

# SOCIAL WORK BREAKS BARRIERS

To MNHS Families,

March is a month to recognize Social Workers. This year's theme is 'Social Work Breaks Barriers'. Social workers in schools assist with different tasks throughout the district all dedicated to seeking complete equality in education and helping students achieve their own potential. Thank you to our social workers for your service to the school community.

It is finally here! This week please join us for the Spring Musical [The Addams Family](#). Our students and staff have dedicated many hours to preparing for this event. If you did not purchase your ticket yet, please find the link under the reminders below.

This year, MNHS has the honor of hosting The Reading Olympics, sponsored by the DCIU, a county-wide event. The high school team has steadily made progress in reading through the list of books and preparing for the competition. The Reading Olympics aims to improve the quantity and quality of books students read from elementary school through high school. Each team collectively reads between forty and fifty books and collaborates regularly about the readings to prepare for the competition. The competition includes three rounds where students are asked questions pertaining to books read. We wish all the participating teams' luck in the coming weeks.

Students who made Renaissance for marking period 3 celebrated with an ice cream social. Each marking period students have the opportunity to qualify for Renaissance by meeting specific criteria. GPA, attendance, behavior, and school participation are all factors that influence a student's status. Students are celebrated throughout the marking period with different rewards. Congratulations to the students who qualified. Students striving to become Renaissance card holders can find more information [here](#).

The Philadelphia Local Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is hosting an illustrated poem contest for students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>- grade. Students are required to write and illustrate a poem using the theme 'The Curious Chemistry of Amazing Algae'. Any student interested can contact Ms. Kleiner for complete details.

## Reminders:

- Click [here](#) to purchase tickets for the Spring Musical [The Addams Family](#).
- Spring Athletes - Please click [here](#) for the list of coaches.
- Please see the link for softball gear etc. <https://cmsportinggoods.chipply.com/MNSoftball/>
- Click [here](#) for a full list of clubs. To see Spring sports schedules, click [here](#), select the sport, and then select schedule.
- Calling all parents of seniors in the class of 2023! 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](#).

**Important Dates:**

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

**Paxon Hollow Middle School:**

During the past few weeks of school, Dr. Gretchen and members of the Paxon Hollow Middle School team visited the in-coming 5th grade students at their elementary schools to begin the transition program to the middle school. We are inviting all 5th grade parents to PHMS for “Parent Night” on April 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm for a presentation on the transition from 5th to 6th grade. In the meantime, we offer the PHMS Transition Guide found at this [LINK](#). The transition guide offers helpful information for students and families so that you have an idea of what to expect in September.

In addition to the 5th grade transition program, 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:**

Elementary students have a great new way to show their school spirit by attending *The Addams Family* this week 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 designated box for your school, to be counted by staff at intermission.

- School with 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 to 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>