



Hello MNHS Families,

October is Bullying Prevention Month. Throughout the month, our SSC Counselors promoted kindness, acceptance, and inclusion through engaging activities, including “Cool to Be Kind” kindness referrals for students and faculty, a Tiger Paw Pledge Wall where members of our school community could pledge to stand against bullying, and Unity Day and Wellness Day on October 21st. Together, these activities reinforced an important message: creating connection, building relationships, and fostering a community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

Friday was National Custodial Workers Day. We would like to thank our Custodial Team for their dedication and continued support of a positive school environment! We greatly appreciate their hard work each and every day.

The MNHS Mock Trial team traveled to the Delaware County Courthouse in Media, PA on Friday to attend the "Meet the Judges" event hosted by the Delaware County Bar Association. The Honorable Deborah A. Krall was joined by other judges from Delaware County's Court of Common Pleas and the Magisterial District Courts, who provided students with a historical overview and current operation of the state and federal court systems. In addition, these judges presided over two mock hearings with local attorneys; a motion to suppress evidence in a criminal case and a child custody hearing from Family Court.

PSAT room assignments will be available on Monday for students in Schoology. Students need to check this information for the PSAT “dry run” on Thursday. 9th – 11th grade students will take the PSAT on October 14th during school hours. 12th grade students will have an asynchronous day so they will not attend school in person. They will receive information pertaining to a Senior Project activity that must be completed and submitted from home.

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.

Seniors portrait retakes are tomorrow for students who pre-registered.

Seniors! As you submit your college applications, please remember that some colleges require you to complete and submit a **STARS (Self-reported Transcript and Academic Record System)** record. Simply completing and submitting your STARS record does NOT automatically send it to your colleges. You must also make sure your STARS account is linked to each individual college application. Please check the Schoology message posted by Dr. Cipollone.

Attention parents who also have elementary aged children in the school district. Mini-THON is hosting a Special Person’s Dance. All proceeds go directly to the Four Diamonds organization to fight childhood cancer. Click [here](#) to register.

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 STEM Academy is hosting an online apparel fundraiser beginning Oct. 5th. Click [here](#) to order.
- Click [here](#) for the football teams spirit wear sale.
- Best Buddies is having a Plastic Pumpkin Decorating Fundraiser and the winner can win a prize.
- In November, FBLA will host a Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser and Stuff a Tiger Fundraiser.
- In November, Module UN will host a Cornhole Tournament after school to raise funds to lower costs for their upcoming trip.

A few important reminders and updates:

- **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.
- **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 All students participating in the one-to-one program should have registered and paid the insurance.
- **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 for October:

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

10/9 – Paxon Hollow 8th Grade Visit
10/9 – CCAC College Mini-Fair
10/12 – Senior Night Volleyball
10/14 – PSAT – during the school day
10/21 – Wellness Day
10/22 – Junior Initiative Speakers Conference
10/23 – Homecoming Football Game
10/24 – Homecoming Dance
10/29 – First Renaissance Trip
10/30 – Senior Night Band, Cheer & Football

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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:

Please see the below updates regarding upcoming dates and events at Paxon Hollow Middle School:

- Friday, October 9 – All 8th grade students will visit Marple Newtown High School from 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- Monday, October 12 – Our first PTO Meeting will be held in the PHMS Library at 6:30 p.m. All families are welcome!
- Tuesday, October 20 – Picture Retake Day
- Friday, October 23 – Bingo Night from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

We have a busy and exciting October ahead! Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing our students and families at these upcoming events.

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. Enjoy pumpkin spice everything!

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>