



Hello MNHS Families,

There are still many students who have not completed the One-to-One Laptop Program. It is imperative to do so as soon as possible. Students will take the PSATs on October 14th and must have the updated laptop. Click [here](#) for detailed information on the One-to-One Damage Waiver Program including registration.

Thursday was chilly but that did not keep our students taking Environmental Literacy from a fun adventure. Students from the Environmental Literacy and Sustainability classes went to three different local sites at either Crum Creek or Ridley Creek to study the stream. Students collected data on macroinvertebrates and other stream life, analyzed water samples for the presence of nitrates, phosphates, and dissolved oxygen, and measured physical characteristics of the stream such as velocity, depth, and conductivity. Students will be using this data to determine the health of the stream as well as likely sources of pollution. Students will end the year by completing a project along with an action plan where they think of ways to improve stream health.

Congratulations to six of our 12th grade students, one 11th grade student and one 10th grade student, for their acceptance and performance at the West Chester High School Honor Choir Festival on Friday, September 25th. The West Chester choral department continues to host this event year after year, bringing together students from across the region in a day of singing and learning. Students had the opportunity to work with collegiate conductors both in a large choir setting and in smaller workshops. The day ended with a performance by the Honor Choir and presentations from West Chester's own performing ensembles. Bravo!

Tomorrow is the CCAC first college mini-fair. 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.

Please join us on Saturday, October 3rd for the 56th annual BANDARAMA. This year's festival ends with a performance from Widener University and the Marple Newtown Tiger Marching Band! This year's show is "The Game Show!" featuring the music from Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune and The Price is Right. Gates open at 4:00 p.m. with the first band performing at 5:00 p.m. Come on down and be the next contestant on THE GAME SHOW!

An exciting time for all students is always Homecoming! The Homecoming Game will take place on Friday, October 23rd. Our Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, October 24th from 6:30 – 9:00 P.M. Tickets will cost \$20 and will be on sale from October 12th through October 23rd during advisory in the classrooms of Ms. McSorley, Mrs. Tull, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Hannan. No outside guests are allowed.

Student Council is excited to announce that a Senior Dinner Dance will take place this year. The Senior Dinner Dance is a new event for only MNHS seniors that will take place on February 12, 2027, at

Citizens Bank Park. This semi-formal event will include dinner and a DJ. Tickets will be on sale from September 28th through October 9th for \$20 per student. Students will be transported by bus from the high school to Citizens Bank Park and back to MNHS at the conclusion of the event. The bus leaves MNHS promptly at 5:30 P.M, and the bus will depart Citizen's Bank Park by 9:00 P.M and return to MNHS. A completed permission slip is required to attend. Permission slips can be found outside the classrooms of Ms. McSorley, Mrs. Tull, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Hannan. No outside guests are allowed.

Seniors who need to retake senior portraits must register in advance for the October 5th make up session.

September is Campus Safety Awareness Month. This is a time to remind ourselves that keeping our school safe is everyone's responsibility. Every member of our school community plays an important role in creating a safe and welcoming environment. By working together and speaking up when something doesn't seem right, we can help keep our school a safe place for everyone.

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.

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.
- **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 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.
- **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:

9/28 – CCAC College Mini-Fair

10/3 – SATs – For those who registered in advance

10/3 – Bandarama

10/5 – Senior Portrait Retakes for those who registered in advance

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District:

We are pleased to share that the 2027-2028 Academic Calendar was officially approved by the Board of School Directors on September 22, 2026. The full calendar is available on our District's website at this [link](https://www.mnsd.org/news-events-calendar/district-calendar): <https://www.mnsd.org/news-events-calendar/district-calendar> Please scroll below the current calendar to view the 2027–2028 calendar. We hope sharing the calendar at this time gives families and staff ample opportunity to plan ahead for the coming school year. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

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:

Paxon Hollow Middle School had an exciting week as we kicked off our annual PTO Fall Fundraiser! Students participated in grade-level assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday to learn about the fundraiser,

how they can get involved, and the exciting prizes available for participation. We look forward to another successful fundraiser and appreciate the continued support of our PHMS families and PTO!

Fall activities are also in full swing at Paxon Hollow! Our fall sports teams have begun practicing, and our music ensembles are off to a great start. On Friday evening, the PHMS Band had the opportunity to perform at the Marple Newtown High School football game. We are proud of our talented middle school musicians and appreciate the opportunity for our students to showcase their talents while supporting the MNHS Tigers!

All Elementary Schools:

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](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sM7DAnB4iN1vJpaashZXPTOq-CqADrNg/view) to view the flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sM7DAnB4iN1vJpaashZXPTOq-CqADrNg/view>