



To MNHS Families,

Tomorrow, Monday, February 13, 2023, the district will operate on a 2-hour delay. High School students should be in their first-period class at 9:40 A.M. Just a reminder that breakfast will not be served whenever there is a 2-hour delay.

This week begins National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week. Each semester, in Mr. Braverman's Health 2 class, students participate in a refresher course regarding CPR, First-Aid, and AED situations. Seventy percent of all cardiac arrests occur in the home which is why we are fortunate to be able to teach our students these vital skills. The American College of Cardiology recommends improving physical fitness, adopting a heart-healthy diet, managing cardiovascular risk factors, and focusing on your emotional health.

Interact Club will collect money during lunch for Turkish relief efforts to help support those in need after the earthquakes in Turkey. The funds will be donated to the Red Crescent or a similar relief organization. Our students pride themselves in their service to support others in any way possible. Any student who would like to contribute should look for students who participate in Interact Club in the cafeteria until February 17, 2023.

Last week was National School Counselors week. We are fortunate to have six wonderful counselors who fulfill different roles for the students they oversee. Each student has two counselors; one is their College and Career Access Counselor, and another is their Social Emotional Counselor. This model allows for our student's needs to be met quickly and efficiently. Students are reminded regularly to make appointments with their designated counselor for needs that arise at any time. The counseling staff works collaboratively to ensure the overall success of all. We thank our wonderful team for their dedication and service to the students and school.

All 11th-grade students participated in an orientation to review guidelines and expectations for Junior Initiative. Students can begin scheduling their in-person visits and interviews. The in-person speaker conference is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th, 2023, during their 2nd and 3rd periods. All forms can be found on the Junior Initiative Schoology page.

Twenty-four students and two staff members participated in the Polar Plunge at Citizens Bank Park this past Friday. So far, the team raised \$4,151 which benefits Special Olympics and our MN Bocce Team. Most of the students and the two staff members did jump now that schools are allowed to have more than ten participate again this year. The amount raised is more than double what the students raised last year. It is not too late to still donate by clicking [here](#), selecting donate, and then selecting Marple

Newtown Tigers. The students thank all who donated to this important cause and value the community's support.

February 17 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Little actions can make a big impact on someone's day and even life. Spread positivity through small acts of kindness such as connecting with an old friend, complementing a stranger, leaving an anonymous note for a coworker or friend, or taking time to tell family and friends how thankful you are to have them in your life. The Kindness Club, set up a ROAK Jar outside of the SSC with positive phrases and simple challenges.

On, February 3rd, the Hi-Q team competed against Garnet Valley and Strath Haven. Marple Newtown came in 2nd place, qualifying the team for the semifinals this week. We wish the team luck in their competition!

Students and staff in our Drama department have been working very hard to prepare for our Spring Musical, *The Addams Family*. Do not miss the opportunity to see this talented group perform this hilarious and entertaining musical. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Reminders:

- Students participating in Mini-Thon, have an ambitious goal to raise \$60,000 this year. Click [here](#) to see our donor site which is open to the public.
- Click [here](#) for February Fundraisers.

Important Dates:

2/13/23 – 2-hour delay
2/16/23 – PTO Meeting – 7:00 P.M. in the library
2/20/23 – Presidents' Day – School Closed
2/22/23 – Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Delivery
2/23/23 – Parent Conferences 4:00 P.M.
2/27/23 – Handel's Ice Cream Fundraiser

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District:

Monday, February 13, 2023, all MNSD schools will operate on a 2-hour delay schedule.

The Marple Newtown Board of School Directors will meet on Tuesday, February 14 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

Paxon Hollow Middle School:

This week, we began the transition program for our incoming 6th-grade class. Members of the PHMS administrative team have already visited Worrall Elementary, Loomis Elementary, and Russell Elementary. We will finish visiting all of the schools on February 15th when we visit Culbertson Elementary. The students have received information pertaining to programs and clubs offered at Paxon Hollow. We ask all current 5th-grade parents to mark your calendar for the PHMS curriculum night at PHMS on April 12th at 6:00 pm in the auditorium.

Elementary Schools:

All the Elementary Schools are sending our positive vibes to the Eagles, Go Birds!

The DCIU is offering a parent training seminar about executive functioning skills on February 22, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. This is a good opportunity to learn about the critical skills students need to plan, start a task, organize time, remember instructions, and manage more than one task at a time. Please click on the link below for more information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rBVjob8bxtSVAoPBRIb9csDsBtUuLqI9/view?usp=sharing>

For planning purposes, please note there is no school for students and staff on Monday, February 20.