



To MNHS Families,

It is that time of year again, which for some may be considered the most wonderful time of the year, back to school season! Families across the U.S. have either sent their children, or will be sending them very soon, to school with their bags overflowing with new supplies. Our parents will be waving goodbye as students ascend the bus or enter their school, but for now, enjoy these last moments of summer fun!

To help prepare students for an upcoming exciting four years, Marple Newtown High School kicked off the school year with the annual 9th-grade and new student orientation. Staff enjoyed hearing the laughter and seeing the enthusiasm from students which will soon fill the hallways daily. Tiger Guides and NHS members led students on an exciting tour followed by a pizza social, Get Involved Fair, and a raffle. All students in attendance had the opportunity to win a gift card to a local business. We would like to thank The Sugaree, Delco Steaks, Nothing Bundt Cakes in Springfield, Newtown Square Pizza, The Original Thunderbird, and the Sweet Spot Gelato, Candy & Soda Pop Shop for their generous donations. With the increasing costs of goods, it is valuable to support homegrown businesses right in our own back yard. Parents also had the opportunity to participate in a short presentation from Mr. Beltrante, followed by a member of the PTO encouraging parental participation this year as frequently as their busy schedules may allow. We would also like to thank the PTO for generously sponsoring the orientations' pizza social.

Fall Sports and Marching Band have commenced! Our athletes worked tirelessly at practices and camps to prepare for the season. Join us while we support our Tigers at a variety of exhilarating sporting events. Click [here](#) to see full schedules. You may also follow our Tiger Athletes on Twitter @MNAthletics. Our musicians and color guard participated in camp and extended practices because they are determined to prepare for their field show and to dominate upcoming performances. If you wish to follow our Tiger Musicians and Color Guard, please do so on Twitter @MNTigerMusic.

A few reminders:

- Click [here](#) for important message on the district website regarding school lunch for the 2022-2023 school year. Lunch will no longer be free for all students due to the ending of the federal grant. The National School Lunch Program applications must be completed online every year. Menus can also be found on the food service website when the school year begins. Click [here](#) for the school café.
- Period 1 begins at 7:40am, but students should arrive around 7:25am. Doors open at 6:55am; 9th and 10th grade students will report to the gym if they arrive between 6:55am and 7:25am. 11th and 12th grade students will report to the cafeteria if they arrive between 6:55am and 7:25am. The school day concludes at 2:35pm. Report absences via email or phone: hsattendance@mnsd.org or 610.359.4219.
- All visitors must report to the main entrance and scan their ID through Raptor to obtain access to the building.
- Transportation information can be found in your Campus portal which should include your bus number, updated times, and routes.

- Laptops - Incoming 9th-graders from Paxon Hollow Middle School will swap their laptop during lunch during the first week of school. Please bring the charger as well. Returning families with a district laptop will have until October 15, 2022, to pay the insurance for the year. Any new student to the district should select this [link](#) to complete the waiver document as well as pay the insurance for the year. Mr. Friedgen will provide new students with their laptops when school begins.

As fall approaches, we look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events. If you are interested in volunteering in our school, click on the link below for more information about necessary forms and clearances: <https://www.mnsd.org/parents-students/volunteer-information>

9/6 – First Day of School for all Students

9/9 – Youth Night - Home Football Game vs. Lower Merion - 7:00pm

9/16 – Military Appreciation Night - Home Football Game vs. Radnor — 7:00pm

9/21 – Back to School Night - 6:45pm

9/22 – First PTO Meeting - 7:00pm in the library

9/29 – Student picture Day

9/29 – Brain Based Learning Community Night – 6:00pm virtually

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District:

Welcome back to a new school year! We are excited to welcome our students back to school on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Our administrative team, faculty, and staff have prepared for the return of our students and are focused on teaching and learning and meeting our students' social and emotional needs. Click [here](#) to find information regarding the MNSD Health and Safety Plan and Instructional Models.

MNSD Community Night of Learning: Brain Based Learning, Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

- Learn helpful strategies for supporting your children in school and at home that are supported by current research about the brain and learning. Learn how the science of learning has changed since we were in school ourselves! Parents, caregivers, and family members are welcome to attend!
- This session will be facilitated by Julia Skolnik, MS.Ed, Chief Learning Officer and Founder of Professional Learning Partnerships (PLP). MNSD is partnering with Julia and PLP throughout the 2022-2023 school year to deepen teachers' and administrators' understanding of the brain, learning, and leadership, and apply key ideas from current research to improve teaching and culture across MNSD schools. Learn more at www.learningpartnerships.org.

Advance registration is required: All parents, caregivers, and educators who wish to attend need to register using this link bit.ly/mnsd-brain-night. After registering, each person will receive a confirmation email with the information to join the Zoom meeting that night. The deadline for registration is Tuesday September 27, 2022.

Health Department Updates:

Welcome back! As we begin this new school year, please remember to update your child's emergency and medical information in the parent portal. Additionally, you should reach out to your building's School Nurse regarding any medical and/or medication needs that your child may have. You will be able to schedule a time to drop off any medication and associated documents.

PHMS:

We are really looking forward to the start of the 2022-2023 school year at Paxon Hollow Middle School. We would like to thank all families who came to new student orientation on August 24th. We hope that students took the time to walk their schedules so that they have an idea of where to go on the first day of school. Should you have any questions about your student's schedule, kindly reach out to their grade level guidance counselor. Enjoy the holiday weekend!

All Elementary Schools:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year! Each and every elementary school staff member is excited to see our little Tigers on the first day of school. Your partnership and support are essential, we all look forward to working with our families to help each child grow and succeed!