

December 13, 2020

To all MNHS Families,

Welcome to mid-December. We are a week and a half away from a well-deserved winter break.

We have a few reminders listed below:

We have a calendar change that is listed below. The letter days will stay the same but the groups that meet in person will change. Please make a note of this.

December 21st - Remains            Group A reports to school

December 22nd -Becomes        Group B reports to school

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.

Information regarding Keystone Exam make-ups from last spring was sent home to all freshman, sophomores, and juniors this week. The letter is titled, Senate Bill 1216 Letter to Parents. This letter provides specific information regarding the make-up exams we are conducting from January thru March. If your student had a Keystone Exam specific course of Algebra 1, Biology or 10<sup>th</sup> grade Literature last school year and you had opted them in for testing and would like to opt out now due to the Senate bill please let Mr. Beltrante know at [jbeltrante@mnsd.org](mailto:jbeltrante@mnsd.org).

**District:** The MNSD community can support our schools through efforts to follow health precautions. It is important to continue to wear a mask, social distance, practice good hygiene, and stay home if you do not feel well. As the weather becomes colder and outdoor activities become limited, please be mindful that activities outside of school can impact the District's ability to remain open for in-person instruction.

The Marple Newtown School District Joint PTO will be accepting donations to support MNSD families in need throughout the district. For ease of contributions, the MNSD Joint PTO will be collecting donations using two methods: Venmo and Paypal.

The Venmo account is **@CulbertsonPTO**.

The PayPal account is [CulbertsonPTOpaypal@gmail.com](mailto:CulbertsonPTOpaypal@gmail.com).

All contributions will be used to assist families in need from all MNSD schools.

**PHMS:** Dear Paxon Hollow Families: We would like to stress the importance of students actively participating and engaging when virtually attending class. Please consider the following suggestions when participating in a Zoom Session:

Zoom class expectations:

- o All students are highly encouraged to turn the camera on during class.
- o First and last name only for Zoom ID
- o Be seated in a manner so that your teacher can see you
- o If you have a question, ask! If it is personal, use the chat feature to message your teachers.
- o 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.
- o Report technology issues to teacher at the start of class and put in an MN technology tech request after 2 days

**Culbertson:** Dear Culbertson Families, below is a schedule of the students who will be coming into the building on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, you will be receiving your child's report card on Monday, December 21st. The report cards will be emailed to you from your child's teacher. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the school at 610-359-4340.

**Kindergarten Students**

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Cohort A students will report to the building (Both AM and PM).

Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Cohort B students will report to the building (Both AM and PM).

Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – All students will be home learning virtually.

**Grades 1 to 5**

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Cohort A students will report to the building.

Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Cohort B students will report to the building.

Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – All students will be home learning virtually.

**Loomis:** Wishing a Happy Hanukkah to those families celebrating. This is a great time to remind us that each one of us are a light but together, we shine brighter. May you feel peace and joy this holiday season.

**Russell:** below is a schedule of the students who will be coming into the building on Monday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 22nd. In addition, you will be receiving your child's report card on Monday, December 21st. The report cards will be emailed to you from your child's teacher.

**Kindergarten**

Monday, December 21st – Cohort A students will report to the building (Both AM and PM).

Tuesday, December 22nd – Cohort B students will report to the building (Both AM and PM).

Wednesday, December 23rd – All students will be home learning virtually.

**Grades 1 to 5**

Monday, December 21st – Cohort A students will report to the building.

Tuesday, December 22nd – Cohort B students will report to the building.

Wednesday, December 23rd – All students will be home learning virtually.

**Worrall:** Dear Worrall Families: For the continued health and safety of our building, please ensure that you are completing the required Health Screener e-mailed to you each day. This important tool helps us work together to keep our students and staff healthy and to keep our school open. If your child has any symptoms of a possible illness or close contact with someone ill, he/she may be at risk for spreading illness to others. Please keep your child home and inform the school if symptoms are present. Virtual learning can continue and your child will be considered in attendance. We are all in this together, and your support is appreciated!