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## From the Office

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### Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE: ELEVATED WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S)** **Perry Hall High School**

##### **ELEVATED LEAD WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S)**

All Maryland public and nonpublic schools are required to sample all drinking water sources for the presence of lead pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations. On May 23, 2023, 1 water sample was collected from Perry Hall High School. Of these water samples, (1) had levels of lead exceeding the action level of 5 parts per billion (ppb) for lead in drinking water in school buildings. The elevated lead results from the sample(s) collected from Perry Hall High School were as follows:

15.0 parts per billion (ppb) Spigot, Laundry Room,

##### **IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TAKEN**

Fixtures with elevated levels were marked as handwash only. If flush sample result is below the AL, kitchen fixtures above the AL were labeled with "Flush for 30 Seconds Before Use". Water fountains at or above the action level have been made inaccessible. A work order was submitted to have these fixtures replaced. Bottled water will continue to be provided for drinking.

##### **NEXT STEPS**

The fixture will be remediated. It will not be returned to typical operation until it has been sampled and found to be below the action level. Upon completion of this action a notification will be sent to the school community. Bottled drinking water will continue to be provided until all drinking water fixtures are sampled and found to be below the action level.

##### **ACTION LEVEL (AL)**

The AL is 5 ppb for lead in drinking water in school buildings. The AL is the concentration of lead which, if exceeded, triggers required remediation.

##### **LOCAL AND FEDERAL DRINKING WATER STANDARDS**

Without being required to do so, BCPS has tested school drinking fountains for lead since 2016. There are no federal regulations for schools regarding drinking water. The federal Clean Drinking Water Act requires public water systems to test for lead. Nine of our schools have well systems, and those systems have tested for lead as required.

##### **HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD**

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the fetus receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

##### **SOURCES OF HUMAN EXPOSURE TO LEAD**

There are many different sources of human exposure to lead. These include lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust or soil, some plumbing materials, certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, food, and cosmetics, exposure in the workplace and exposure from certain hobbies, brass faucets, fittings, and valves. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 10 to 20 percent of a person's potential exposure to lead may come from drinking water, while for an infant consuming formula mixed with lead-containing water this may increase to 40 to 60 percent.

##### **HOW CONSUMERS CAN REDUCE EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN DRINKING WATER**

1. Run your water to flush out lead; If water hasn't been used for several hours, run water for 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
2. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. If lead was present in the plumbing, it would dissolve more easily in hot water.

*Please note that boiling the water will not reduce lead levels.*

##### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. For additional information, please contact Brendan Richardson, Supervisor, Environmental Services at 443-809-6310 or [brichardson4@bcps.org](mailto:brichardson4@bcps.org).
2. For additional information about reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).
3. If you are concerned about exposure, contact your healthcare provider. If you do not have a healthcare provider, please contact the Baltimore County Department of Health at 410.887.3725.



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Athletics

State Qualifiers

**DAVID HEARD, JR.**

4A STATE QUALIFIER - LONG JUMP

**GATORS**

Congratulations to David on his fifth place finish at the 4A North Regional Championships, with a personal best jump of 21'2.25", and good luck to him at the state championship meet on Friday, May 26th at the PG Sportsplex!

**#HALIPRIDE**



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State Qualifiers

**PERRY HALL GATORS**

**JABRIA KING**

**4A STATE QUALIFIER - HIGH JUMP**

**PERRY HALL GATORS**

Congratulations to Jabria on her fourth place finish at the 4A North Regional Championships, with a jump of 4'9", and good luck to her at the state championship meet on Saturday, May 27th at the PG Sportsplex!

**#HALLPRIDE**

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State Qualifiers



**HAYDEN  
LOPEZ**

**4A STATE QUALIFIER - POLE VAULT**



Congratulations to Hayden on his first place finish at the 4A North Regional Championships, with a personal best vault of 10'1", and good luck to him at the state championship meet on Saturday, May 27th at the PG Sportsplex!

