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 September 8, 2022, 2 water samples were 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:

5.80 parts per billion (ppb)  Tap/Athletic Utility Closet

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TAKEN

Fixtures with elevated levels were marked as handwash only. 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 410-897-6310 or brrichardson4@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.
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.

From the Office
ATTENDANCE:
Did you know that the biggest predictor of student success is attendance? If a student must be absent from school, the student must present an absence note to the Main Office within 3 days after returning to school. The note must include the student’s name, grade level, date of absence, the reason for the absence and must be signed by a parent or guardian. If a student is absent for more than three consecutive days, a doctor/physician’s note must also be presented. Emails about attendance should be directed to Ms. Patton (spatton3@bcps.org) or to the student’s administrator. NOTE: In accordance with BCPS Rule 5120, teachers are not required to provide students absent for unlawful reasons with make-up work but may do so at their discretion and in accordance with their school’s established procedures. Class cuts are considered unexcused absences.
Extended Absence: The assistant principal may permit absences during a school year for unusual and/or imperative circumstances. This request must be made in writing to the appropriate administrator at least two weeks in advance of the expected absence.

EARLY DISMISSAL:
Unavoidable requests for early dismissal should be brought to the Main Office before 7:45 AM. The notes must be signed by a parent/guardian with the time and date to be excused, a parent contact number, and the reason for the early dismissal.
- Unplanned early dismissals must be arranged by the nurse or the Main Office. Students must sign out in the Main Office before leaving school property.
- Anyone who signs the student out must have a valid ID and be on our list of those who have approval to pick up the student. Therefore, we must have correct contact information on file yearly.

LATENESS:
To maximize instructional time, it is important that students arrive on time to school each day.
For a student to be counted as present for a full day, the student must be in attendance four hours or more of the school day. All students who arrive after 7:45 AM must sign in at the late check-in desk in the fine arts lobby to pick up a late pass before being admitted to class. A signed note from a parent or guardian explaining the reason for the lateness is required at the time of arrival in order for the lateness to be excused. When the late bus arrives at school, students will be given an excuse note to enter their first period class.
NOTE: Students who are tardy/late without a valid excuse note may not be able to participate in extracurricular activities that school day. This includes athletic events, clubs, etc.

AP Exams
The 2023 Advanced Placement exams will be administered at PHHS over two weeks in May: May 1–5 and May 8–12. Registration for exams will begin at 12:00 AM on Monday, October 10, 2022, and end at 2:30 PM on Friday, November 4, 2022. Registration includes three steps: students must complete all three steps by the deadline, or their exams will not be ordered. This year, every student who registers for one or more AP exam will automatically have one of their exams paid for by BCPS!!! Please visit the Advanced Placement section of the PHHS website for more details and contact Ms. Botteon, AP Coordinator, with any questions.
## Athletics

**THIS WEEK AT PERRY HALL**

### Monday
- 3:15 PM: Allied Soccer @ Home vs. Lassawonne HS
- 3:45 PM: JV Field Hockey @ Home vs. Dulaney HS
- 3:45 PM: Badminton @ Home vs. Loch Raven HS
- 3:45 PM: JV Volleyball @ Towson HS

### Tuesday
- NO EVENTS

### Wednesday
- NO EVENTS

### Thursday
- 4:00 PM: Boys' JV Soccer @ Sparrows Point HS
- 4:00 PM: Girls' JV Soccer @ Home vs. Sparrows Point HS
- 5:15 PM: Boys' Varsity Soccer @ Sparrows Point HS
- 5:30 PM: Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Home vs. Sparrows Point HS

### Friday
- 3:15 PM: Boys' Golf vs. Dulaney HS @ Rocky Point Golf Club
- 3:45 PM: Varsity Field Hockey @ Home vs. Towson HS
- 3:45 PM: Badminton @ Home vs. Parkville HS
- 3:45 PM: JV Volleyball @ Hereford HS
- 5:15 PM: JV Field Hockey @ Home vs. Towson HS
- 5:30 PM: Varsity Volleyball @ Hereford HS

### Saturday
- 10:00 AM: Cross Country @ Flying Falcons Invitational (Overlea HS)
- 11:00 AM: JV Football @ Dulaney HS
- 1:30 PM: Varsity Football @ Dulaney HS

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**OCTOBER 3 - 8 #HALLPRIDE**
Athletics—cont’d

