

December 19, 2020

To all MNHS Families,

We would like to wish everyone a relaxing winter break. Everyone have a happy holiday and a wonderful new year. This week we have a calendar change, which 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. Winter break will provide a great opportunity for students to catch up on work.

Information regarding Keystone Exam make-ups from last spring was sent home to all freshman, sophomores, and juniors who had "opted in" to take the exams. If you received an email this past week that means you had signed up for your student to take the test. If you would like to opt out now with the new bill from the Senate providing all testing students with a proficient score for last year's keystones, please email me at jbeltrante@mnsd.org. If I do not hear from you by December 23rd and you had previously opted in we will be putting your student on the list for testing. We will notify you of the testing dates for your student.

DISTRICT: Winter break is from December 24th - January 1st. Class resumes January 4th. Happy Holidays from the MNSD family to yours.

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**.

PHMS: Happy Holidays from the PHMS faculty and staff!

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 remote.

Culbertson: DCIU is offering a virtual class for parents of children with disabilities who are challenged by social interactions on **January 27, 2021 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Parents are fundamental contributors to the development of their child's social/emotional growth. Content will include strategies to build skills in cooperative play, emotional regulation and problem solving. This course is intended for parents who have children with disabilities in grades K-5. Please pre-register for this session by clicking on the link below:

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Worrall: Dear Worrall Families: I hope everyone had a fun time in the snow last week, that certainly set the stage for our upcoming Winter Break! Happy Holidays to all during this special season, the entire Worrall staff extends warm wishes for creating some great new memories! To kick off the festivities, students and staff are encouraged to wear their favorite school-appropriate pajamas for their Zooms on Wednesday, December 23. Let's get cozy!

As a reminder, Winter Break will take place from Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, January 3. Below is a schedule of the students who will be coming into the building on Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22:

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

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

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