

Marple Newtown High School  
PTO Meeting Minutes – Thursday, September 21, 2023

**Student Report:**

No Student Report this evening

**Teachers Report (Kerri Confora):**

**College & Career Access Center (CCAC)** - Ten senior students are participating in the inaugural year of our MNHS educator internship program! CCAC counselors have picked up the post-secondary planning conversations where we left off last spring with our seniors to support them in their plans. The CCAC team visited more than 15 AP classrooms last week to explain a dual enrollment opportunity available to our students through an exciting new partnership with Immaculata University. The new digital PSAT/NMSQT will be given to all of our current 10th and 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 11th. Please continue to check out our monthly College Table Talk sessions for parents (details on the MNHS website under CCAC).

**Cross Country:** Cross Country will be having a car wash at Russell Elementary on Saturday, September 30 from 9 AM until 1 PM.

**Health / Physical Ed Department** Reminder the PE classes will continue to go outside whenever possible. Students should have proper clothing to accommodate changing temperatures.

**English Department:** Thank you for supporting the Reading Olympics team last year. The Olympians loved their team shirts and earned a blue ribbon during the competition hosted by our school! The team has already read 19 books so far and they just keep going. We look forward to the event this Spring and we thank you in advance for your continued support!

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**Senior Class of 2024:** The Class of 2024 will be hosting our annual Linvilla Pie fundraiser. Pies will be delivered just in time for Thanksgiving.

**Junior Class of 2025:** The Class of 2025 will host a car wash fundraiser on Sunday, October 8th from 11am-3pm at the Sunoco on West Chester Pike. Please come out and support us!

**Sophomore Class of 2026:**

**Freshman Class of 2027:** Voting is open for the Freshman Executive Board for Student Council. The freshmen class should vote for two representatives who they believe execute the proper qualities to gain a spot on the board. The link was posted on Schoology in the Class of 2027 group page.

**NHS:** The NHS collected school supplies for students in need.

**Renaissance** - 1st MP qualifications have been determined and eligible students have been offered the opportunity to participate in a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo on Friday, October 20th.

**Advanced Placement Exams 2024:**

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**Principal Report:**

- Life Skills Trip: Asking for funding from PTO for 3 kids at \$75/ semester; approximately \$450 total; John to get final number to cover busing; John's budget covers the trip activities.
- ACT 158: discussed 5 pathways to graduate
- Calendar:
  - 9/25 school closed
  - 9/28 Picture Day
  - 9/30 Homecoming dance – expecting over 900 kids
  - October
    - 10/7 Bandarama
    - 10/11 PSATs for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders
    - 10/13 8<sup>th</sup> grade visitation
    - 10/14 LINK weekend
    - 10/19 PTO meeting in Library

- New block schedule is going well; good student and then parent feedback at back-to-school night
- 5<sup>th</sup> block going well
- Phys Ed games at 5<sup>th</sup> block put in place going over well
- Clubs starting to form and gather now
- Club fair next week
- Meetings with each freshman to start next week

**PTO Report:**

1. Discussed where snacks will be for upcoming homecoming dance and how many to expect to adjust already created sign up genius to add snacks; last year only did beverages and the thinking was that the kids were starving so we want to add snacks; even talked about allocating part of PTO budget in case not enough snacks were donated. This was agreed to
2. PTO asked to be given a heads up from John regarding the staff luncheon/ breakfast dates
3. Tiger Lines in the works by volunteer Cathy Collins
4. Fundraiser: Color Run; need to get moving on a date; Liz Chilberti has done & agreed to help; Stacy to meet with John to discuss soon
5. PTO meetings to move start time to 6 pm going forward

**Treasurer Report:**

- Dues down a little bit; request Kayla to send reminder out again
- Bandarama Dues up from \$150 to \$185 this year
- Funds rolled into Renaissance on sheet – was separated into three lines items; Zeroed these out

