

PEEK OF THE WEEK

PAXON HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL
OCTOBER 25–30, 2026



WEEK AT A GLANCE

DAY	CYCLE	EVENTS
Monday, October 26	A	
Tuesday, October 27	B	
Wednesday, October 28	C	Advisory
Thursday, October 29	D	Renaissance Trip to Top Golf 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
Friday, October 30	E	Half Day • Dismissal at 11:30 AM Staff In-Service • Fall Pep Rally Halloween Costumes Permitted

HALF-DAY REMINDER • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Friday, October 30, is a half day for students, with **dismissal at 11:30 AM**. Please plan accordingly for transportation and afternoon arrangements.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES & FALL PEP RALLY

Students may wear Halloween costumes on Friday, October 30! We will also hold our Fall Pep Rally to celebrate and honor our fall athletes. Please follow these guidelines:

- Costumes must be school-appropriate and nonviolent.
- No props or prop weapons of any kind, including toy swords, lightsabers, or similar items.
- Limit face makeup so staff can easily identify students.
- Masks are not permitted.
- Please avoid inflatable costumes. If worn, they must remain deflated inside the building.

TIGER NEWS & REMINDERS

STAY CONNECTED • STAY SAFE • GET INVOLVED



FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Basketball tryouts begin the first week of November:

- **8th-grade boys and girls:** November 2, 4, and 5.
- **7th-grade boys and girls:** November 6, 9, and 10.

Wrestling: An interest meeting will be held after school on Thursday, November 12, for any 7th- or 8th-grade student interested in joining the team. Students attending should be picked up by **4:00 PM**.

Winter sports practices begin **Monday, November 30**.

TALENT SHOW • CALLING ALL PERFORMERS

Do you sing, play an instrument, dance, or have another talent? The PHMS Talent Show is Wednesday, November 25. Tryouts will be held **Thursday, October 29, 3:15–4:15 PM**. Sign up on the sheet outside the main office. All types of acts are welcome!

27TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT & HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Turkey Trot takes place Wednesday, November 25. Students may participate by donating a non-perishable food item and returning a signed permission slip. Donations support a local food bank and families in our PHMS community.

Suggested donations: Grade 6 — canned foods; Grade 7 — dry foods; Grade 8 — peanut butter, jelly, condiments, and similar pantry items.

Permission slips and donations are due **Friday, November 20**, to Mrs. Casertano in the Guidance Office. The flyer and permission slip are attached.

STUDENT & FAMILY REMINDERS

Laptop safety: Place laptops in backpacks before leaving the building. Laptops should not be out while walking to buses.

Grades: Check Infinite Campus regularly for assignment and grade updates. Contact your child's teacher with specific questions.

Afternoon dismissal: Students remain in classrooms until their bus is called.

Free breakfast: Breakfast is available free of charge to all students each morning in the cafeteria.

DISTRICT NEWS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026



MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Half Day: Friday, October 30, is a half day of school. PHMS students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.

Special Education Assistants: The district is hiring for this tenth-month, 184-day position. The salary is \$22,216 and includes a premium full benefits package and retirement plan. Learn about qualifications and apply through the [district Employment page](#) or [online application portal](#).

Bus Drivers: Fully qualified CDL bus drivers earn \$32.06/hour. Paid training is available for candidates without a CDL at \$20.69/hour, increasing to \$32.06/hour after CDL credentials are completed. Benefits include personal days, sick days, holidays, and participation in PSERS retirement.

Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, at 6:30 PM in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

MARPLE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Marking Period 1: November 9 is the last day of the first marking period at MNHS. Some students will begin new electives for marking period 2 while continuing other courses. MNHS students should use Block 5 and help class to clarify content and complete missing work. Official marking period 1 grades will be available November 17.

Halloween Candy Collection: From November 2–6, the MNHS Feeding Fellow Americans Club will collect candy of all kinds to send to members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Drop donations in the collection boxes in the MNHS main office or B204, Mrs. Wagner's room. Thank you for your generosity and support!

MNHS Drama: Tickets are available for *A Christmas Carol*. [Purchase tickets through MN Drama.](#)

MNHS FUNDRAISERS

Mini-THON Special Person's Dance: Families with elementary-aged children in the district are invited to attend. All proceeds benefit Four Diamonds in the fight against childhood cancer. [Register here.](#)

MNHS Drama Vendor Fair: Saturday, November 21, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM. Support MNHS Drama, browse local vendors, and enjoy some holiday shopping!

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026



MNHS IMPORTANT DATES

- October 29 — Renaissance Trip; Joint Honor Society
- October 30 — Half Day for Students
- November 2 — Picture Retakes
- November 3 — No School for Students
- November 4 — Fall Concert

The dates above are listed in the MNHS section of District News.

HELP LOOMIS SPREAD WARMTH!

Loomis Elementary School's **19th Annual Pajama Drive runs October 30–November 24**. Donations of new pajamas, new elementary picture books, and new chapter books will 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"** for pickup, or bring them directly to Loomis during school hours. Thank you for your generosity!

PHMS • LOOKING AHEAD

- October 29 — Renaissance Trip to Top Golf, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM; Talent Show tryouts, 3:15–4:15 PM
- October 30 — Half day, 11:30 AM dismissal; Fall Pep Rally; Halloween costumes permitted
- November 2, 4 & 5 — 8th-grade basketball tryouts
- November 6, 9 & 10 — 7th-grade basketball tryouts
- November 12 — Wrestling interest meeting; pickup by 4:00 PM
- November 20 — Turkey Trot permission slips and donations due
- November 25 — Turkey Trot and Talent Show
- November 30 — Winter sports practices begin

ATTACHED FLYER & PERMISSION SLIP

The Harvest Food Drive and Turkey Trot flyer and permission slip follow. Please return the form and food donation to Mrs. Casertano in the Guidance Office by Friday, November 20.

Remember to be kind, do your best, and have a great week, Tigers!

Harvest Food Drive and Turkey Trot

Dear Parent/Guardian:

October 2026



Paxon Hollow Middle School will be holding our 27th annual **TURKEY TROT on November 25th**. This **FUN RUN** will be the final celebration of our annual food drive. Students who wish to participate in this event will be asked to donate a ***non-perishable food item as an entry fee***. **We greatly appreciate any contribution, even if your child is not participating!**

This **FUN RUN** will be outside and around the building. WE STRONGLY recommend that your child wear jogging attire: sweatpants, shirt, and sneakers. ***THE FIRST TWO STUDENTS TO CROSS THE FINISHLINE FROM EACH GRADE WILL BE AWARDED.***



This year we will be giving a portion of our harvest donations to our local food bank. We realize that there are families in our own community who can use this food bank and we are excited to be able to donate locally! In addition, we will store canned goods in our building in order to assist families in *our school community* throughout the year!

Suggestions for donations:

6th grade.....Canned foods (soups, vegetables, fruits, beans, sauce, gravy)

7th grade..... Dry foods (pastas, baking mixes, flour, taco kits, pretzels, crackers etc)

8th grade.....Peanut butter, jelly, salsa, oils, dressing, coffee, condiments

Thank you for your participation!

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PERMISSION SLIP TO
Mrs. Casertano IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE WITH DONATION IF RUNNING!**

TURKEY TROT PERMISSION SLIP

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ WIN Room: _____

___ YES, I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TURKEY TROT.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM AND FOOD DONATION NO LATER THAN