**THIS WEEK AT PERRY HALL**

**MONDAY**
- 3:15 PM: Allied Soccer @ Home vs. Towson HS
- 4:00 PM: Varsity Field Hockey @ Sparrows Point HS

**TUESDAY**
- 3:15 PM: Girls’ Golf vs. Towson HS and Catonsville HS @ Diamond Ridge Golf Club
- 4:00 PM: Girls’ JV Soccer @ Home vs. Eastern Tech HS
- 5:30 PM: Girls’ Varsity Soccer @ Home vs. Eastern Tech HS
- 6:00 PM: Boys’ JV Soccer vs. Eastern Tech HS @ CCBC-Essex
- 7:30 PM: Boys’ Varsity Soccer vs. Eastern Tech HS @ CCBC-Essex

**WEDNESDAY**
- 3:15 PM: Allied Soccer @ Chesapeake HS
- 3:45 PM: JV Volleyball @ Home vs. Loch Raven
- 4:00 PM: Cross Country @ Parkville HS
- 5:30 PM: Varsity Volleyball @ Home vs. Loch Raven

**THURSDAY**
- 3:45 PM: JV Volleyball @ Home vs. Chesapeake HS
- 4:00 PM: Girls’ JV Soccer @ Home vs. Towson HS
- 4:30 PM: Boys’ Varsity Soccer @ Towson HS (Turf)
- 4:30 PM: Boys’ JV Soccer @ Towson HS (Grass)
- 5:30 PM: Varsity Volleyball @ Home vs. Chesapeake HS
- 5:30 PM: Girls’ Varsity Soccer @ Home vs. Sparrows Point HS

**FRIDAY**
- 6:00 PM: Varsity Football @ Home vs. Catonsville HS
- 10:00 AM: JV Football @ Home vs. Catonsville HS

**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 10 - 15**

#HALLPRIDE
Stadium/Gym Rules-

All events are pay and stay. No re-entry.
No book bags.
No food or drinks.
No electronic noise makers.
No pets.
No bikes or skateboards.
No smoking or vaping.
No standing on the walkway in the bleachers.
No drop off, pick up, or parking on Gerst Ave.
During some contests the gates may close at any point due to the size of the crowd.
The administration reserves the right to close the gates to an event at any time.
All students must have IDs.
Middle school students and younger guests must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the event.

If you violate any school or stadium rules, you will be asked to leave immediately, and you may lose your opportunity to attend any future athletic events for the school year!

For Perry Hall High School Athletic Boosters information, please visit https://www.phhsboosterclub.org/.

For the most up-to-date sport schedules, please visit https://48779.digitalsports.com/.

For scores and standings, please visit https://countysportszone.com/.
For regional and state competition schedules and rules, please visit https://www.mpssaa.org/.

For NCAA eligibility information, please visit https://www.eligibilitycenter.org/.

Field Hockey-
The Black Student Union also known as BSU will be holding its first meeting on Wednesday, October 5th. BSU is an organization dedicated to encouraging cultural diversity at PHHS, with special regard to students of African descent. BSU strives to:

Create an atmosphere of safety for all students of African and African American descent,
Discuss and address the needs and concerns of all students of African and African American descent,
Encourage students and boost their confidence in becoming productive members of the community and
Instill a sense of pride and appreciation for our culture and heritage.

If you are interested in being a BSU member, meet with Miss Jones in room 213, October 12th @ 2:30.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS—

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
Booster-cont’d

**BAND BOOSTERS**

*Yumraiser*

Join us at Ledo Pizza for a FUNDRAISER to support Perry Hall High Band Booster

**Ledo Pizza:**
LEDO PIZZA WHITE MARSH
5350 CAMPBELL BLVD
BALTIMORE, MD 21236

**When:**
Monday, October 17th
From 5pm-9pm

**Online Code:** 306-159-855
(Please enter the code into the Promotion Code area at Checkout for the organization to receive credit)

**CARRYOUT • DINE IN • ONLINE**

Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone, enter the code for online orders, or just mention you are here to support this fundraiser and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the organization.

**PERRY HALL BAND BOOSTERS**

Help support our student musicians as they travel to Florida to perform at Disney!

Enjoy a meal anytime from 10am to 9pm on Wednesday, Oct. 5th and mention Perry Hall Band Boosters!

We thank you for your support!
This year’s annual Fall Senior Meeting will occur on Tuesday October 4th during periods 1 and 2. The purpose of this meeting is to distribute important information to seniors related to senior events including graduation and fundraising as well as to take the senior panoramic picture.

Don’t miss this important meeting!

**PERRY HALL HIGH SCHOOL**
**Class of 2023**

**WE’RE STARTING A FUNDRAISER!**

The Class of 2023 is hosting a donation fundraising program that is going on RIGHT NOW! We are raising funds to decrease the cost of your prom ticket and other class of 2023 expenses.

