

Hello MNHS Families,

Marking period 2 begins this week. Marking period 1 grades will be available on November 17th through Infinite Campus.

Parents who would like to attend conferences can schedule with individual teachers. Click here to access dates/times. The link will close on November 18th at 8:00 p.m. Conferences will take place on November 23rd from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and November 24th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

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. Year after year our students' talents continue to amaze audiences and we are sure this production will as well.

This weekend the Marple Newtown Girl's XC have a school record of three girls competing at the State Championships at Big Spring High School! With a lot of talent at the meet, our three girls will be right in the mix for medals and career best races! This is the most athletes Marple Newtown has ever had at XC States at one time! Go Tigers!

Congratulations to our seniors who have committed to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level! On Wednesday, November 11th, we will celebrate our Tiger athletes during our College Athletic Signing Day. The event will take place at 6:00 p.m. outside the gym, near Coach Gicking's office. This is a special opportunity to recognize the hard work, dedication, and commitment our Tiger athletes have demonstrated both in the classroom and in their respective sports. Seniors who plan to participate should inform Mr. Gicking in advance. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments!

Congratulations to the Marple Newtown Tiger Marching Band for being crowned the USBands Division IIIA State Champs on Saturday 10/31! They had the highest score of the day with an 88.6 and received awards for Best Color Guard, Best Visual, Best Music and Best Overall Effect! Congratulations to all the students and staff on their hard work this season. Yesterday, the Tigers competed in the USBands National Finals in Allentown, and we cannot wait to hear how they placed.

Congratulations to the Marple Newtown High School football team on earning a spot in the playoffs for the 12th consecutive season! This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and

commitment of our players and coaching staff. Maintaining this level of success year after year takes tremendous teamwork, perseverance, and pride in representing our school and community. Congratulations to one of our seniors for breaking the record from 2014 for rushing yards in a single game. The old record was 304 rushing yards and our senior broke this by running 331 rushing yards. Go Tigers!

Congratulations to the Marple Newtown Speech and Debate Team on a fantastic showing at West Chester East High School! Several first-time Speech Team competitors earned 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes in their respective categories. The Debate Team also had a strong start to the season, with new debaters gaining valuable experience and two JV teams successfully stepping up to compete at the Varsity level. We are proud of all our Tigers for their hard work, confidence, and sportsmanship!

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 Marple Newtown Softball Winter team store is open. This winter sale includes items for players, families, alumni, and fans. Orders will arrive in time for the holidays. Click here to order before November 16th.

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

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:
11/9 – MP 1 Ends
11/10 – MP 2 Begins
11/11 – Signing Day 6:00 p.m.
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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Marple Newtown High School

District:

The Marple Newtown Board of School Directors will meet on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, for Committee Meetings held in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

- Budget and Finance - 6:30pm
- Facilities and Transportation - Immediately following Budget and Finance
- Curriculum and Instruction - Immediately following Facilities and Transportation

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:

Upcoming Events and Updates at Paxon Hollow

- Monday, November 9: End of the first marking period and cookie dough pickup from 3:30–6:00 p.m. in the PHMS cafeteria.
- November 9–10: Seventh-grade boys' and girls' basketball tryouts continue.
- Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day recognition.
- Thursday, November 12: Eighth-grade STEM Academy presentation during WIN; wrestling interest meeting after school for seventh and eighth graders, with pickup by 4:00 p.m.; and a STEM Academy parent information session on Microsoft Teams from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Community Collections and Turkey Trot

- Candy Care: Donate leftover Halloween candy in the PHMS front lobby through November 20.
- Harvest Food Drive: Nonperishable food donations support a local food bank and PHMS families.
- Turkey Trot—November 25: Participating students should submit signed permission slips and food donations to Mrs. Casertano in the Guidance Office by November 20.

Thank you for supporting our students and community!

All Elementary Schools:

Loomis Elementary School's 19th Annual Pajama Drive runs October 30 - November 24! Loomis is collecting new pajamas and new elementary picture books and chapter books to bring warmth and comfort to children in our local community. Every child deserves a good night's sleep. 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!

Fall Conferences are November 23-24, please note these days 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 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.