

Sparrows Point Middle School

Have you and your student discussed BCPS High School Magnet Programs?

Explore the Possibilities!

Our 8th grade students may apply for any of the high school magnet programs by November 3, 2023. Applications opened September 12, 2023. It is an online application process.

Magnet programs are wonderful opportunity for your student to take program specific courses aligned to their interest and potential career interest. In this week’s newsletter, I will highlight the programs geographically located in our South Eastern region of Baltimore County. Programs are located at: Chesapeake High, Eastern Technical High, Kenwood High, Patapsco High and Center for the Arts, Sollers Point Technical High, and our very own Sparrows Point High. Details along with links to videos for each school can be found on the next several pages.

Common Sense Media Safety Tip of the Week:

What Should I Do If Other People Post Pictures or Videos of My Child Online Without Asking Me First? Article and link can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Do you want a yearbook for your student?

To purchase a Sparrows Point Middle School Yearbook 2023-2024, you may start purchasing now at this link:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1132530/Sparrows-Point-Middle-School/2024-Yearbook/2023090921150558777/CATALOG_SHOP/

PTA

Thanks to everyone for a successful PTA meeting last week and for the generosity of your fundraising efforts to support so many opportunities for our students from 8th grade commemorative events to field trips. See you at the October 10th meeting.



Important Dates

September 12th..... Magnet Applications open at noon.

September 15th..... Professional Development Day Closed for Students

September 19th..... Magnet Application Information Meeting at Milford Mill Academy 6:00pm-7:30 pm

September 25th..... Professional Development Day Closed for Students

September 27th..... Magnet Application Information Meeting at Kenwood High School 6:00pm-7:30 pm

September 30th..... BCPS Magnet EXPO! At Delta Hotel in Hunt Valley, 10:00am –1:00 pm

Join the PTA

Facebook: SPMS-PTSA

Meeting Dates at school:

10/10/23

11/14/23 & 1/9/24

2/13/24 & 3/12/24

4/9/24 & 5/14/23

Time: 6:15 pm—7:15 pm



BCPS Magnet School Showcase events

Chesapeake High:

- ◇ Oct 11th at 6:00 pm
- ◇ In-person

Eastern Tech:

- ◇ Oct 19th 6:00-8:00 pm
- ◇ In-person

Kenwood High

- ◇ Oct 26th 6:00-8:00 pm
- ◇ Virtual event

Patapsco High & Center for the Arts:

- ◇ Oct 30th at 6:00 pm
- ◇ In-person

Sollers Point Tech:

- ◇ Oct 23rd 6:00-8:00 pm
- ◇ In-person

Sparrows Point:

- ◇ Oct 25th 6:00-8:00 pm
- ◇ In-person

BCPS High School Magnet Programs by School

Click on the Name of each High School below to watch a video showcasing their programs.

Chesapeake High School

◆ Academy of Arts, Multimedia & Communications

Pathways include:

- ⇒ Fine Arts
- ⇒ Interactive Media Production
- ⇒ Journalism / Communications

◆ Academy of Business & Information Technology

Pathways include:

- ⇒ Business Management
- ⇒ Marketing
- ⇒ Information Technology

◆ Academy of Leadership & Humanities

Pathways include:

- ⇒ Homeland Security

◆ Academy of Science, Engineering & Mathematics

Pathways include:

- ⇒ Project Lead the Way
- ⇒ Environmental Science
- ⇒ Mathematics

Eastern Technical High School

◆ Academy of Health Professions

Pathways include:

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- ◆ Building & Construction Technology
- ◆ Culinary Arts
- ◆ Engineering Careers
- ◆ Environmental Technology
- ◆ Information Technology (IT)- Networking (Cyber Security)
- ◆ Interactive Media Production
- ◆ Law & Public Policy
- ◆ Teacher Academy of Maryland



Magnet Expo!

Come out to the BCPS Magnet Expo and learn about 32 magnet schools along with ESOL and Special Education representatives.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) exhibits and demonstrations will show you how amazing these programs are and the bright future they create for you student.