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# CROSS COUNTRY MEETING

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**CROSS COUNTRY MEETING**  
PHHS ROOM 302



**2:30 PM - CROSS COUNTRY**  
INFO AND PAPERWORK

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 31ST FOR OUR PRESEASON CROSS COUNTRY MEETING!

At 2:30 Coaches C. Adelman and N. Adelman will welcome prospective Perry Hall Cross Country athletes to Room 302 and share information and forms for the upcoming season.

For more information contact Coach C. Adelman at [cadelman@bcps.org](mailto:cadelman@bcps.org) or Coach N. Adelman at [nadelman@bcps.org](mailto:nadelman@bcps.org).

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Athletic Boosters

## Athletic Booster Club Meetings



Meetings will take place in the Coaches Room (around the back of the school near the gym) at 7pm the Second Monday of every month.

\*\*\*Due to unforeseen circumstances dates and times are subject to change

9/12	10/10
11/14	12/12
1/09	2/13
3/13	4/10
5/08	6/12

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## Biomedical Science Camp 2023



### PHHS Biomedical Science Camp 2023

Interactive Summer Camp with Hands-on Activities including Lab Experiments and Team Building  
From 9 am -12 noon on June 14, 15 and 16, 2023.

Open to **any middle school student** interested in Biomedical Science.

Are you excited about the PLTW Biomedical Program?

- Are you ready to learn new skills that are currently used in the biomedical field?
- Are you ready to learn more about science careers?
- Are you ready to explore Perry Hall High School?
- Are you ready to build new friendships?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, then please consider attending a three-day PLTW Biomedical Science Camp. The goals for this camp include team building experiences, new learning in science and a preview of the PHHS Biomedical Sciences courses. We will also complete science explorations, activities, and labs. Attending camp is highly recommended for eighth grade students accepted into the PHHS Biomedical Science program and any students planning to apply to the program in the future.

Please complete this registration survey by Monday, June 5, 2023. More information will be provided to all students who register for camp. Registration will be capped once all slots are filled. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Lipinski, [lipinski@bcps.org](mailto:lipinski@bcps.org)

Cannot wait to see you at camp!

The camp is offered to students free of charge. *Transportation will not be provided.*



<https://forms.gle/zGn71zoEVpAp7vTt5>

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## Counseling

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Are you interested in playing sports in college? Families are invited to participate in an NCAA webinar on Sunday, April 30th from 6:30-7:30 pm. See link to register! <https://mc97gsxn49y6wmpf4p2n764zq7z1.pub.sfmc-content.com/q5t4bub11pp> High school student-athletes focused on playing their sport at the NCAA level won't want to miss this informative hour with the Eligibility Center staff. Learn about the next steps, based on your year in high school and how the removal of standardized test score requirements may impact your eligibility experience. Parent/families/advocates encouraged to join!

- **Maryland Boys State Summer Program for Juniors**

Are you a male Junior interested in government, law, or politics? The 2023 Maryland American Legion Boys State program will be held on Sunday, June 18, 2023 through Saturday, June 24, 2023 at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. **Tuition for the program is fully funded by The American Legion.** Attendees need to report on campus at the Gill Gym at noon on Sunday, June 18th. The graduation exercise is Saturday June 24th at 9:00 AM and parents and family members are encouraged to attend.

Website [//www.mdlegion.org/boysstate](http://www.mdlegion.org/boysstate) contains an overview of the Boys State program, the 2023 application portal, scholarship opportunities offered by McDaniel College and Samsung. Applications must be completed by May 1st.

- **Maryland Girls State Summer Program for Juniors**

Are you a female Junior interested in government, law or politics? ALA Maryland Girls State is a summer weeklong learning experience, often held at Salisbury University where rising seniors live in "cities" within a dormitory-like setting. Our program uses a nonpartisan curriculum where students assume the roles of government leaders, campaigning in mock parties (often called "Federalists" and "Nationalists") to become mayors and county and state officials of their ALA Girls State. They offer both college and career readiness in our program. The program costs \$290 which includes housing, meals, a shirt, and a phone wallet **which is paid for** by an American Legion Auxiliary Unit. There is a \$45 registration fee that the attendee is responsible to pay, but this fee potentially can be covered by request to the sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit. We encourage all interested young ladies in their junior year of high school to apply and we will work with them to find a sponsoring unit. Participants who are direct descendants of US Wartime Veterans or Active-Duty Service members are eligible to apply for the Samsung Scholarship which covers up to \$10,000 of the winner's college tuition. There are a few other scholarships offered as well.

