

Hello MNHS Families,

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.

Bah! Humbug! Thursday night the holiday season comes to life as MN Drama proudly presents A Christmas Carol by Patrick Barlow! Join us for a magical and heartwarming journey as the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by three unforgettable spirits who take him on a whirlwind adventure through Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Filled with humor, heart, and a little holiday magic, this imaginative adaptation of Charles Dickens' beloved classic reminds us all of the importance of kindness, generosity, and the true spirit of Christmas. Perfect for audiences of all ages, this festive production is sure to leave you laughing, smiling, and ready to celebrate the season! Visit MN Drama, or click here, to purchase tickets. On Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. MNHS Drama will also host a Vendor Fair.

Students who want to audition for Once Upon a Mattress should complete the google form found in Schoology. Auditions will take place on Monday, November 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Students should look at the guidelines posted to ensure they can commit the time to ensure a smooth and enjoyable program for all.

The Marple Newtown Softball Winter team store will close today! 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.

If you are not in the mood to cook dinner on Tuesday, November 17th, why not purchase dinner from Chipotle in Newtown Square. Mention MNHS and a percentage of proceeds will go toward the STEM Academy to offset STEM initiatives.

Thank you to all the elementary families for attending the first Special Person's Mini-THON dance. Parents and students had a great time dancing the night away. We raised approximately $4,000 that goes directly to Four Diamonds to continue the fight against childhood cancer.

Congratulations to the MN Tiger Marching Band on an amazing season! The Tigers are the USBands Division IIIA Pennsylvania State Champions, earning top honors along the way, including Best Color Guard, Best Visual, Best Music, and Best Overall Effect! They continued their success at the USBands

Division IIIA National Championship, bringing home the Bronze Medal and once again earning awards for Best Visual and Best Color Guard! An incredible season filled with hard work, dedication, and outstanding performances. Congratulations, Tigers!

Last weekend, we had three girls represent Marple Newtown at the PIAA State Championships at Big Springs High School!! The girls had a strong end to their season on one of the most difficult courses they have ever run. Our junior leader, and top finisher, finished 26th coming back after a fall early on in the course. Our senior finished 61st and our sophomore finished 87th. Marple Newtown has never had three girls qualify for states in the same year. Before this season, a total of four students qualified. These three students finishing under 100 competing against the best the state has to offer is amazing. We are so proud of all of you!!! Their passion for the sport and support of one another paid off. Congratulations to the students and staff!

Attention students interested in Delaware County Technical School (DCTS) for next school year! The DCTS application for the 27/28 school year is now live. Use this link: www.dciu.org/dcts Click here to find step-by-step instructions for student applicants. Students are required to fill out the application. Please select: Jen Cipollone for your MNHS contact person.

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):

- On December 3rd the STEM Academy will host a Dine & Donate at MOD Pizza in Newtown Square. Mention MNHS and a percentage of proceeds will help offset STEM initiatives.

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:**
    - 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.

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:
11/17 –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 – Vendor Fair – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center
11/21 – Fall Play – 7:00 p.m. - Performing Arts Center

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District:

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:

Thank you to all of our families who supported this year's Cookie Dough Fundraiser! Orders arrived on Monday, November 9, and families had an opportunity to pick them up that afternoon.
If you have not yet picked up your order, please contact the school to arrange pickup. Orders are being stored in our freezer until they are collected.

Important Reminder: Please check your orders carefully. Any missing or incorrect items must be reported by Monday, November 16. We will not be able to make changes or request replacements after this date.

PTO MEETING — MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- Our rescheduled PTO meeting will take place on Monday, November 16, at 6:30 PM in the PHMS Library. We encourage all parents and guardians to attend and get involved in supporting our school community. We hope to see you there!

CANDY CARE — COLLECTION ENDS NOVEMBER 20

- PHMS Student Council is continuing its Candy Care collection! Families are encouraged to donate leftover or unwanted Halloween candy to help support local shelters and food banks.
- Donations can be placed in the collection boxes in the PHMS front lobby through Friday, November 20.

HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

- Our annual Harvest Food Drive is underway! We are collecting nonperishable food items to support a local food bank and families within our Paxon Hollow community.

Suggested donations by grade level:

- 6th Grade: Canned foods
- 7th Grade: Dry foods
- 8th Grade: Peanut butter, jelly, condiments, and other pantry items

Thank you for helping us support families in need this holiday season!

27TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT — NOVEMBER 25

- Our annual Turkey Trot will take place on Wednesday, November 25!
- Students who wish to participate must submit a signed permission slip along with a nonperishable food donation. All permission slips and donations should be turned in to Mrs. Casertano in the Guidance Office by Friday, November 20.

We look forward to another wonderful PHMS tradition that brings our students together while giving back to our community!

All Elementary Schools:

The MNSD Food Services Department recently introduced SideKicks, an exciting new breakfast item similar to a slushie.

Please note that a reimbursable breakfast meal must include a fruit component. Traditionally, we have offered whole fruit and fruit cups to meet this requirement. SideKicks are made with 100% fruit juice and qualify as the fruit component for a breakfast meal. SideKicks are not available for à la carte sales or used in lunch meals.

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, 2026