Date: Saturday September 30th

Time: 10:00 am– 1:00 pm

Location:

Delta Hotel Hunt Valley

245 Shawan Rd.

Hunt Valley, MD 21031

Application

Information Night:

- ◆ September 19 @ Millford Mill Academy 6:00-7:00 pm
- ◆ September 27th @ Kenwood High 6:00-7:00 pm

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[Kenwood High School](#)

- ◆ International Baccalaureate Program
- ◆ Sports Science Academy

[Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts](#)

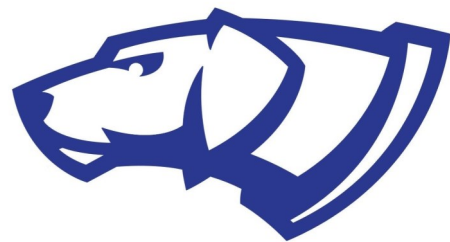
- ◆ Acting
- ◆ Dance
- ◆ Design & Production
- ◆ Instrumental Music (Band, Strings)
- ◆ Literary Arts
- ◆ Visual Arts
- ◆ Vocal Music

[Sollers Point Technical High School](#)

- * Note: These are half-day programs ONLY. Sollers students attend half-day at their zoned school and half-day at Sollers.
- ◆ Academy of Health Professions
- ◆ Automotive Service Technology
- ◆ Baking & Pastry
- ◆ Biomedical Sciences (Project Lead the Way—PLTW)
- ◆ Building & Construction Technology
- ◆ Cosmetology
- ◆ Culinary Arts
- ◆ Diesel Truck & Power Systems
- ◆ Information Technology (IT)- Artificial Intelligence
- ◆ Information Technology (IT)- Networking (Cyber Security)

[Sparrows Point High School](#)

- Environmental Studies





Community Service Hours Opportunity

Did you know, our students could earn community service hours this upcoming weekend?

Saturday, September 23rd

9:00 am– 2:00 pm

Bear Creek Stream Cleanup a Project Clean Stream

Location:

Bear Creek Park at Lynch Road and Gray Haven Road, Dundalk, MD 21222

Service:

Help us remove the trash and log jams from the mouth of this historic stream.

Registration opens at 8:00 am

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed.

Masks Required.

For more information call:

410-285-1202

Email:

Clean_Bread_and_Cheese_Creek@yahoo.com

What Should I Do If Other People Post Pictures or Videos of My Child Online Without Asking Me First? A Common Sense Media Q&A Resource

Unfortunately, some people might not see any issues with posting a photo or video of your child without permission. Unless the post violates the social media platform's terms of service, there's not a lot you can do to take it down. You can't, for example, call or email Facebook and request that the post be deleted. However, you can make clear your family's rules about sharing pictures and videos online with others.

Not everyone feels the same way about social media, so it can be tough to discuss this with friends, relatives, and even teachers. Try not to imply that your rules are better than theirs. Just be honest that it makes you or your child uncomfortable. You can also use this as an opportunity to show your kids how to give consent. Ask them if they're OK with others posting photos and videos of them, especially as they get older. If you or your child don't want pictures and videos shared, it's up to you to let people know.

Here are some ways to approach people who post about your child without your or your child's go-ahead:

- ⇒ Without judgment, simply ask the person to delete it, or to crop it so your kid isn't in the post. Say, "I'm not ready for this yet" or "I try to keep my kid's picture off of social media."
- ⇒ Ask the poster to not use names or tag social media accounts—and definitely don't include location tags. That will limit exposure and online safety concerns.
- ⇒ Let them know the kinds of posts you are OK with being shared. For example, you might be comfortable with photos that don't show your kid's face.
- ⇒ Ask the poster what their privacy settings are. If their profile is private, it limits who can see your child's photo.
- ⇒ You might be OK with sharing photos or videos of your kid if only certain people see it. In that case, you can ask the poster to limit viewers in their profile settings. Or ask them to instead use private photo-sharing sites that require log-ins, like Flickr.
- ⇒ If the poster pushes back, explain that you're worried about your kid's privacy. Once a post is online, anyone can share it.

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