PAXON HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

PEEK OF THE WEEK

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE

DAY	CYCLE	EVENTS
Monday, November 2	F	
Tuesday, November 3	-	In-Service Day - No School for Students
Wednesday, November 4	A	
Thursday, November 5	B	
Friday, November 6	C	

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER 9

Monday, November 9 - Cycle D: End of Marking Period 1; Superintendent Art Recognition Night; Cookie Dough Delivery. All orders can be picked up between **3:15 and 6:00 PM in the PHMS cafeteria.**

FUTURE CITY MATERIALS WISHLIST

From Mrs. Disharoon and the 8th Grade Future Cities Team: As part of our Future City competition project, our team is gathering recycled materials and essential tools. We are prioritizing sustainable, repurposed items to keep our project eco-friendly, alongside a few purchased tools to ensure structural integrity and precision.

Please review our Materials Wishlist and add your name and the item you plan to purchase so the team can track contributions. Thank you for supporting our project!

TIGER NEWS

PAXON HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Basketball tryouts begin this week:
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.** 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 included at the end of this newsletter.

HIGH SCHOOL STEM ACADEMY

From Mr. Prinzo at MNHS:
Thursday, November 12, 2:30-2:55 PM: Members of the high school STEM Academy team will visit PHMS to meet with interested students.
Thursday, November 12, 6:00-7:00 PM: A parent information presentation and Q&A session will be held on Microsoft Teams.

Important information and updates will be available on the High School STEM Academy website. The application opens **December 1, 2026**, and closes **January 8, 2027**, and is accessible only during those dates. Families are encouraged to review the STEM Academy Handbook under the "High School" tab.

DISTRICT NEWS

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MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 3: No school for students.

Special Education Assistants: Marple Newtown School District is hiring. The salary for this ten-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 website, click on the Employment tab, or visit the online application portal.

Bus Drivers: 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.

MARPLE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Fall Concert: Join us Wednesday, November 4, at **7:00 PM!** The Fall/Halloween-themed program features the High School Band, Choir, and Orchestra, with haunting melodies and spine-tingling harmonies to give you chills. Students, families, and community members are warmly invited. We cannot wait to see you there!

Girls' Soccer: Congratulations to our girls' soccer team, who made it into the playoffs for the fifth straight season. Before this staff, no team ever competed in playoffs in back-to-back years! Hard work and determination continue to pay off!

Honor Society Induction: Last week we held our joint Honor Society Induction. Approximately 70 students were inducted into English, Math, Science and/or Social Studies honor societies. Our students continue to strive for excellence academically, behaviorally, and in service. Congratulations to all!

Halloween Candy Donations: Have extra candy after trick-or-treating? Donate it to MNHS from **November 2 through November 6.** Our Feeding Fellow Americans Club will send all donated candy directly to the brave men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces as a sweet way to show our appreciation and support for their service.

MNHS Drama: Do not miss the opportunity to purchase tickets for A Christmas Carol! Visit MN Drama tickets to purchase tickets.

DISTRICT & COMMUNITY

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

PHMS - COOKIE DOUGH PICKUP

Cookie dough orders will be delivered on **Monday, November 9**, and will be available for pickup in the PHMS cafeteria from **3:15-6:00 PM.**

If you are unable to pick up your order during this time, we can store it in our freezer. Orders held for later pickup must be collected during normal school business hours.

PHMS - WINTER SPORTS

Boys' and girls' basketball tryouts: **8th grade - November 2, 4, and 5; 7th grade - November 6, 9, and 10.** An after-school wrestling meeting will be held Thursday, November 12, for interested 7th and 8th graders; pickup is by 4:00 PM. Winter sports practices begin Monday, November 30.

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Fall Conferences are **November 23-24.** These are half days for students, with a **noon dismissal.** Breakfast and lunch are not served on half days. All elementary schools are now using a streamlined, standardized system to schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences. Your individual school will send you the direct link. Thank you for your partnership and support!

November 25 is a half day for all staff and students. There is no school on **November 26 and November 27.**

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!

Included flyers: Candy Care; Harvest Food Drive and Turkey Trot permission slip.

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

CANDY CARE

PHMS STUDENT COUNCIL | NOVEMBER 2-20, 2026



St. Luke's Greek Orthodox Church in Broomall is sponsoring **Candy Care**, a program dedicated to collecting leftover or unwanted Halloween candy and delivering it to homeless shelters and food banks in the area.

Over the years, candy donations have helped those in need at CAADC Shelters, St. Mark's Food Bank, City Team, Broad Street Ministries, St. John's Hospice, West Chester Food Cupboard, and Angel Food Pantry, among others.

PHMS Student Council has participated in this event for the past six years. This year's candy collection runs from **November 2 to November 20.**

Join us once again in making life a little sweeter for those in need! Bring in your leftover or unwanted Halloween candy and place donations in the **boxes in the PHMS front lobby labeled "Candy Care."**

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026