



Friday night over 350 students, teachers, and support staff attended the 5th annual MNHS Mini-THON where they danced, participated in activities, and socialized with staff and friends for seven hours. The students and staff who planned the event worked extremely hard for many hours to create an amazing experience for students. Our students love raising money for a great cause and are passionate about donating to childhood cancer. It was evident that students were empowered by participating in this 7-hour experience. The partnership with MNHS and The Four Diamonds began in 2017 when a few students approached a teacher asking if she could help them start a mini-THON. The students had a personal interest as one of their friends had just been diagnosed with cancer. Two of the original student leaders went on to Penn State partly because of THON and both serve on the THON student board. Penn State raised a record \$15 million this past February. The background of the Four Diamonds organization aligns with the goals of the students at Marple Newtown High School: courage, wisdom, honesty, and strength. The students had an impressive goal of raising \$60,000. They exceeded that goal and raised \$65,024.06!. Students were buzzing with excitement during the anticipation leading up to the reveal! Anyone who still wants to donate can until the end of the school year by clicking [here](#). Overall, the evening was exciting, entertaining, and rewarding.

To continue with the tradition of helping others, students in the Interact Club would like to collect feminine products to donate to a women's home. Donations will be collected in multiple locations around the building throughout the month of March. Students should look for flyers around the building that will indicate drop-off locations. At the beginning of April, the students will select a women's home or even multiple homes depending on the number of donations.

Last Tuesday, we hosted the 27th annual Junior Initiative Speakers Conference where students were able to select sessions to attend. The Junior Initiative theme, 'The Real World: How Business Works', seeks to expose all juniors to the world of work beyond high school. The conference featured presenters from a wide variety of career fields including small business owners, marketing, sports, music and entertainment, law enforcement, cybersecurity, computer-related fields, healthcare, the defense industry, and more. Companies and entities represented included SAP, Vanguard, Boeing, the Newtown Square Police Department, ADT Security, as well as several small local businesses run by MNHS alumni. We thank our Junior Initiative team for their hard work and dedication in planning this event. We also thank all of those who volunteered their time to speak with our students and provide them with this wonderful opportunity.

March 8 is International Women's Day and this year's theme is 'Cracking the Code: Innovation for a gender-equal future'. Students are encouraged to wear purple to celebrate women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements. Celebrating the achievements of women in history as well as

current women student leaders is imperative to future success. Students may also purchase purple carnations for \$1 during lunch to give to a friend, relative, or staff member, and to support this day.

Upcoming this week are tryouts for Spring Sports. Please click [here](#) for the list of coaches. Students should have a completed physical, PIAA form submitted, and activity fee paid prior to trying out. If there are questions, contact Mr. Gicking. According to many research studies, students have improved academic achievement and satisfaction when they are engaged in any school-related activity. Students involved are also more resilient when dealing with academic struggles. We encourage all students to get involved in a sport, music, or club which results in a connection to the school community and improves the overall high school experience. Click [here](#) for a full list of clubs. To see Spring sports schedules, click [here](#), select the sport, and then select schedule.

The Spring Musical, The Addams Family, is quickly approaching. Any student who wants to buy a ticket can during lunch on Monday, March 13th, and Wednesday, March 15th for \$10 per ticket. During lunch they will only accept cash; however, tickets can still be purchased online by clicking [here](#).

Calling all parents of seniors in the class of 2023! I am sure you are thinking, "How is my child old enough to graduate?"! Every year the yearbook committee asks for parents to submit childhood pictures from preschool, elementary, and middle school to spotlight our seniors in their last high school yearbook. Please submit those pictures through the link by clicking [here](#). When students reminisce over their high school years, we hope they will look fondly at their last yearbook and remember the fun times and their years of hard work and dedication to their education.

Reminders:

- Click [here](#) to purchase tickets for the Spring Musical [*The Addams Family*](#).

Important Dates:

3/5/23 – Signing Day
3/7/23 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - 4:00 P.M.
3/11/23 – SAT Testing – this is only for those who previously registered.
3/16/23 – 3/18/23 – The Addams Family Musical - 7:00 P.M.
3/18/23 – The Addams Family Musical - 2:00 P.M.
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 Feast - 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:

The Marple Newtown Board of School Directors will meet on Tuesday, March 14 for Committee Meetings held in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

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

Paxon Hollow Middle School:

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 end of Trimester 2 for Elementary Schools is on March 10, students will receive report cards on March 20.

Elementary students have a great new way to show their school spirit by attending *The Addams Family* from March 16-18. The school that has the most attendees will win a trophy to display for one year, similar to the Youth Night football trophy! See below for how to show your school pride:

- Students can attend any performance(s) and their attendance will be counted.
- Put votes in the designated box for your school, to be counted by staff at intermission.
- School with the most overall student attendance wins:
 - MNNY trophy award (to be displayed for a year, and returned before the opening of the Spring Show each year)
 - Featured highlight on MN Drama social media page.
 - Invitation for Admin to attend the MNNYs for award recognition OR MN Drama the o present award at winning school, additional recognition at the *Star for a Day* show.
- Click on the link below to view the production's flyer to see show times:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17V0qOyxzhcmYoCp6wocZFfnqMDogLEO/view?usp=sharing>