

Hello MNHS Families,

The marking period is quickly coming to an end. November 9th is the last day for marking period 1. Some students will begin new electives for marking period 2 while continuing other courses. Students should utilize block 5 and attend help class to clear up misconceptions regarding content and make-up any missing work. Official marking period 1 grades will be available on November 17th.

The Marple Newtown Tiger Marching Band will compete at the USBands Pennsylvania State Championship on Saturday, October 31st at Upper Moreland High School with their program, "The Game Show!". Tickets, schedule and more information can be found by clicking here.

Students interested in Delaware County Technical School (DCTS) Culinary, Logistics and Inventory Management, and Carpentry programs should see Dr. Cipollone as soon as possible because there are a few seats available for the current school year. Do not fill out an application for the current school year. The DCTS application for the 2027-2028 school year will open on November 9, 2026. The priority deadline is January 29, 2027. The application will be available on the website: https://www.dciu.org/dcts. Students interested in visiting DCTS during the school day should stop into the CCAC and pick up a permission slip form. Students must sign up in advance and can visit two programs. There will be a special *MNHS* only visit happening on December 15th.

Do not miss the opportunity for Instant Decision Day! This is a student's chance to connect with college admissions representatives from Immaculata, Neumann, Ursinus, York, and Widener and potentially receive an admissions decision on the spot along with a possible merit award. Students must sign up in Naviance as soon as possible. Be sure to review the flyer for more information. Have questions? Stop by the CCAC office. They are happy to help!

With Halloween right around the corner, we know all families may have too much candy. Why not donate it! From November 2 through November 6, the Feeding Fellow Americans Club at MNHS will collect candy donations of all kinds! All donated candy will be sent 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. Help us spread some sweetness and make a difference for those who serve our country. Candy can be dropped off in the collection boxes located in the main office or in B204 (Mrs. Wagner's room). Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

New Fundraiser(s):

- The National English Honor Society is hosting a Dine & Donate at Kiwi on November 3rd. Mention MNHS and a portion of proceeds will go directly to our students.

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.
    - Breakfast is free for all students
    - 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.
    - All students participating in the one-to-one program should have registered and paid the insurance.
- **Sports:** Click here to access sports schedules.
- **Fundraisers:**
    - Best Buddies will sell Blow-Pops that look like ghosts during lunch until Oct. 27th. They will be delivered right before Halloween.
    - 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.
    - 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.
    - Click here for the football team's spirit wear sale.
    - 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.
    - 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!

Do not miss the opportunity to purchase tickets for MNHS Drama production of *A Christmas Carol*! Visit MN Drama, or click here, to purchase tickets.

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:
10/29 – Renaissance Trip
10/29 – Joint Honor Society
10/30 – Half Day for Students
11/2 – Picture Retakes
11/3 – No School for Students
11/4 – Fall Concert

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District:

Friday, October 30, 2026, is a half day of school.

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.

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

PHMS:

On Thursday, October 29, students participating in the Renaissance trip will visit Topgolf from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments!

Halloween and Fall Pep Rally — October 30
Students may wear Halloween costumes on our half day, Friday, October 30! We will also hold our Fall Pep Rally to celebrate and honor our fall athletes. Staff will participate in professional development during the afternoon.

Please follow these costume guidelines:

- Costumes must be school-appropriate and nonviolent.
- No props or prop weapons of any kind, including toy swords, lightsabers, or similar items.
- Please 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.

Thank you for helping us keep Halloween at Paxon Hollow enjoyable and respectful for all!

Winter Sports:
Boys' and girls' basketball tryouts will take place on the following dates:

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

There will be an after-school wrestling meeting on Thursday, November 12, for any interested 7th or 8th grader. Students attending the meeting should be picked up by 4:00 p.m.

Winter sports practices begin on November 30.

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!