities for parents, guardians, and families to participate in informative and engaging activities with students and staff. In order to do this, we need to know how we can best support YOU. We would be grateful if you could

complete the following [survey](#) so we can better meet your needs. **It will only take a few moments.**

Council of Elders Community Academy

Join HCPSS and the Council of Elders (TCOE) virtually on **Saturday, October 15, 2022** from **9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** for an engaging session regarding how to effectively maintain communication with your child's school. HCPSS staff will provide a parent demonstration on how to monitor student performance utilizing school system online resources. Additionally, families will receive strategies to help ensure successful parent-teacher conferences. This session is for families of students in elementary, middle, and high school. To register, please complete the registration form linked [here](#). Please see the [TCOE Navigating HCPSS](#) flier for more information.

The Council of Elders and the Howard County Public School System have partnered to sponsor the following 2022–23 parent workshop series:

- **October 15:** Navigating the Howard County Public School System
- **December 10:** Social and Emotional Well-Being
- **January 28:** Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships: Managing Peer Conflict
- **March 11:** Substance Abuse Prevention

All sessions will be held virtually 9–10:30 a.m.

Flu Clinic

Our flu clinic for students and staff will be held on **October 31st**. Registration must be completed online prior to Monday, October 17th. You must be signed up to receive a flu shot. Click on the link to register for flu shot <https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/9206501699>.

This vaccine is a quadrivalent, meaning the vaccine is designed to protect against four different flu viruses, including two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses. This vaccine does not contain any preservatives, including thimerosal or mercury, because they are single dose syringes.

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.org