MNHS: The second marking period ends on January 29th. Please make sure your students are in good academic standing. I would like to remind everyone that your student's grades are posted on both Schoology and Infinite campus, which can be easily accessed at any time. Reviewing your student's grades and progress weekly will greatly improve their level of success. Please reach out to your student's teachers when you have questions regarding grades and progress. We would also like to highly encourage all of our students to turn on their cameras and take an active part in their education.

As the first semester ends so will the agreement for students who have chosen the Group C option of remaining virtual. In order to remain or join in the Group C Virtual learning only you will need to fill out the Group C Virtual Only form for the second semester. Only students who are in Group C will be permitted to stay home for virtual learning. All other students must be in-person on their group days. Information along with the Group C form will be coming out this week.

Reminder from our Nurse: To keep our MNHS community safe please complete the daily Covid-19 Screening form for each child before sending your child to school. If you answer YES to any of the questions, please keep your child home from school and contact the school nurse June Cloran at 610-359-4221 or email at icloran@mnsd.org.

From the Library: Use the link below to see our monthly Library Newsletter. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1svahrr0JaSkXHMzRozve-SPvfw2npAAi/view?usp=sharing

District: The Marple Newtown Board of School Directors will meet on Tuesday, January 19th for Committee Meetings held via zoom. The public is encouraged to attend.

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

PHMS: The end of the 2nd marking period is January 29th. We would like to remind all student's parents and guardians that grades are posted on Schoology and Infinite Campus. Parents can access either platform at any time. Please take a moment to regularly review your child's grades and communicate with your child's teachers when you have questions regarding his/her grades or progress.

In addition to regularly checking your child's grades, we are strongly encouraging all students to follow the Zoom expectations below.

Zoom class expectations:

- All students are strongly encouraged to turn the camera on and keep it on during all classes.
- First and last name only for Zoom ID. Students who use nicknames or an alias will not be permitted into class.
- Be seated in a manner so that your teacher can see you on screen. This allows the teacher to know you are attending class.
- If you have a question, ask! If it is personal, use the chat feature to message your teachers.
- Bathroom Try your best to go between classes. If you need to go, then go. It is a good idea to privately message your teacher. This way, your teacher knows you are away from your workstation.
- Report technology issues to teacher at the start of class and put in an MN technology tech request if the problem persists.

If you have a concern or a question regarding your child and a specific class, please reach out directly to the classroom teacher.

Culbertson: Save the Date: On Wednesday, January 20th we will have our Picture Retake Day. If you decide to have your child's picture taken again, please follow the directions in the picture packet that will be provided to you at the beginning of this week. Students will be able to come into the café between 1pm and 3pm based on the schedule listed below.

If your child missed the initial Picture Day, and you would like to have your child's picture taken, please arrive at Culbertson on January 20th during the times listed below

Picture Retake Day - Wednesday, January 20th

Students with the last name beginning with A – K: 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Students with the last name beginning with L –Z: 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Loomis: MN Schools will be closed on January 18th for the Martin Luther King National Holiday. We are asking each Loomis student / family to complete one act of kindness on this national day of service. Perhaps you will be a recipient of this good deed. If so, feel free to accept or pay it forward in your own special way.

Russell: The federally funded free lunch program has been extended until the end of the school year. All students may receive a free lunch regardless of family income level. Please see the District website for more information. Just a reminder that pictures were rescheduled for the B and C groups due to the snow we had before the break. B group pictures will take place during the school day on Thursday, January 14th

C group students can have their picture taken in school on Wednesday, January 13th in the afternoon. C group students will need to contact Mrs. Rockenbach, drockenbach@mnsd.org, to schedule a time.

For those of you potentially interested in re-takes, they will be offered on Wednesday, February 10th by appointment in the afternoon.

Worrall: Everyone at Worrall School hopes 2021 is off to a good start for all of you, Happy New Year! Please note that the federally funded free lunch program has been extended until the end of the school year. All students may receive a free lunch regardless of family income level. Please see the District website for more information. As winter continues, please ensure you send your child to school with a coat and other winter clothing for outdoor recess. We love outdoor recess, and children will go outside as long as there is no precipitation or unsafe conditions.