**RECEIVE $200 IN DONATIONS AND RECEIVE A FREE PROM TICKET**

**RECEIVE $400 IN DONATIONS AND RECEIVE 2 FREE PROM TICKETS**

The other portion will go to the class treasury to pay for graduation and other class events.

There is no selling of products or delivering items! Woo Hoo!

**THIS FUNDRAISER IS ONLINE ONLY! THE MORE DONATIONS YOU RECEIVE, THE MORE MONEY OFF THE COST OF SENIOR PROM!**

The senior that receives the most donations will receive $200
Second place will receive $100

This fundraiser will be presented at the senior class assembly on Tuesday, October 4.

Be on the lookout for the flyer that will be coming home on that date!

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**Massoni’s Italian Restaurant**

just celebrated their one-year anniversary!

Support a local small business and the Perry Hall High School Class of 2023!

Dine in or carry out from Massoni’s on Tuesday, October 11, between 11:00 AM and 9:00 PM. Mention the PHHS Class of 2023 and the senior class will receive 10% of the sale!
Calling all freshmen -- if you're looking for an opportunity to get involved and make new friends, join the Class of 2026! We meet every Thursday at 2:45 in room 110 where we'll be planning for homecoming, organizing fundraisers, and designing spirit wear. We'd love for you to participate. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Alam in room 106 or Ms. Birmingham in room 110. Hope to see you there!

Counseling Office

College Nights & College Fairs

PHHS Senior College Night
9/15 @ 6:30 pm
PHHS School Library

PHHS College Fair
9/29 @ 6:30-8 pm
PHHS Gym

PHHS Financial Aid Night
10/13 @ 6:30 pm
Virtual

PHHS Junior College Night
2/16 @ 6:30 pm
PHHS School Library

PHHS Fresh/Soph College Night
3/16 @ 6:30 pm
PHHS School Library

DO YOU NEED SERVICE LEARNING HOURS?

You can find information and opportunities:

• IN YOUR "CLASS OF" SCHOLOGY GROUP
• SERVICE LEARNING BULLETIN BOARD IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Students should submit their SIGNED verification of hours form AND their reflection sheet for each activity to Mrs. Alic in person or via email/ schoology message: salic@bcps.org
Homecoming

Tickets for the Homecoming Dance will go on sale October 3rd. Tickets will be $20 each and sold from 7:15am-7:40am and all lunch periods outside the Cafeteria. Seniors buy first (10/3/2022) and everyone else is able to purchase October 4, 6, 7

Music Department

Perry Hall High School Performing Arts Department
Proudly Presents the

Mildred Reiner Memorial

Fall Festival Concert

Wednesday October 12, 2022
7pm

PHHS Auditorium

No ticket/admission fee required

HOWEVER

Donations will be taken to the Mildred Reiner Memorial Scholarship awarded to PHHS seniors majoring/minoring in music
*Announcement for Rho Kappa– National Social Studies Honor Society Attention current Rho Kappa members. We will have our first meeting on Wednesday October 14th immediately after school in room 139 until 3:15. Current seniors who are interested in running for an officer position must attend. Please see Ms. Krause in room 130 or Mrs. Evans in room 139 with questions.

Our next meeting will be October 4 at 6:30 in the Library.

PTSA
**SAT**

**SAT Administration Dates @ The Hall**
Perry Hall High School will host the SAT National Administration on the following Saturdays during the 2022 – 2023 school year.

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Need to register or more information? Go to [http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org) and login with your College Board account. Select **Register Now!**

**重要な: If you plan to take the SAT at Perry Hall High on any of these dates, please report to the front entrance of the building by the flagpole at 7:30AM.**

Please bring your test day registration ticket **and your physical photo ID**. If you have standard testing, it will be over around approximately 12:30PM. If you have extended time testing, it will be over around 1:30PM. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Parlette @ [aparlette@bcps.org](mailto:aparlette@bcps.org) or in Room 217.
Quick Tips & Links

-Want to submit a notice, flyer or information in the Communigator? Please use the links below.

PHHS Media Submission Form

-Attendance questions:
spatton3@bcps.org

-Clubs
Club List 2022–2023

-FOCUS Links:
SET–UP Parent Link
Navigate FOCUS Account

-PTSA:
PTSA Website

-School Information:
Phone Number–443–809–5108
Fax Number–443–809–5116

-School Nurse: 443–809–8840

-Transportation:
Transportation/Student Parking Permits

-Transportation questions:
[Transportation_contactus@bcps.org / 443–809–4321]
jworthington2@bcps.org
mbaikauskas@bcps.org