

February 14, 2021

To All MNHS Families,

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful President's Day. We would like to thank everyone who completed the Group C form for all virtual learning. It is extremely important for us to know who is attending school on their assigned days. We will be reaching out to families if you are not signed up in Group C and not attending your assigned days.

I would also like to remind everyone who have completed semester courses who need to return books and materials. Please return them in person to your teachers if you are coming in person. Group C students can return materials and books to the main office. Books and materials returned to the main office need to be labeled with the students name and teacher's name.

Reminder: 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. We would also like to highly encourage all of our students to turn on their cameras and take an active part in their education.

Reminder from our Nurse: To keep our MNHS community safe please complete the daily Covid-19 Screening form for each child before sending your child to school. If you answer **YES** to any of the questions, please keep your child home from school and contact the school nurse June Cloran at 610-359-4221 or email at jcloran@mnsd.org.

The district librarian team has gathered resources and compiled a website for Black History Month (which is officially February). This will be made available to students and families as a resource to engage in conversation and learning. The site includes ideas for digital and non-digital activities, as well as a reading list of contemporary young adult novels written by black authors. I invite you to take a look and join in the celebration of black history. If I can assist you in preparing to honor black history in your classroom in any way (bringing books to your classroom, creating book talks, gathering research resources, or any other way), please let me know.

View the website here: [MNSD Black History Month Resources](#)

From the Cafeteria: New menu for Wednesday pick up bags. All families are eligible for free meals on Wednesday pick up. If you are not currently picking up meals on Wednesday, please see the district web page for the form to sign up and receive lunch(3 hybrid or 5 virtual) and breakfast (5 days)

To view the menus, go to the district website > departments > food service - view menus. Pick your school to view all menus. **Lunch** (in school meals) **Virtual breakfast** (Wednesday pick up) **Virtual lunch**(Wednesday pick up)

The form for meal pick up is listed on the MNSD website.

Here is a direct link for menus if you would like to include this.

<https://mnsd.nutrislice.com/>

District: The Marple Newtown Board of School Directors will meet on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 for Committee Meetings and a Regular Board Meeting held in the Auditorium at the Marple Newtown High School, 120 Media Line Road, Newtown Square, PA. The public is encouraged to attend. All attendees are required to wear a face covering or mask.

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

PHMS: We are now into the second week of semester 2 and emailed several notifications home regarding virtual and hybrid learning. If you have chosen Cohort C (all virtual) and would like your child(ren) to return to hybrid learning, please email Dr. Gretchen at TGretchen@mnsd.org to make the change. If your child(ren) is not physically attending school (Cohort A or B), we ask that you sign him/her up for cohort C. We expect all students in cohort A and B to come to school on their designated days.

All Elementary Schools: The link below contains our Elementary Assessment Schedule for the month of March. We wanted to make you aware of the adjustments to the ELA schedule so you can plan accordingly. Your child will take these assessments during their regularly scheduled in-person class times, with students at home engaging in asynchronous activities during testing time. Please click on the link for more information.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Bc_lBrkMuull-W7BT1HeXUYEq1ABgJB/view?usp=sharing

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