



To MNHS Families,

This weekend concluded the Spring musical performance of *The Addams Family*. Thank you to all who supported the students and staff. It was a wonderful production that was hilarious and entertaining. Everything about the production was appealing including the costumes, stage, blocking, singing, dancing, and acting. A job well done to all involved!

March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day which has been observed since 2012 and is a day to bring global awareness. The purpose of this day is to advocate for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of individuals with Down Syndrome. This day is celebrated on the 21st of the third month to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome.

Ramadan is expected to begin at sundown on March 22, 2023. The month of Ramadan traditionally begins with a new moon sighting which marks the start of the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. Ramadan is a month of fasting (sawm), prayer, reflection, and community. During this time, any individual who is a practicing Muslim will fast from dawn until dusk which means no water or food. Students who fast may have a difficult time going to the cafeteria and instead can go to the library. If students begin not to feel well due to fasting, they should see the nurse. Those practicing, also engage in prayer multiple times throughout the day. The time of prayer shifts each day slightly based on the time of dawn. Ramadan concludes at sunset around April 21, 2023, with a celebration, Eid al-Fitr. Ramadan dates may vary based on the Lunar Calendar, so the dates above are approximate.

On March 23rd, at 6:00 P.M. the Music Department is hosting a Music Ensemble Information Night in room B108. This is a night for any 8th-grade through 11th-grade student or parent to attend who would like to hear more information about instrumentals and vocal ensembles. We encourage any students, even if they have never played an instrument or sung with a group, to attend if there is an interest. To see the flyer click [here](#).

Reminders:

- Spring Athletes - Please click [here](#) for the list of coaches.
- Click [here](#) for a full list of clubs. To see Spring sports schedules, click [here](#), select the sport, and then select schedule.

Important Dates:

3/23/23 – PTO Meeting – 7:00 P.M. in the library
3/23/23 – Music Ensembles Information Night - 6:00 P.M. - Room B108
3/24/23 – Jazz Fest - 5:00 P.M. in the Performing Arts Center
3/27/23 – Elementary School Reading Olympics
3/28/23 – Elementary School Reading Olympics

3/29/23 – Elementary School Reading Olympics
3/30/23 – Middle School & High School Reading Olympics

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District:

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

Paxon Hollow Middle School:

We are inviting all current 5th-grade parents to PHMS for “Parent Night” on April 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm for a presentation on the transition from 5th to 6th grade. In the meantime, we offer the PHMS Transition Guide found at this [LINK](#). The transition guide offers helpful information for students and families so that you have an idea of what to expect in September.

In addition to the 5th-grade transition program, tickets for our Spring Musical titled, “Pure Imagination” are currently on sale. You can purchase tickets for the musical at this [LINK](#). Pure Imagination features songs from both stage and screen and performances are on March 24th and 25th, at 7:00 pm, in the Paxon Hollow Middle School Auditorium. Come and enjoy the show!

Elementary Schools:

The DCIU is facilitating a parent training opportunity sponsored by the Delaware County Right to Education Local Task Force on safety in the community for children with special needs on March 23, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please click on the link below for more information:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ddbQst4_hlIrE0ZRaS-hXKCWZvuZrIJH/view?usp=sharing

The DCIU is also offering another parent training opportunity in April entitled “Helping Your Child Navigate Anxious Feelings.” This event is on April 11, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please click on the link below for more information:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/11EP2tiQ9NyJqk6ibs_ekE3N2fDYIbHqp/view?usp=sharing