



To MNHS Families,

For many, this is truly the busiest time of the year! This is the same for our students and staff at the high school. This month is going to fly by with the excitement taking place over the course of the month. The CCAC staff reminds all seniors that the January 1<sup>st</sup> Regular College Application Deadline is quickly approaching. They need at least ten days to process transcripts through Naviance excluding winter break.

The fall play concluded this weekend with exceptional performances by our Tiger thespians. The excitement, mystery, and talent left you wanting to see more. Our Spring musical this year is the Adams Family. Auditions will take place on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. The audition form and materials can be found on the website: [www.mndrama.org](http://www.mndrama.org). We cannot wait to see what our students have in store for us in March.

Four of our Tiger Musicians made Districts this year: one student from the band, two from the choir, and one from the orchestra. Congratulations to those students and we wish you luck at Districts. The choir students performed at the Marple tree lighting last weekend despite the pouring rain. They provided the community with a joyful snippet of their talents. Please join us at the Winter Concert on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in The Performing Arts Center. The band, choir, and orchestra have been practicing their talents for months to prepare a showcase for the holiday season.

Marple Newton's Future Business Leaders of America, FBLA, will be traveling to Widener University for the Regional Leadership Conference on December 15<sup>th</sup> for workshops, networking, and an awards ceremony. The purpose of MN FBLA is to prepare students to enter a career in the business realm. This is done by building leadership skills through academic competitions and educational programs.

Over the course of the month, we have a few fundraisers taking place. Students participating in the Helping Paws Club are collecting pet supplies to donate to the Providence Animal Center. There is a bin located near the Student Services Center to donate clean sheets, pillowcases, towels, new cat scratchers, new cat/dog toys, sandwich-size Ziplock bags, lunch-size brown paper bags, newspapers, dish soap, hand soap, toilet paper, and baking soda. Candy Cane Grams will be on sale for students to send to friends from December 12<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria. On December 14<sup>th</sup> visit Crumbl Cookie in Newtown Square from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm and they will donate 15% of all proceeds to Mini-Thon. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, visit Freddy's in Broomall from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm and they will donate 15% of all proceeds to Best Buddies. Best Buddies is also organizing a Polar Plunge to raise awareness of inclusive practices and to support the Special Olympics and MN Bocce Team. To donate please visit <https://give.specialolympicspa.org/ucs> and select Marple Newtown Tigers. Students participating in

Mini-Thon have an ambitious goal to raise \$60,000 this year for Mini-Thon. Click [here](#) to see our donor site which is open to the public.

**Reminders:**

- Parents, please make sure your phone numbers are up to date in IC in case of closure due to snow.

**Important Dates:**

12/5 – 12/16 – Collecting Supplies for Providence Animal Hospital  
12/12 – 12/16 – Candy Cane Grams for Sale  
12/13 – Winter Keystone Exams  
12/14 – Crumbl Cookie Fundraiser  
12/17 – Adam's Family Auditions - Auditorium – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
12/20 – Freddy's Fundraiser – 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
12-21 – Winter Concert – 7:00 pm – Performing Arts Center  
12/23/22 through 1/2/23 – Winter Break

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**District:**

Click [here](#) to see the new issue of the Tigers' Pride! We hope you enjoy reading about the achievements of our student athletes and coaches, performing arts programs, and memorable school events. Readers will also learn about the many ways our schools partnered with and gave back to the community: honoring our Veterans, collecting and donating food, and unveiling an outdoor art mural project two years in the making. Thank you to the students, teachers, and staff whose talent, hard work, and dedication made all of these great achievements possible.

**Paxon Hollow Middle School:**

Paxon Hollow students are working hard preparing for their upcoming winter concerts. Under the direction of Mr. Jordan Marmelstein, the band and orchestra will hold their winter concert at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 12th at the middle school. The choir concert will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm at the middle school and will be led by Mrs. Georgia LaRue. Our students and faculty look forward to performing a wonderful show for our community.

**Elementary Schools:**

Hour of Code was this week, be sure to ask your students about their fun experiences with this! The end of the first marking period for Grades 1-5 was this past Friday. You will be receiving a hard copy of your child's report card on December 19. Please note Kindergarten is on a semester reporting system, those report cards will be distributed on January 17.

For planning purposes, please note Winter Break is December 23-January 2. Students and staff resume school on Tuesday, January 3.