



Hello MNHS Families,

Between squeezing in last-minute day trips, back-to-school shopping, and helping kids ease back into a routine, the final days of summer can feel like a balancing act. We are excited to officially welcome students back for the 2026–2027 school year on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Students attending DCTS will begin reporting to their DCTS campus on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

Although school was not in session, there is much to celebrate from the summer. Students in our music department had the opportunity to showcase their musical talents abroad by participating in the American Music Abroad Program (AMA). Students visited cultural sites and performed with the band, choir and orchestra. In addition, we received confirmation that eight students will be recognized as either National Merit Semi-Finalists or Commended Students this fall based on their SAT scores. Our sports teams and music programs have already kicked off their 2026 seasons with early games and performances. Due to multiple retirements, the high school administrative team and student volunteers spent time this summer interviewing teachers and participating in demo lessons. We have five new staff members and two long-term substitutes we would like to welcome to the Marple Newtown High School team. Beginning the year with these accomplishments sets an inspiring tone for another outstanding school year. We hope to see all our students and families at our first home football game of the season on Friday, August 28th for Military & Police Appreciation Night.

Students' schedules were visible through Infinite Campus on August 21st. If there are questions regarding your students' schedule, please contact our CCAC counselors. This breakdown is by last name: A-F: Dr. Cipollone ([jcpollone@mnsd.org](mailto:jcipollone@mnsd.org)), G-M: Mr. Elison (selison@mnsd.org), and O-Z: Ms. Jacobson (tjacobson@mnsd.org). This week we will host our annual 9th-grade and New Student Orientation. Students had to pre-register for orientation to finalize group assignments. Our Tiger Guides are excited to lead the upcoming event.

Please ensure that you have read and reviewed the student handbook with your student. The entire handbook can be accessed through the district website and Schoology.

A message from the Technology Department:

- Marple Newtown School District has a One-to-One Laptop Program. Click [here](#) for detailed information on the One-to-One Damage Waiver Program including registration.
- Incoming 9th-grade students will continue to use the Chromebooks they received from Paxon Hollow Middle School
- All students participating in the one-to-one program will have until September 30, 2026, to register and pay for the insurance program.
- Any new student to the district should select this [link](#) to complete the waiver document as well as pay the insurance for the year. Mr. Friedgen will provide new students with their laptops when school begins.

A message from the nurse:

- All seniors must have their second meningitis vaccine by September 7th.
- Our nurse will conduct health screenings from September 14th through September 18th. If you do not want your child to participate you must let the nurse know in advance.

A few important reminders and updates:

- **Student Parking:** Students **must** have a parking permit to park on the school grounds; this includes the first day of school. Our campus has 234 student parking spots, and students were required to complete specific paperwork in advance.
- **Student Drop-off:** Student drop-off is located at the back entrance of the building. Doors open at 6:55 a.m. and all students will then report to the cafeteria. At 7:25 a.m. the rest of the building will open, and students can report directly to Block 1. Please be mindful of your speed and the direction you are driving when driving through the lot.
- **School Start/End Time/Attendance:** Block 1 begins at 7:40 a.m. and Block 5 concludes at 2:35 p.m. Report absences via email or phone: hsattendance@mnsd.org or 610.359.4219.
- **Transportation Information:** All information, including your bus number, pick-up and drop-off times, and routes can be found on your Infinite Campus portal.
- **School Breakfast/Lunch:** Click [here](#) for an important message on the district website regarding school lunches for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - o Breakfast is free for all students
 - o The National School Lunch Program application must be completed online every year. This application is how families qualify for free lunch. During the 2026-2027 school year, any student who qualified for reduced lunch will receive free lunch. To complete the application online use the link for the school café. If you need a paper application, click [here](#). Menus can also be found on the MNSD website under food service when the school year begins. Click [here](#) for the school café.
- **Visitors:** All visitors must report to the main entrance and scan their ID through Raptor to obtain access to the building.
- **Summer Forms:** Drop off all forms at the main office. Click [here](#) to print a copy of the forms.
- **E-Hallpass:** We utilize an electronic hallway pass. Students' computers should be charged every day to leave class. Students will not be allowed to use cell phones for E-Hallpass as this would be a violation of our procedures.
- **Sports:** Click [here](#) to access sports schedules.

As fall approaches, we look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events. If you are interested in volunteering in our school, click [here](#) for more information about necessary forms and clearances. We are looking forward to a great year!

Important Dates for August/September:

8/26 – First Home Tennis Match
8/27 – New Student Orientation – 9:00 a.m.
8/27 – First Golf Match
8/28 – First Home Boys & Girls Soccer Games
8/28 – First Home Football Game – Military/Police Appreciation Night
9/1 – First Day of School for Students
9/4 & 9/7 – District Closed
9/2 – First Home Volleyball Match
9/3 – First Home Field Hockey Game
9/9 – First Cross-Country Meet
9/16 – Back to School Night - 6:45 p.m.
9/21 – District Closed

9/24 – Student Picture Day
9/24 – First PTO Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – Library
9/28 – CCAC College Mini-Fair

Stefanie McDevitt
Assistant Principal
Marple Newtown High School

District:

We are excited to welcome our new families and returning students back to school on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Our administrative team, faculty, and staff have prepared for the return of our students and are focused on teaching and learning and meeting our students' social and emotional needs. Please see [The Tigers' Pride Back to School Edition](#) that offers families important dates, student orientation details, links to supply lists and summer reading, transportation information, and more.

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

Paxon Hollow Middle School:

We are so excited to welcome back our Paxon Tigers! Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for a wonderful start to the school year. We also want to extend a special thank you to our custodial, maintenance, and secretarial teams for all of their hard work in preparing our building for students.

Student schedules will be available in Infinite Campus on Friday, August 21.

We are excited to welcome all new students and their families to Tiger Camp on Thursday, August 27! Families with last names A–M will attend from 12:00–1:30 PM, and families with last names N–Z will attend from 1:45–3:00 PM. Students will have an opportunity to learn more about PHMS, meet staff and other students, and walk through their schedules.

Fall athletes should also complete the fall sports survey and physical form for the 2026–2027 school year, available on the Athletics page of the Paxon Hollow Middle School website.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 9/1: First Student Day
- 9/2: Back-to-School Night
- 9/3: Fall Sports Meeting after school
- 9/4 & 9/7: No School
- 9/8–9/9: IXL Testing
- 9/21: No School
- 9/25: PHMS Band performs at the MNHS football game

We are looking forward to a fantastic year and cannot wait to see our Tigers back in the building!

All Elementary Schools:

Everyone at the elementary level is so excited to see our students again and to welcome our new students! Our staff members have been working hard to get ready for their Tigers, with curriculum being reviewed, lesson plans drafted, and classrooms being set up. The building principals would like to send out a special thank you to our Custodians, Secretaries, and Deskside Technicians for all their work throughout the summer.

Each elementary school is hosting Kindergarten Orientations and New Student Orientations this coming Thursday, September 27, you will receive more specifics from your individual schools. Additionally, each school is having an Open House on August 27 from 2:30-3:30, please click [here](#) to view the flyer.

School starts for grades 1-5 on Tuesday, September 1. Kindergarteners will be attending Kid Talk appointments September 1-3, and their first official day of school is Tuesday, September 8. We all look forward to partnering with our families for another year of incredible growth!