



PATTERSON HIGH

Community School Coordinating Council Meeting: 5/20/08 at 11:00am - Parents are welcomed

Community Schools Office - 100 Kane Street - Balt., MD 21224 - Room 159 / 443 - 388-0296

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GANG AWARENESS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Community School Services offered at Patterson High School

- **YMCA After School Program** – Tuesday – Thursday, 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- **FUTURES Program** – Drop Out Prevention Services
- **Johns Hopkins – Bayview - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling** (daily)
- **BCCC Pre – G.E.D. Classes.** Tuesday and Thursday 6:00pm –
- **BCCC ESL Mentoring Program** - Wednesdays 3:45pm - 6:00pm
- **Baltimore Housing Authority – Human Services Worker** – providing assistance with housing, utility bills, family crisis, income tax preparation (by appointment).
- **Mayors Office of Employment Development** career services (by appointment)
- **Native American Student/Family Support** (by appointment)
- **Refugee Youth/Family Support** (by appointment)
- **East Baltimore Community**
- **Baltimore Health Department Full Service Health**
- **The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)**

Some signs of Gang Activity in your child are:

1. Sudden poor grades
2. Withdrawn from family
3. Use of unknown vocabulary
4. Sudden change in friends
5. Staying out later than usual
6. Evidence of drug abuse
7. Sudden increase in money/clothes
8. Use of hand signs
9. Desire for excessive privacy
10. Having a new nickname
11. Wearing a particular color or clothing
12. Change in appearance, tattoos
13. Use of graffiti on folders, desk, and walls,

If you suspect a child is in a gang, contact your Community Schools office at the number above for intervention strategies or use the information provided below:

- Baltimore City Police Gang Unit - 410-396-2640
- Baltimore City School Police - 410-396-8590
- Baltimore County Gang Unit - 410-887-2298
- Dept. of Juvenile Services - 410-230-3128
- “Get out the Game” Hotline - 443-984-7217

(Information cited from Md. Dept. of Juvenile Services - “Gang Awareness in Maryland” manual)

In recent years, youth gangs have become more widespread and a part of our neighborhoods. They have become part of the fabric of our community in ways that we never could have thought. Baltimore is feeling the effects of the gang culture that is sweeping across the country. In Md., juvenile gangs may include members as young as 7. The size of a gang could range from 3 to more than 100 locally and thousands nationally. Some of the popular gangs in our area are the Bloods, Crips, Latin Kings, Angels of Death, Gangster Disciples, 18th Street and MS 13. They all engage in activities such as assault’s, drug sales, murders, theft and graffiti writing.

Gang members use distinctive clothing, tattoos, hand signs/shakes and colors as identifiers. For example the Bloods are known to wear red and the Crips wear blue. They are also linked by neighborhoods or housing projects. Members have been known to assault or even kill someone for wearing the wrong color.

Recruitment for gang members is typically done within the neighborhood or school. Young people are drawn to gangs for protection, money, popularity or for a sense of belonging. Unfortunately, sometimes youth are intimidated and forced to join. Once in a gang, the culture of a gang operates on three “R” ‘s: Reputation, Respect and Retaliation. Every gang wants a bad reputation that they hope that others inside and out respect and if you attempt to damage either, they will retaliate.

THE PATTERSON PRESS WINS 3RD PLACE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Patterson Press is proud to announce that our school newspaper won 3rd place in the 2007-2008 American Scholastic Press Association Annual Newspaper Competition. Student Tenyka Miles won in the category of Outstanding Poem for her poem “My Brown Skin” which was featured in the December 2007 Issue. Congratulations Tenyka and thanks to all who worked on and supported our award winning newspaper. Congratulations to Mrs. Ceilion Aspen for doing such a great job as the advisor for the Patterson Press.

The Patterson Press was offered in two languages, English and Spanish this school year thanks to a grant acquired through the Community Schools Strategy. It has served as a tool to improve family engagement as well as school climate. Although some success was achieved we have just scratched the surface of what is possible.

With your help, we can increase our distribution and offer our school newspaper either for a discounted rate or even FREE! The Patterson serves the Patterson High School

student body of approximately 1600 students, and about 150 teachers and staff, as well as the surrounding East Baltimore community. Each paper is usually 12 pages long (although this is dependent upon content and the amount of advertising we sell), containing 6 pages of content in English, and 6 in Spanish. When you purchase an ad, your ad will appear in both the English and Spanish sections, and your ad will be fully translated into Spanish for the Spanish version. To speak with the newspaper advisor, Ceilion Aspen, please call 410-633-0363.

Helpful Websites:

Health Info:
<http://medlineplus.gov/maryland>

Employment Info:
www.baltimorebeehive.org

Southeastern District Police CRC
www.sepcrc.org

May 2008 - Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm	2	3 <i>Sat. School—HSA prep</i> <i>8–12—Patterson High</i> <i>Lunch and Bus tokens provided</i>
4	5	6 YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm Art Club 3:30 - 5:00 pm SE Anchor Library	7 Youth as Resources Task Force - 10:30 PHS YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm	8 YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm	9	10 <i>Sat. School—HSA prep</i> <i>8–12—Patterson High</i> <i>Lunch and Bus tokens provided</i>
11 Mothers Day	12 Reading is Fun Week - Visit your local library!	13 YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm Pew Wee Breakfast 11:30am — Federal Hill	14 Progress Reports Issued YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm	15 YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm	16	17 <i>Sat. School—HSA prep</i> <i>8–12—Patterson High</i> <i>Lunch and Bus tokens provided</i>
18 National Public Works Week \$1 admission to Public Works Museum all week	19	20 Final Exams for Sr.'s YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm Art Club 3:30 - 5:00 pm SE Anchor Library	21 Final Exams for Sr.'s YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm	22 Final Exams for Sr.'s YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm	23 Grades Closed for Sr.'s	24
25	26 Schools Closed for Memorial Day	27 YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm Art Club 3:30 - 5:00 pm SE Anchor Library	28 YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm Youth as Resources Task Force - 10:30 PHS	29 YMCA After School Program 3:45 - 6:00pm	30 High School Graduations Polish Festival Begins — Patterson Park	31 High School Graduations Charles Village Festival and Parade — Wyman Park Dell

Parents.....Get Involved

Please repeat these four words to your children: "Show me your homework". It makes a difference!

Maryland Parental Information Resource Center - 1 -877-637-2736

Parent/Community Advisory Board Mtg. 5/12/08 and 5/26/08 @ 6:30 in the 1st floor Board Room 200 E. North Ave.

International Parent and Community Meeting - 5/12/08. 6:30pm @ Patterson High in the Media Center.

See Saturday dates above. Send your child to Saturday School for High School Assessment help.

"After School Success Club" for 9th graders. Monday thru Thursday in room 160 3:45 - 4:45. For homework help in Algebra and Language Arts.

Important Numbers

First Call for Help - 1-800-492-0618 or 410-685-0525

Youth Works: 410 - 396 - JOBS (5627)

Maryland Youth Crisis Hotline: 1 - 800 - 422 - 0009

Dept. of Social Services Information: 443 - 423 - 6300

BCPSS Parent Response Hotline: 443 - 984 - 2020

Energy Assistance: 410 - 396 - 5555

Free Legal Help: 410 - 547 - 6537

Eviction Prevention: 410 - 878 - 8550

Drug Hotline: 410 - 685 - DRUG

Southeast Community Action Center: 410 - 545 - 6512

Grandparent Family Connections: 410 - 706 - 3672

Free Tax Help: 410 - 234 - 8008