



Hello MNHS Families,

This is a reminder that the district is closed tomorrow, Monday, September 21st. School resumes on Tuesday, September 22nd.

For those who celebrate Yom Kippur, G'mar Chatima Tovah. Yom Kippur also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. It is a solemn day dedicated to reflection, repentance, and prayer, observed with fasting and asking forgiveness. Yom Kippur concludes the High Holy Days, offering a time for spiritual renewal and a fresh start.

Picture day is later this week. All students will take a photo which can be purchased by families. This picture will also be used for student IDs. Seniors who need to retake senior portraits must register in advance. That date is October 5th.

Attention seniors and juniors! The CCAC is hosting their first college mini-fair on Monday, September 28th. This event is for students only and will take place during second block. Students can view participating colleges and universities on their CCAC Schoology page. Students do not want to miss out on this excellent opportunity to connect with admissions representatives! Students must sign up in Naviance to attend.

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.

Attention seniors, please remember that you must request your transcripts and letters of recommendation in Naviance. The CCAC does not have access to your Common Application. Also, each senior should meet with their CCAC to review all post-secondary plans. They are here to help you plan for your future.

Marple Newtown High School is proud to be recognized for its participation in the Philadelphia Phillies' Strike Out the Stigma initiative, a program created in partnership with Major League Baseball and Minding Your Mind to promote open conversations about mental health. Students and staff had the opportunity to participate in this meaningful initiative, including attending seminars featuring inspiring speakers such as former Philadelphia Union professional soccer player Sebastian Le Toux. The program emphasizes the importance of supporting one another, asking for help when needed, and recognizing that mental health is just as important as physical health. We are grateful for the opportunity to be part of this important movement and proud of the positive impact it continues to have on our students, athletes, staff, and school community. Never fight alone!

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

Fundraisers:

- Class of 2027! You will find information pertaining to commencement, senior portraits, the yearbook, and Lawn Signs by clicking [here](#).
- 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 today (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.
- **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:

9/21 – District Closed
9/24 – Student Picture Day
9/24 – First PTO Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – Library
9/28 – CCAC College Mini-Fair
10/3 – SATs – For those who registered in advance
10/3 – Bandarama
10/5 – Senior Portrait

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District:

Schools and Offices closed Monday, September 21, 2026.

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.

Marple Newtown School District is hiring Special Education Assistants. The salary for this tenth-month, 184-day, position is \$22,216.00 and includes a premium 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://marplenewtown.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>.

Marple Newtown School District is hiring bus drivers. The pay rate for a fully qualified CDL bus driver is \$32.06/hour. Paid training is provided for candidates who do not yet have a CDL. The pay rate during training is \$20.69/hour, increasing to \$32.06/hour once CDL credentials are completed. Benefits include personal days, sick days, holidays, and participation in PSERS retirement.

PHMS:

We are up and running at PHMS! Fall sports practices have begun, and Mrs. LaRue held Tiger Tones auditions this past week. It is great to see our students getting involved and representing PHMS!

We will be rostering students for fall sports and music on Tuesday, September 22. Please remember that all students must have their activity fee paid in order to participate.

On a separate note, our annual PTO Fall Fundraiser will kick off on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Students will have the opportunity to earn prizes for participating in the fundraiser. Please be on the lookout for additional information about cookie dough sales next week!

Last, but certainly not least, our PHMS Band will perform at the MNHS football game on Friday, September 25! We hope you will come out and support the MNHS football program and, of course, cheer on our talented middle school musicians.

It's a great time to be a Tiger!

All Elementary Schools:

Thanks to all our families who attended Back to School Night, your partnership and support are essential to our success. Please note there is no school this Monday, September 21.

Fall is here, be sure to read your school's weekly newsletter carefully to ensure you don't miss any fun activities!

Marple Newtown High School's Mini-Thon Club is already hard at work raising funds to combat childhood cancer. They are holding a Special Persons Dance fundraiser on November 13, please click [here](#) to view the flyer.