

PAXON HOLLOW

"MUCH TO LEARN YOU STILL HAVE" - YODA

Paxon Hollow "Peek of the Week" – Week of November 24, 2024

Dear Paxon Hollow Parents/Guardians:

As you prepare for the upcoming week, I would like to share some important updates and reminders:

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our parent-teacher conferences will take place on **Monday, November 25, and Tuesday, November 26**. We deeply value the communication between parents and teachers to support each student's growth and success. In addition to conferences, we encourage you to stay connected through emails, phone calls, and Schoology updates throughout the year.

Schedule Reminders

- **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:** Half days, with dismissal at **11:30 AM**.
- **Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29:** No school in observance of Thanksgiving.

Canned Food Drive

We are still accepting canned food donations for our annual food drive. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed—your generosity makes a meaningful impact in our community!

Special News: Tiger Tones Choir Performance

We're thrilled to announce that the Paxon Hollow Middle School Tiger Tones Select Choir will be featured on **6ABC's Thanksgiving Day Parade!** Be sure to tune in to see their incredible performance.

A Fun Week at Paxon Hollow!

This past week, our middle school teachers had some lighthearted fun with our students by participating in a "Secret Spirit Week." The entire staff wore black on Monday, and Tuesday brought out some creativity with "Drink Your Water from Something Unique" day. Picture your teacher sipping from a Heinz Ketchup bottle or a Hershey's Chocolate Syrup container—it was a hit with students and staff alike!

It's been a great week at Paxon Hollow, and we look forward to an exciting and meaningful week ahead.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish all our families a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

Warm regards,

TJ Gretchen
Principal
Paxon Hollow Middle School

Message from MNSD HR Department:

Marple Newtown School District is hiring Special Education Assistants. The salary for this tenth-month, 184-day, position is \$20,157.00 and includes a full benefits package and retirement plan. To learn more about the position, qualification requirements, and how to apply, visit the district web page, <https://www.mnsd.org/>, click on the "Employment" tab, <https://www.mnsd.org/our-district/employment>, or visit <https://marplentown.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>.

Paxon Hollow PTO News:

Please see the last two pages of this communication for important information regarding the Paxon Hollow PTO Trivia Night Fundraiser on Friday, January 31 at 7:00 pm. We hope you will join us!

SCHOOLY & INFINITE CAMPUS

To support our students' success, we aim to keep you informed of upcoming assessments and assignments. Summative assessments will be posted in Infinite Campus and Schoology 3–5 days before the test date, giving everyone time to prepare. You'll also find assignments and homework organized as upcoming events on each teacher's Schoology page calendar to help with planning. Additionally, any missing graded assignments will be noted in Infinite Campus, allowing families to stay updated on student progress. We hope these tools make it easier for families and students to stay engaged and organized throughout the school year. If you ever have questions related to an assignment, kindly reach out to your student's teacher(s).

Letter Days:

Monday, November 25 – D Day

Tuesday, November 26 – E Day

Wednesday, November 27 – E Day (Repeat Letter Day – Talent Show and Turkey Trot)

Thursday, November 28 – No School – *Be sure to tune in to the channel 6 ABC Thanksgiving Parade on channel 6 or Hulu and look for the PHMS Tiger Tones Choir!*

Friday, November 29 – No School

Message from our Athletic Director, Mrs. Rufo:

The winter sports season begins the week of December 2nd. Wrestling will have their first practice on Monday, December 2nd. Girls' basketball tryouts are on Monday, 12/2 and Wednesday, 12/4. Boys' basketball tryouts are Tuesday, 12/3, Thursday, 12/5 and Friday, 12/6. All PIAA forms, physical and activity fee must be completed before the first day of tryouts/practice. Any athlete who played or tried out for a fall sport, will only need to complete the Section 7 recertification form to participate in a winter sport. These forms were given out at the winter sports meeting. They are also available in the athletic office, the front office and on Paxon's website.

Student Cell Phones:

Students are not permitted to have a cell phone on their person during the school day. We do not encourage students to bring cell phones to school and are not responsible for lost or stolen phones. Each morning students are reminded to power their phones off and place them in their school bag. Students who ignore the cell phone announcement will have their phone confiscated and a parent/guardian will need to pick their student's phone up from the PHMS main office during our business hours.

Kindly note that students are permitted to use the phone in the main office if they need to make a call. We ask that you support us in limiting distractions during the school day by talking to your student about refraining from using their cell phone.

District News - November 24, 2024:

District: Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

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MNHS:

Throughout November, various staff members are recognized nationwide, including school psychologists, support staff, and substitute teachers. Without these individuals, the school environment would suffer. We thank each of them for their hard work and dedication to our students.

Mark your calendar for December 12th through 14th! 12 Angry Jurors is our Fall Play which is based on the 1957 film starring Henry Fonda. Our students are excited to present this thrilling courtroom drama that explores themes of justice, prejudice, and the power of reasonable doubt. Join us for an evening of compelling performances as our talented Tiger thespians bring this classic story to life. Click here to purchase tickets.

Congratulations to the Girls Tennis team for winning the Roar Award. The team's combined GPA was a 4.0. All Fall athlete's combined GPA was a 3.5. Great job to all!

Important Dates:

11/25 – ½ Day for Students – Conferences – by appointment only

11/26 – ½ Day for Students – Conferences – by appointment only

11/27 – ½ Day for Students

11/28 & 11/29 – District Closed

All Elementary Schools: Elementary School Conferences are this coming week on November 25-26. Thanks in advance for your attendance, your collaboration is essential. As a reminder, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are ½ days, with a noon dismissal for all elementary schools. There is no school on Thursday, 11/28 and Friday, 11/29. From all of the schools, we wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all who celebrate!

Loomis Elementary School is conducting their annual Pajama Drive, with donations accepted through November 26. Please click on the link below for more information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nW0Jc7NJF4hywvmg9VWSrcokLYkfj73D/view?usp=sharing>



PAXON PTO TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND GET READY
FOR A FUN NIGHT OF TRIVIA.**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 31 | 7PM START, DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
ST. LUKES CHURCH
35 N. MALIN ROAD, BROOMALL**

**\$35 PER PERSON OR \$250 PER TABLE OF 8
LIMITED NUMBER OF TABLES AVAILABLE SO**

RESERVE YOUR TABLE TODAY

BYOB & SNACKS, CO-ED, ADULTS ONLY

50/50, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES

SIGN UP AT

<https://forms.gle/9vkoQ1WcSXfHzoeE7>

OR USE THE QR CODE

QUESTIONS CONTACT REBECCA AT

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PTO REQUEST

PAXON HOLLOW PTO IS LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE WITH RAFFLE BASKETS FOR THE UPCOMING TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER.

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN ASSIST:

- 1 VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME BY ASKING BUSINESSES IF THEY CAN DONATE AN ITEM TO BE RAFFLED OFF AT THE EVENT.**
- 2 GET TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS AND MAKE A BASKET TO DONATE TO BE RAFFLED OFF AT THE EVENT.**
- 3 DONATE \$5 OR \$10 TO THE PTO TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF RAFFLE BASKETS. SCAN THE VENMO QR CODE BELOW.**

IF YOU HAVE OTHER IDEAS FOR RAFFLES PLEASE REACH OUT TO REBECCA MILLER AT ROTHMANMILLER@YAHOO.COM

