



Hello MNHS Families,

MNHS Wellness Day is coming up! Organized by our SSC counselors, Wellness Day provides students with an opportunity to take a break from their regular routine, unwind, and participate in a fun activity of their choice. Teachers, with input from students, have developed a variety of activities for students to choose from during this one-hour event. It is a great opportunity for students to connect with peers who share similar interests, build relationships with staff, and enjoy a little time to recharge. We appreciate the collaboration and creativity that make this day possible!

Coming up, MNHS juniors will have the opportunity to participate in the annual Junior Initiative Speakers Conference! Now in its 31st year, this program exposes students to a wide variety of career fields and helps them explore the many opportunities available after high school. Through sessions led by professionals from a variety of industries, students will gain insight into the world of work and the skills needed for future success. The conference is an important part of MNHS's ongoing commitment to preparing students for life beyond high school!

Homecoming is this Friday & Saturday. 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. No outside guests are allowed to attend the homecoming dance. Students are not permitted to leave early from the dance.

Special congratulations to the girl's cross-country team for going 11-0 and winning its first ever Central League Championship!!! The girls have also competed at Delco Champs and took home their best finish ever, taking 2nd place overall! The girls have had a historic run and have won PTXC Invitational, 2nd place at Briarwood Invitational and won at Whippets Invitational! The girls are attempting to be the first ever Marple XC team to make states as a team as they tune up for District Champs the 30th!

Congratulations to the MNHS Girls Soccer team on an exciting victory over Conestoga High School this past week! This win marks the first time in 12 years that our girls have defeated Conestoga. Congratulations to our players and coaches on this outstanding accomplishment! We are proud of your hard work, determination, and teamwork!

In November, MNHS Drama will present *A Christmas Carol*! Based on the classic story by Charles Dickens, this holiday favorite follows Ebenezer Scrooge as he is visited by three spirits who help him discover the true meaning of Christmas. What a great way to get into the holiday spirit! Our MNHS students are incredibly talented, and we look forward to seeing their hard work and dedication come to life on stage. Visit MN Drama, or click [here](#), to purchase tickets.

MNHS Drama will also host a Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come out to support MNHS Drama, stroll through the vendors, and get a little holiday shopping done! We look forward to seeing you there!

Marple Newtown High School students have many fundraising opportunities throughout the school year. Ongoing fundraisers have been moved to “Fundraisers” under “Reminders”.

Reminders:

- **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.

Fundraisers:

- o Best Buddies will sell Blow-Pops that look like ghosts during lunch until Oct. 27th. They will be delivered right before Halloween.
- o 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.
- o Attention parents - The Golf Team is having a fundraiser to win Titleist Vokey Wedge or a Turtlebox Speaker. 1 chance = \$10, 2 chances = \$15, and 3 chances = \$25. Venmo: [@valerie-daly-224](#) - comment your name and cell#.
- o Class of 2027! You will find information pertaining to commencement, senior portraits, the yearbook, and Lawn Signs by clicking [here](#).
- o The Baseball Team is selling 12in. x 18in. Tiger Pride Garden Flags. Click [here](#) to complete the Google Form to order.
- o Click [here](#) for the football team’s spirit wear sale.
- o Best Buddies is having a Plastic Pumpkin Decorating Fundraiser for students, and the winner can win a prize.
- o In November, FBLA will host a Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser and Stuff a Tiger Fundraiser.
- o In November, Module UN will host a Cornhole Tournament after school to raise funds to lower costs for their upcoming trip.

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:

10/21 – Wellness Day
10/22 – Junior Initiative Speakers Conference
10/23 – Homecoming Football Game
10/24 – Homecoming Dance

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District:

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:

There’s plenty happening at Paxon Hollow next week! Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events and opportunities.

Picture Retakes — Tuesday, October 20

Picture retakes will take place on Tuesday for students who missed picture day or need a new photo.

Bingo Night — Friday, October 23

Join us for a fun evening of Bingo from 5:30–7:30 p.m.!

Calling All Performers!

Do you sing, play an instrument, dance, or have another talent to share? Paxon Hollow’s annual Talent Show will take place on Wednesday, November 25! Tryouts will be held on Thursday, October 29, from 3:15–4:15 p.m. Students should sign up on the sheet posted outside the main office. All types of acts are welcome!

Basketball Interest Meetings

Seventh- and eighth-grade students interested in trying out for basketball should attend the following meetings during WIN:

- Boys basketball: Monday, October 19
- Girls basketball: Thursday, October 22

Please see Mrs. Rufo in the athletic office with any questions.

All Elementary Schools:

Help Loomis Spread Warmth! Loomis Elementary School's 19th Annual Pajama Drive runs October 30–November 24! We are collecting new pajamas and new elementary picture books and chapter books to bring warmth and comfort to children in our local community. All sizes are welcome, especially children's sizes 4T–16 and adult sizes.

Drop off donations at your school, labeled "ATTN: Loomis," and we will gladly pick them up, or bring them directly to Loomis during school hours. Thank you for your generosity!