Below are links where you can find more information.

[ALA Girls State \(legion-aux.org\)](http://www.alamd.org) <https://www.facebook.com/ALAMDGS/>

<http://www.alamd.org/girls-state.html> (Program dates and application info here!)

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## Library

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### Upcoming Dates:

June 1: ALL library books due

All library books are due June 1st! Help us bring these numbers down and restock the shelves for next school year!



### Summer Reading Opportunities:

[Perry Hall High School eBooks and Audiobooks](#) (download the Destiny Discover app!)

[BCPL Summer Reading Challenge](#)

[AudiobookSYNC](#) Summer Program of FREE audiobooks for teens



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## SPARC

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Attention ALL APEX students:

Please review the Winter Saturday School Schedule for work dates. We will still work from 9am until noon in the rooms near 134.

Please make every effort to attend and move forward in your APEX course.

\*\*Students who do not attend regularly may be removed from the course and will need to choose another way to earn the credit needed for graduation. \*\*

Please reach out to any of the English APEX teachers with questions, updates, or concerns.



**SPRING SPARC SCHEDULE 2022-2023**

April 15th	9am - 12pm	June 3rd	9am - 12pm
April 29th	9am - 12pm	June 10th	9am - 12pm
May 6th	9am - 12pm		
May 13th	9am - 12pm		
May 20th	9am - 12pm		

Report to the entry by  
Room 134 with your device to  
work on your APEX program.

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## YEARBOOKS

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The yearbooks are in! Students who have purchased a yearbook may pick theirs up in room 113 during the school day. There are no more yearbooks available for purchase. Next year, students are encouraged to reserve their books early in the year to avoid missing out.

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## Quick Tips, Links & Resources-cont'd

If you want to submit a notice, flyer or information in the Communitigator? Please use the links below.

[PHHS Media Submission Form](#)

**-Attendance questions:**

[spatton3@bcps.org](mailto:spatton3@bcps.org)

**-BCPS Website:**

[Home - Baltimore County Public Schools \(bcps.org\)](http://bcps.org)

**-Clubs:**

[ClubsList2022-2023](#)

**-Counseling:**

Phone Number-443-809-5110

\*Do you need service-learning hours? Mrs. Alic updated your class Schoology page and the service-learning bulletin board, so you can access the necessary forms and register for local events to earn hours. Please make sure to track and submit your hours with the appropriate forms and signatures.

**-FOCUS Links :**

[SET-UP Parent Link](#)

[Navigate FOCUS Account](#)

**-PTSA:**

[PTSA Website](#)

**-School Information:**

[Home - Perry Hall High \(bcps.org\)](http://bcps.org)

Phone Number-443-809-5108

Fax Number-443-809-5116

**-School Nurse:** 443-809-8840

**Transportation:**

[Transportation/Student Parking Permits](#)

**-Transportation questions:**

[https://www.bcps.org/parents/transportation\\_status](https://www.bcps.org/parents/transportation_status)

[Transportation\\_contactus@bcps.org](mailto:Transportation_contactus@bcps.org) / 443-809-4321

[jworthington2@bcps.org](mailto:jworthington2@bcps.org)

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MARYLAND FOOD BANK

# Perry Hall High Food Pantry

Available to any student or family member in need.  
To gain access, please reach out to PHHS school social worker,  
Ms. Strauss, in room 150-B. You can also e-mail  
[jstrauss3@bcps.org](mailto:jstrauss3@bcps.org) or call (443-809-7441).

PHHS, as a community,  
understands times are  
hard. We are here for  
you!

SOULFUL  
Chicken Soup

Oh Wow!  
Instant Noodles  
with Chives

Wonder Tomato  
JUICY PASTA SAUCE  
with PASTA LEAVES  
14 OZ