Hello MNHS Families,

Summer flew by! Our doors will officially open for the 2026-2027 school year on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. We are excited for another wonderful school year collaborating with staff, students, and families. All students are eligible to receive free breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m. daily. If we have a two-hour delay or a half day, breakfast will not be served.

Attention students attending DCTS this school year! On Tuesday, September 1st students attending DCTS/Med Careers will attend a meeting after block 2 in A208. This is a mandatory meeting. You will report to your DCTS campus on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

On 8-24-26, parents/students should have received the **MNHS Devices at School FAQ** through Infinite Campus and email. Please ensure this document is completely reviewed prior to Tuesday. Unapproved laptops will not be permitted to be used in the building. Our cellphone policy is not changing, and all students must adhere to our previously implemented cellphone policy.

10th and 11th grade students will receive their new devices over the next two weeks. In order to receive the device, parents/students **must** have completed the One-to-One Laptop Program. Click here for detailed information on the One-to-One Damage Waiver Program including registration. Students who are early birds can arrive between 6:55 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to receive their device at the cafeteria. 11th grade students who have study hall will receive them in their study hall Tuesday.

Last week, we hosted our annual 9th Grade and New Student Orientation! Our Tiger Guides led the program with enthusiasm, welcoming our new students and showcasing all that we have to offer. Students had the opportunity to meet several staff members as they toured the building and, hopefully, will recognize a few familiar faces when they arrive for their first official day of school. Parents also had the opportunity to participate in a short presentation with Mr. Beltrante and a member of the PTO. We hope to see even more familiar faces at our monthly PTO meetings throughout the year. Please click here to read the letter from the PTO. We were all excited to welcome our new students and families to our school community!

The Tiger Marching Band had a productive weekend at Camp Canadenis where they learned the first half of their 2026 production, "The Game Show." The Tiger Marching Band members learned visuals, music, and had some time for rest, relaxation, and team building. They are excited to showcase their hard work at upcoming home football games and competitions.

It was great seeing so many of our students and community members at our first football game of the year. We are looking forward to witnessing our community's pride at many events this school year!

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. Parents are able to track the bus through the "Here Comes the Bus" app. The district code is 87587.
- **School Breakfast/Lunch**: Click here for an important message on the district website regarding school lunches for the 2026-2027 school year.
    - Breakfast is free for all students
    - 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.
- **Technology/Laptops:** 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.
- **Message from our 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.
- **Sports:** Click here to access sports schedules.

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:
9/1 – First Day of School for Students
9/4 – School Closed
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.

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.

PHMS:

Our annual New Student Orientation, "Tiger Camp," was a tremendous success! It was wonderful to welcome our newest Tigers and their families to Paxon Hollow Middle School. Students had the opportunity to have fun and build connections through games and activities, walk through their schedules and become familiar with the building, and meet many of their new teachers and begin building relationships.

As we prepare for the first day, please remember that student schedules are available through Infinite Campus. We encourage families to take one more look at their child's schedule, as there have been a few changes to teacher assignments and schedules.

Our Back-to-School Night will take place during the first week of school on Wednesday, September 3rd. This year, we will welcome families through an open-house format for all grade levels. To help with parking, building capacity, and the flow of the evening, we ask families to attend according to the following schedule:

Session 1: Last Names A–M
6:00–7:00 PM
Session 2: Last Names N–Z
7:30–8:30 PM

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

All Elementary Schools:

Everyone at the elementary level is so excited to see our students again and to welcome our new students! Our staff has 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.

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!