## Marple Newtown High School

PTO Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2023

### Teacher's Report

- **MN Best Buddies** - The Marple Newtown Best Buddies continues to grow with 75-85 students participating in the club's weekly meetings. Club members participate in various activities such as sports, games, crafts, social events, and community service projects. Club Co-President Emily Kwon was recently honored for her involvement with the Champion of the Year program through Best Buddies International and was spotlighted in an article in the Marple Friends and Neighbors Magazine. In addition to their weekly activities, MN Best Buddies also organized a pep rally for our schools Unified Bocce team this past December. Spreading awareness of inclusion, our amazing bocce athletes, and the Special Olympics. Presently the team is participating in the Polar Plunge at Citizens Bank Park on February 9th. So far, the team (Marple Tigers) has raised \$2,335 in support of the Special Olympics. Anyone wishing to support the team should visit the Marple Tigers team page at

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- **College & Career Access Center (CCAC)** - The CCAC Counselors visited 1st semester 9th grade English classes for an interactive lesson on the importance of GPA and the advantages of getting involved. A representative from the DCTS also provided an overview of their programs. Likewise, we visited 1st semester 11th grade English classes to kick off the post-secondary planning conversation. Parents of 11th grade students are encouraged to schedule an appointment to meet with their student's CCAC during the month of January. The same presentations will be repeated in February for students who have their English course during the second semester. Please continue to check out our monthly College Table Talk sessions for parents (details on the MNHS website under CCAC).
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- **Freshman Class of 2027:** Candygrams will be sold for Valentine's day and then again to send a note to a senior. Sales will begin next week. Other fundraising ideas will be discussed in the near future.
- **Mini-THON/FTK Club:**
- **Renaissance** - 2nd MP qualifiers enjoyed a movie in the auditorium on December 21st sprinkled with a few random gift card winners.

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**Principal Report**

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**College & Career Access Center (CCAC)** - The CCAC Counselors will be working with all students over the coming weeks regarding their 2024-25 course selection. The deadline for students in qualifying spring semester AP courses to register for dual enrollment with Immaculata University is February 29th. See your CCAC if you have questions. Please continue to check out our monthly College Table Talk sessions for parents (details on the MNHS website under CCAC).

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**Senior Class of 2024:**

**Junior Class of 2025:** The Class of 2025 was pleased with the outcome of our recent A Casa fundraiser. We will be planning 1-2 car wash events for this spring.

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**Principal Report:** Stefanie McDevitt:

- 5<sup>th</sup> in the County out 15<sup>th</sup>
- Increased in attendance; others asking why MNHS why so high in attendance rate.
- Friday 2/23: Breakfast put on by PTO for the teachers
- Friday 2/16 In-service Day
- Monday 2/19 MNHS closed

**PTO Report:**

Color run 4/7/2024: fundraising effort put on by the PTO at 8 am; 5K run, 1 mile walk at the High school; sponsorship efforts in full gear; registration piece going up; flyers done

**Treasurer Report:**

- No movement; change since last month.
- Color run will be accounted for in all new line items: costs, sponsors, profits, etc.

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- Request made to have Daily Announcements updated daily.
- Dual enrollment courses requested where to get list of them, could they even be published on-line.
- Curriculum guide for 2024-25 discussed; will this be published to website; goal to be done by Spring Break. Timeline pushed back due to block scheduling.
- Kids can take 2 maths, language, etc. in one year due to block scheduling.

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**Teachers Report (Kerri Confora):**

**Art Department** - We have a new Photo teacher, Ms. Rebekah Myers. She has been with us for about one month and is a wonderful addition to our visual arts department. We are gearing up for the Annual Evening of the Arts, which will return to the main lobby and first floor hallways leading from the lobby. It is scheduled for Thursday May 16th starting at 6pm. It is free and open to the public.

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**Mural Club** - Students are working on designs for possibly painting the snack bar & bathrooms inside of the stadium.

**College & Career Access Center (CCAC)** - The CCAC Counselors will be visiting all Block 1 classes between March 19-April 2 to review the 2024-25 course selection process, MNSD graduation requirements and answer student questions. We will have course scheduling forms available at that time. Students are also encouraged to schedule an appointment with their CCAC, as needed, with specific questions relative to 2024-25 course selection. The deadline for changes to 2024-25 course requests is April 30, 2024. Please continue to check out our monthly College Table Talk sessions for parents (details on the MNHS website under CCAC).

