



# **PAXON HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*ANCHORED TO WHAT MATTERS AS WE NAVIGATE THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR*

## **Paxon Peek of the Week – Week of September 12, 2021**

Dear Paxon Hollow Parents/Guardians:

It was smooth sailing for our opening at Paxon Hollow Middle School. We would like to thank all parents and guardians who joined us for Back to School Night this past week. Please do not forget that picture day is Wednesday, September 15, for all Paxon Hollow students. In addition to picture day, we will have our 6<sup>th</sup> grade social from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm on Wednesday, September 15. Last, but not least, Youth Night is this Friday evening at the MNHS football game beginning at 7:00 pm. All PHMS students are encouraged to wear their orange and black to school on Friday.

Have a great week!

T.J. Gretchen  
Principal

### **Student Arrival Locations by Grade:**

Students arriving to Paxon Hollow before 7:50 am need to report to the following areas before the start of the school day. All students **MUST** be physically in their first period class by 8:00 AM in order to be marked on time for school.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Auditorium  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Gym  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Café

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social:**

We will have the 6<sup>th</sup> grade social after school on Wednesday, September 15, from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. It is a great opportunity for students to meet and make new friends. Please see the letter at the bottom of this communication for more information.

### **Letter Day Schedule for the Week of September 13<sup>th</sup>:**

Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – D Day  
Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – E Day  
Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – F Day - (Picture Day and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social)  
Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – No School  
Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – A Day – (Youth Night at MNHS Football Game 7:00 pm)

**Face Coverings in School:**

On August 31, Dr. Kane sent a districtwide communication regarding the recent statewide order requiring that face coverings be worn indoors for all public PA K-12 schools. Kindly click this [LINK](#) to view the communication.

**Student Laptops:**

Students that enrolled and paid the damage waiver fee last year were permitted to keep their laptops over the summer, but must re-enroll by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Students who have enrolled in the 1:1 program for the first time this year will start to receive their laptops opening week. The Technology Department will be handling the roll out of laptops to the student because we have to verify that they have indeed enrolled in the damage waiver program and have paid the fee if applicable. **No student will receive a laptop unless he or she has enrolled in the damage waiver and pay the fee.**

**1 to 1 Computer Program:**

If you have questions regarding the 1to1 computer program, kindly write an email to the following email address: [1to1@mnsd.org](mailto:1to1@mnsd.org). Should your student require technical assistance, please fill out the following form at this [LINK](#) to submit a trouble ticket. If you wish to enroll in the 1:1 program, you can register and pay the fee at this [LINK](#).

**Personal Belongings and Supplies:**

All students will need to bring their laptops to school and make sure the laptop is completely charged before attending in-person instruction.

Students will not have access to a locker at the start of the school year. Instead, students will be permitted to use a backpack to carry their belongings. Additionally, students must bring their own writing utensil to avoid unnecessary sharing.

**Snack for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class has the last lunch of the school day. As a result, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are permitted to bring a small snack to eat at the start of their 4<sup>th</sup> period class. Students are permitted to bring plain goldfish or plain pretzels in a sandwich or Ziploc bag. Due to the sensitivity of student allergies, no other food items will be permitted for snack. In addition, teachers are not permitted to provide a snack to their students and students are not permitted to share a snack with other students.

### **PTO NEWS:**

Our first PTO meeting for the 21-22 school year will be tomorrow, Monday, September 13, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Please use this [LINK](#) to attend the meeting.

### **Paxon Hollow Athletic Department:**

There will be a fall sports meeting after school on Friday, September 10 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm for any student who is interested in playing a fall sport. The first day of practice for all fall sports is Monday, September 20. Students must have all paperwork and a completed PIAA physical in order to participate. The physical must be dated after June 1, 2021. Physical forms for the 2021-2022 school year can be found on Paxon Hollow's website under athletics.

### **Important Dates:**

**September 13 – PTO Meeting**

**September 15 – Picture Day (Packets will be sent home with students for ordering)**

**September 15 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (see below for more information and the permission slip)**

**September 16 – No School**

**September 17 – Youth Night at MNHS Football Game @ 7:00 PM**

### **Picture Day:**

Picture day is Wednesday, September 15 for all Paxon Hollow Middle School Students. Barksdale Photography will be sending home picture order forms home with all students on Monday, September 13.

### **DISTRICT MESSAGE:**

**September 12**

**District:** The Marple Newtown Board of School Directors will meet on Tuesday, September 14th for Committee Meetings held in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The public is encouraged to attend. All attendees are required to wear a mask.

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

The CDC and PA DOH continue to recommend that families self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms. An individual is considered symptomatic if they have one of the symptoms listed. Please monitor your family daily for any of these symptoms. If your child is sick, we ask that they stay home.

Current symptoms can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

The Marple Newtown SD is required to support the PA DOH in the identification of positive cases and close contacts. Should your child be identified as a close contact, the district will follow the guidance from the CDC, PA DOH, and PDE. CDC guidance on quarantine can be found at the following link: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fif-you-are-sick%2Fquarantine.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fif-you-are-sick%2Fquarantine.html)

**MNHS:** Thank you everyone for a great start of the school year. Though we had a few hick-ups with our phone system being down we managed to still address many concerns and issues and have a great week. Thank you to our students who were in attendance at our 20th year remembrance of 9-11 on Friday.

**All Elementary Schools:** It was wonderful to see all of our students back! Football Youth Night is this Friday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. Come to the High School to show your school spirit, and wear orange to show your Tiger Pride! We look forward to seeing all of our MNSD elementary students at the game to watch the high school's spectacular band, cheerleaders, and football team!

Please see below for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Letter.



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September 12, 2021

Dear Paxon Hollow Parents and Students:

The Paxon Hollow Renaissance Committee is sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> grade social on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. This event is the perfect opportunity for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to meet and get to know some of their new classmates. The social will take place on the athletic fields behind Paxon Hollow from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The social will include games, music, a snack, and social time.

In order for the social to operate smoothly, there are several procedures that we need to make you aware of:

1. At the end of the school day, students must report directly to the Paxon Hollow Gym with their signed permission slip (below) and \$5 cash. All students MUST be in the gym by 3:00 pm.
2. We will begin to dismiss students at 4:00 pm and respectfully request that all students are picked up by 4:20 pm.
3. All students will get picked up by a parent/guardian in the front of the building. Students are not permitted to walk home from the social. Car-pooling may be helpful.
4. The social is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade PAXON HOLLOW STUDENTS ONLY.  
Since we will be outside on the field involved with physical activity, masks are optional for students.

To ensure that all parents are aware of this procedure, we ask that you kindly sign the permission slip at the bottom of this page. Please have your child bring it to school on Wednesday and it will be collected when they enter the social at the end of the school day. Students will not be admitted without a signed permission slip. The admission fee for the social is \$5.00.

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### PLEASE BRING THIS FORM TO THE EVENT

**I have read the school procedures and am familiar with them. I am aware that students who are not picked up by 4:30pm will not be able to participate in the next scheduled event.**

**Student's name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_