



Hello MNHS Families,

In recognition of the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, the entire Marple Newtown High School community came together for a solemn ceremony of remembrance. Students and staff gathered outside in the front parking lot beneath the American flag and observed a moment of silence at the approximate time the first tower was struck. In the days leading up to the ceremony, teachers emphasized the historical significance of September 11 and the profound impact the events had on our nation and so many individuals. Although none of our current students were alive on that day, they demonstrated tremendous respect for our country and for all those whose lives were affected. The ceremony served as a meaningful reminder of the importance of remembrance, unity, and honoring the sacrifices made by so many.

MNSD Remembers!

We are still in the process of ensuring students have their updated laptops. Students cannot receive this device until the completion of the One-to-One Laptop Program. Click [here](#) for detailed information on the One-to-One Damage Waiver Program including registration.

Later this week we will host our annual back to school night. Teachers will hold brief sessions with parents to provide information about their course. Back to school night is a time to hear information relevant to all families who attend. If there are specific questions or concerns about your child(ren), please contact the teacher directly. We look forward to seeing you later this week!

Attention juniors! Class ring information went out regarding how and when to purchase a class ring. There will also be a representative in the main lobby at Back to School Night to answer any questions. They will also have samples to view. This is a new company we are using for class rings, and we are thrilled they agreed to bring samples.

Attention seniors! We know it may seem early, but information was sent regarding purchasing your cap and gown. There was also information about the yearbook. Please refer to that communication for more information.

Marple Newtown High School students have many fundraising opportunities throughout the school year. New fundraisers:

- The Baseball Team is selling 12in. x 18in. Tiger Pride Garden Flags. Click [here](#) to complete the Google Form to order.
- The Baseball Team also has their fall store open. This will close on 9-20-26. Click [here](#) to view & purchase.

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 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:

9/16 – 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

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Marple Newtown High School

District:

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

PHMS:

This week, Paxon Hollow students participated in IXL testing in both Math and ELA. Our students did an excellent job working hard and giving their best effort throughout the testing sessions. Teachers will now be able to use this valuable information as a starting point to better understand student needs and guide instruction throughout the school year. In addition to testing, teachers held individual conferences with students in both ELA and Math. Students reviewed their PSSA scores from last spring, looked at the breakdown of their IXL results from this week, and reflected on how they felt while completing the assessments. Together, teachers and students discussed goals and created action plans to help them grow before our next IXL administrative testing session.

Remembering September 11th: We also took time this week to reflect on September 11, 2001. Students and staff discussed the significance of this tragic day and participated in a moment of silence to honor and remember the victims, their families, and the brave heroes who lost their lives while serving others.

6th Grade Social: We ended the week with our annual 6th Grade Social, hosted by our Renaissance Advisors. Our newest Tigers enjoyed dancing to music, spending time with friends, and enjoying a snack while getting to know their fellow 6th grade classmates. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our newest members of the Paxon Hollow community!

Looking Ahead:

- September 15: Locker Request Forms during WIN
- September 16: Advisory
- September 16–17: Tiger Tone Auditions
- September 21: No School

All Elementary Schools:

On Friday, all the elementary schools honored Patriot Day with an age-appropriate announcement, moment of silence, and dressing in red, white and blue. Thank you to all our service men and women, firefighters, and police officers for continuing to serve our community and country.

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 21.