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**Principal Report (from Mr. Tabar):**

- From Mr. Jaspersen: teacher recommendations for core classes are completed; students have until 4/5 to work on/ submit choices for electives; they can see their courses through Infinite Campus
- Course registration will be sent home in the mail to parents/ addresses on file the week after 4/5
- Waivers are due by the end April 2024
- April 30<sup>th</sup> mentioned as a hard deadline
- 3/22 will be the annual Murphy basketball tournament held at the end of school
- Next PTO meeting 4/25 @ 6 pm
- Keystones May 13,14, & 15 – doesn't affect entire school population's schedule
- AP exams during school day; April 1<sup>st</sup>: schedule will start getting worked out; some/ many teachers put study groups together
- Prom: May 10th

**PTO Report:**

1. Question to John – when should we plan for the teacher luncheon?
2. Color run fundraiser in full planning, final preparations, etc. for April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8 am at MNHS

**Treasurer Report:**

- Both full financials and color run specifics presented and reviewed
- Renaissance budget not used yet; but expected to use entire forecasted
- Reading Olympics: waiting on receipts

Parking was, again, discussed at the end of this meeting.

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**Teachers Report:**

**Advocacy and Education** - Students from 10 Delaware County high schools engaged in work centered around advocacy and education throughout the 22-23 and 23-24 school years. The Student Forum and Future Educators met monthly and learned about programs and practices that contribute to student belonging. On April 12, 2024, Student Forum students presented their Playbook for Dignity and Belonging, and Future Educator students presented their philosophy of education to administrators, teachers, and community members in Delaware County. Marple Newtown High School participants included Faith Paye, Ariana Nakati, Alison Mezer, Taylor Openshaw, Alison Sarkisian, Grace Benner, and Natalie Mancini.

**Art Department** - The Annual Evening of the Arts is Thursday May 16th at 6pm. Please enter through the main lobby of the high school.

**Mural Club** - Snack Bar mural is going to the school board for approval. Paint colors have been selected and we are hoping to begin working on this project in the next few weeks.

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1. DCIU conference/ trip with 8 students – great real-life experience; preparing for real world experiences
2. Snack bar mural on Football field – jungle themed (Art Department)
3. Total of 38 parking spots added in the back after some reconfiguring
4. Important Dates:
  - 4/27/24 MNHS Tiger Band – Sunoco Car Wash on West Chester Pike 10 am – 12 pm
  - 4/28/24 Class of 2025 – Sunoco Car Wash on West Chester Pike 11 am – 3 pm
  - 4/30/24 – Final date to submit course to recommendation waivers for the 24/25 school year
  - 5/6/24 – 5/17/24 – AP Exam Window
  - 5/9/24 – NHS Induction – 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center
  - 5/10/24 – Junior/Senior Prom – 7:00 pm – Drexelbrook
  - 5/13/24 – Literature Keystone Exam
  - 5/14/24 – Algebra Keystone Exam
  - 5/14/24 – Tri-M Induction – 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center

5/14/24 - 5/15/24 – Garden Club Plant Sale

5/15/24 – Biology Keystone Exam

5/16/24 – Evening of the Arts – 7:00 pm

5/22/24 – Renaissance Dine and Donate Event at Chipotle Newtown Square - 5:00pm-9:00pm

**PTO Report:**

1. Planning end of the year teach luncheon.
2. Color run fundraiser was a big success; over 100 participants; 2025 plans to hold again and hoping to go bigger; involve more of the community with more vendors, food trucks, activities for kids, etc.
3. Working with Sunshine fund to assist with covering funds for prom attendees.
4. Current funds to stay in the sunshine fund – looking to perhaps assist them more in the future

**Treasurer Report:**

- Reviewed financials/ profits from color run
- Reviewed overall financials for funds to be going out for the remainder of the year