

Hello MNHS Families,

How is it already November? For many, the holiday music has begun and in a flash the semester will be 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.

Join us for the Fall Concert on 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!

Class of 2028! If you missed the original class ring ordering deadline, there is still time! We received confirmation from the company that additional class ring orders will be accepted through Wednesday, November 4, with delivery in time for the January class ring ceremony. Class rings are a special way to celebrate your student's accomplishments, school pride, and memories of their years in Marple Newtown School District. Each ring can be personalized to reflect your student's individual style, interests, and achievements.

The CCAC will host a workshop during Block 3 on November 11th for seniors! The workshop is designed to help you navigate the college supplemental essay process with confidence! Learn how to break down common supplemental essay questions, identify what colleges are really asking, and develop thoughtful, authentic responses that highlight who you are. Our guest admission counselor will share practical strategies for organizing your ideas, making your responses meaningful, and keeping your writing clear, focused, and succinct. Do not miss this opportunity to strengthen your college applications and make every word count! You must sign up in Naviance to attend!

Congratulations to our girls' soccer team who made it into the playoffs for the 5th straight season. Before this staff, no team ever competed in playoffs back-to-back years! Hard work and determination continue to pay off!

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

Halloween is over. Maybe younger children only went trick or treating once or maybe they attended multiple trunk or treats. Parents may be thinking that there is way too much candy in the house. Your dentist will thank you and so will our Feeding Fellow Americans Club if you donate your candy to MNHS. From November 2 through November 6, the Feeding Fellow Americans Club 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!

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.

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):

- November 17th - Dine & Donate at Chipotle to support the STEM Academy.

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:**
  - 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!
- 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.

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 November:
11/2 – Picture Retakes
11/3 – No School for Students
11/3 – Dine & Donate at Kiwi
11/4 – Fall Concert
11/7 – SATs – for those who registered in advance
11/9 – MP 1 Ends
11/10 – MP 2 Begins
11/17 –Dine & Donate at Chipotle
11/19 – Fall Play – 7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
11/19 – Powder Puff Game 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
11/20 – Fall Play – 7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
11/21 – Fall Play – 7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
11/23 – Half Day for Student due to Fall Conferences
11/24 – Half Day for Student due to Fall Conferences
11/25 – Half Day for Students
11/26 & 11/27 – District Closed

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District:

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, no school for students.

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.

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All Elementary Schools:

Fall Conferences are November 23-24, please note these days are half days for students with a noon dismissal. Also, please note 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 that direct link. Thanks in advance 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.