

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/26:** Schools and Offices closed
- 9/28-9/29:** MAP Reading assessment (in ELA classes)
- 9/30:** PTA Fun Knight 7:00PM - 9:00PM
- 10/3:** Bullying Prevention Month Kickoff - Wear Blue
- 10/3-10/4:** MAP Math assessment (in Math classes)
- 10/5:** Schools and Offices closed
- 10/11:** Music Booster Meeting, 6:30PM
- 10/12:** Knight Time Schedule/School Store
- 10/17:** School Pictures
- 10/21:** School Closed - Professional Work Day
- 10/24:** School Closed - Professional Learning Day
- 10/26:** 6th Grade Outdoor Education Field Trip
- 10/31:** Flu Vaccine Clinic at PMS

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!*

## PTA

**Join the PTA!** We only have TEN percent of families represented. Please support the efforts to enhance the Patapsco school experience by supporting the PTA.

Join PTA here:

[https://patapscomiddle.memberhub.com/store?fbclid=IwAR3mBbeJOzYyCjumrIT1SFLPdrz-7Mw-Qa8ph\\_gXp8xQSTkstFlkypq1TG0](https://patapscomiddle.memberhub.com/store?fbclid=IwAR3mBbeJOzYyCjumrIT1SFLPdrz-7Mw-Qa8ph_gXp8xQSTkstFlkypq1TG0)

## Patapsco Fall Fun Knight Sept. 2022 - Volunteers Needed!

Come enjoy the first of three Fun Knights at Patapsco Middle School! This event has it all - there will be a DJ with dancing in the cafeteria, basketball and other activities in the gym, concessions in between, and BINGO (with prizes!). Tickets are \$5 and will be sold during all lunch shifts Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We need your help and time to provide a safe and fun event for our students. Any questions, please contact Heather Shim at [patapscopta@gmail.com](mailto:patapscopta@gmail.com).

If you are available to help please click on this link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45abaf29a46-patapsco3>

[Permission Form](#)

## Reading AND Math MAP Testing

This month, students in grades 6-8 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. The Reading MAP test will be administered on Wednesday and Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Math MAP test will be administered on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure your student's academic progress. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. **Please have your student come to school with a fully charged Chromebook on those days. Students may also bring wired headphones to use during the Math test.**

Please note the following exceptions for middle school testing:

- Students in 8th grade GT-ELA do not take the Reading Test
- Students taking HS level math classes (Alg 1 or 2, Geometry or Statistics) do not take the Math Test.

## Registration for Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Saturday Math Academy

*The HCPSS Black Student Achievement Program Saturday Math Academy Fall Session is approaching!*

*This year, the BSAP Saturday Math Academy will offer an in-person enrichment program for Howard County Public School System students in all levels of math for grades 3-12 based on course availability. Registration will take place online Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 9:00 a.m.- until capacity is reached. Class space is limited. Families can register by accessing the [HCPSS Connect Website](#).*

For more information, please visit: [BSAP Saturday Math Academy HCPSS News Post](#)

- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(English\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Chinese\)](#)
- [BSAP SMA Fall 2022 Flyer \(Korean\)](#)

## 6TH GRADE SUPPLEMENTAL OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Howard County continues to encourage middle schools to engage in outdoor education for 6th grade students. To accomplish this goal, Patapsco Middle School is excited to announce that 6th grade students will be attending a field trip to Robinson Nature Center on Wednesday, October, 26th. More information will be coming soon.

## Flu Clinic

Our flu clinic for students and staff will be held on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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 \(md.gov\)](#)

## **Salvation Army Food Bank - Fresh Produce Distribution**

[\(Links to an external site\)](#)

### **English**

3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 443-656-3376

Monday, September 26, 2022

Drive-Thru, From 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

Please do NOT arrive before 11:45 am.

### **Spanish**

3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 443-656-3376

Lunes 26 de septiembre, octubre por determinar

Drive-Thru, De 12:00 pm a 2:00 pm.

Por favor, NO llegue antes de las 11:45 am.

Productos frescos

## **2023 Living the Dream Award**

### **Promoting Peace: Within Yourself, Your Community & the World**

On behalf of the Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity and the Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, we are inviting students, their families, and staff to participate in two exciting contests.

Each year the MLK Holiday Commission recognizes students, individuals, and organizations with several contest initiatives. Our student contests include a Poster Contest, Essay Contest and Oratory Contest for ages K through 12. Contestants must generate original artwork, essays, and speeches that highlight Dr. King's visionary track record of service to human rights. The "Living the Dream Award" celebrates a student, individual and an organization whose outreach efforts are in alignment with Dr. King's message and vision. The theme is "Promoting Peace: Within Yourself, Your Community and the World!"

The closing date for these contests is October 31, 2022.

The Celebration will be held Sunday, January 15, 2023, at Howard Community College Horowitz Visual & Performing Arts Center, Smith Theatre, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia MD 21044. Contest winners will be recognized at the January 15, 2023, Dr. Martin Luther Celebration with a certificate and cash prize.

The tribute to Dr. King continues Monday, January 16, 2023, with the Day of Service, a county-wide volunteer- effort in partnership with Volunteer Howard

and community organizations. Numerous organizations will have on-site volunteer activities for

individuals and families in addition to off-site service opportunities.

I hope you will partner with the Office of Human Rights & Equity and the MLK Commission by sharing the attached fliers with students, staff and families and enabling us to get a variety of diverse variety of winning candidates.

[Click on link for more information](#)

## **[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](http://community-programs.hcpss.org) for more information. Questions should be directed to the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@hcpss.org](mailto:publicinfo@hcpss.org)