



Hello MNHS Families,

Due to the observance of Labor Day, the district is closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7th. Labor Day was established in the late nineteenth century to recognize the hard work and dedication of American workers. We hope everyone can enjoy themselves and relax with family and friends. We look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday morning.

We had a wonderful first week back in the building. Students and teachers participated in Significant 72 where they spend time getting to know one another and collaborating before jumping into course content. We also conducted all safety drills to help prepare students if there are ever emergency type situations. It was a joy to have students back in our halls, establishing an upbeat tone for the school year.

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. If you are completing the form for approval to use your personal laptop, please email the completed form to aprinzo@mnsd.org.

10th and 11th grade students will receive their new devices over the next week. 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.

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.
 - 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.
- **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.
 - o Incoming 9th-grade students will continue to use the Chromebooks they received from Paxton Hollow Middle School
 - o All students participating in the one-to-one program will have until September 30, 2026, to register and pay for the insurance program.
 - o 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:**
 - o All seniors must have their second meningitis vaccine by September 7th.
 - o 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:

9/7 – District Closed

9/9 – First Cross-Country Meet

9/16 – Back to School Night - 6:45 p.m.

9/21 – District Closed

Stefanie McDevitt
Assistant Principal
Marple Newtown High School

District:

The Marple Newtown Board of School Directors will meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, for Committee Meetings held in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

- Budget and Finance - 6:30 p.m.
- Facilities and Transportation - Immediately following Budget and Finance
- Curriculum and Instruction - Immediately following Facilities and Transportation

PHMS:**A Busy Start at PHMS!**

It has been a very busy and exciting opening at Paxon Hollow! We would like to thank all of our parents and families who joined us for Back to School Night on September 2nd. We appreciate you taking the time to visit PHMS, meet our staff, and learn more about your child's school year.

If you were unable to join us, you can still learn more about your child's teachers and courses. Dr. Gretchen shared a link to videos created by our teachers that provide an overview of their classes, expectations, and curriculum.

Fall sports informational meetings were held after school on Thursday, September 3rd. Student athletes learned about practices, schedules, games, and what to expect as they prepare for the upcoming season.

Fall sports officially begin on Tuesday, September 8th.

If you have any questions regarding fall sports, please contact Mrs. Rufo at JRufo@mnsd.org. We are looking forward to a great fall season and another exciting week at PHMS!

All Elementary Schools:

We had a great first week of school, it was wonderful to see the students back in action! You will hear specifics about Back to School Night from your individual schools, we look forward to seeing you all that evening. Your partnership and support are essential!

Please note there is no school on Monday, September 7 and Monday, September 21.