



Tiger Talk



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents, and Faculty,

This letter is written from the unusual position I now occupy- Principal of Marple Newtown High School-- *who will be leaving soon*. I am excited at the opportunities ahead of me and grateful for all that I have learned here. High school is full of challenges and along the way I have gleaned a few things that I would like to share:

- Orange and black are always in style
- Dedicated faculty and staff are irreplaceable
- Renovations look much less intrusive on paper
- Dress codes are meant to be challenged
- Mornings are better when there is good, hot coffee
- Hard work produces results
- Flexible schedules are desirable, flexible attitudes are priceless
- There is no substitute for a caring community
- Academics, athletics, and arts are integral to a solid education
- A sense of humor is essential
- Animal lovers abound at MNHS
- Triathlons are grueling – even when you don't win
- Working with people you like and respect is wonderful
- Talent is everywhere in our school

And finally, the words that say it best.....

Education is not the filling of a pail, it is the lighting of a fire.

~W. B. Yeats

The Marple Newtown school community is full of exceptional and enthusiastic people. I am humbled by the many kind words and good wishes I have received. It has been my great fortune to know you. Thanks for the memories.

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PTO Update

Dear Families:

We are already nearing the end of the first marking period and have been quite busy. We thank the many people who contributed to the successful Back to School night. In addition to various routine PTO duties, we have been working with Mrs. Horowitz, Mr. Sanville and the Counseling Department on an event to help promote our school district to colleges.

A PTO website is currently under construction. This will be a wonderful way for the PTO to increase communication between the school and parents/students. We plan to include information about the PTO such as, meeting dates and time, minutes from each meeting, officers/committee heads, fundraising events and more.

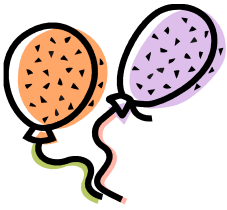
We are also investigating ways to raise money. One way is to register your Target card. Based on your purchases at Target, the school would receive a rebate check. This is an existing program that already generates income for us, and we would like more people to enroll.

Another way is grocery scrip. We hope to have this set up very soon. Imagine every time you went to Giant or Acme the PTO received \$5 for every hundred you spent. When you consider there are nearly one thousand families at the high school, that's quite a lot! For you, there is no increased cost, but the benefits are tremendous. Escript is also being contemplated. Participating business donate a percentage of your grocery (Genuardi's), credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to the school. Details to follow soon.

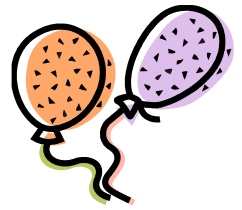
Coming up will be the Honor Roll Breakfast for those students who make honor roll the first marking period. We are changing from once per year to once per quarter to recognize this achievement. On November 5, our first volleyball night will be held, and November 13 is the faculty luncheon. The Breakfast committee is in full swing planning our very worthwhile after-prom party in May. Join us as we undertake these events. Together we can have an awesome year.

Sharon Oberholtzer
Connie Smith
Co-Presidents of PTO





BREAKFAST '08



Cost to provide a safe place to eat, dance, socialize and make memories for a lifetime..... Thousands
 Small price to ask from each family.....\$25.00
 After-prom peace of mind for parents.....**Priceless**

Since 1992, MNHS has hosted an after-prom party, as an alternative to home parties or trips to the shore. This drug and alcohol-free environment has worked successfully in providing a safe place to have fun and enjoy their last night together as a class. Plans are already in the works to provide a spectacular party at the high school, filled with food, games, music, entertainment and special prizes. This event is completely financed by the generosity of our school families and by donations from businesses in the area.

Please help us make this evening special for our graduating seniors by making a \$25.00 donation to help defray our costs. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Send a check or money order for \$25.00 (payable to Breakfast '08), MNHS PTO, 120 Media Line Rd. Newtown Square, PA 19073. Or, place it in an envelope and drop it off in the office at school or send it in with your child.

We count on your support! Thank you!

Join us at our next meeting on November 13, 7 p.m., in the Library. A Decorating Committee meeting will be held on November 26, 7 p.m., in the Library. All parents from all grades are invited to attend!

Items Needed for Breakfast

The decorating committee is in need of seasonal decorations. Sorry we can't be more specific -- the theme is top secret! All items will be returned after use.

Think you can help? Or, are you simply curious? Call or e-mail:
 Deb Patrick at 610-356-7418 djpatrick403@comcast.net

or

Kim Green at 610-356-0929 kim.green@sap.com
 and we will contact you with more specific needs and our theme.

Renaissance

POP Award Recipients

Each marking period, the Renaissance Committee provides the faculty and staff with the opportunity to give recognition to students who help to create a positive atmosphere in their classes and school environment. When nominating a student, faculty considered the following selection criteria: exemplify courtesy and consideration for others; are cooperative, cheerful and serve as a positive role model for other students; in the judgment of their teacher, are working to full potential; exhibit proper care of school materials and equipment.

The following students, selected for the second marking period, were honored at a recognition breakfast on November 1.

Debbie Adeniran

Ronald Alf

Heather Baffa

Katherine Becker

Katharine Berardinucci

Dean Bergey

Shivani Bhanderi

Colleen Biehl

Brittany Boles

Ashley Brogan

Joseph Campanella

Kirk Campanella

Zachary Cetlin

Alicia Choi

Paul Ciavardelli

Ryan Coleman

Kelly Collins

Morgan Cook

Corbin Dwyer

Jeremy Farber

Adam Gach

Amanda Gallagher

Julianne Garrity

Vasliki Gouliaberis

Chrysta Hamilton

Shawn Heard

Michael Heiser

Hannah Hewes

Samantha Higgins

Scott Hyland

Nicole Jameison

Esmina Jani

Jake Kelly

Laura Kopervos

Timothy Lannon

Nina Lanza

Shannon Law

Conor MacCormack

Joseph Mansky

Benjamin Mansky

Peter Massaro

Christian Massey

Kristin McCarthy

Hali McFadden

James McIlwee

Eric Melchiore

Silvia Navarro

Brien Nunn

Robert Papurt

Lori Prestileo

Lori Rafferty

Stephen Reynolds

Kyle Rice

Jessica Rose

Thomas Salamone

Will Sheehan

Megan Shields

Sara Simonds

Grace Song

Michael Staino

Alexandra Stephanou

Alicia Sterlachini

Kevin Stover

Zachary Surkin

Charles Terlizzi

Scott Todd

David Wagura

Maxwell Wakeley

Kira White

Kyle Williams

Kimberly Wooden

Emily Wyatt

Gina Zampitelli



School News

German American Partnership Program



Marple Newtown's first foreign exchange program will begin at the end of October! Twelve students and two teachers from the Kaiserpfalz Realschule in Ingelheim, Germany, will travel to MN to learn a little about the American way of life. Host families from MN are opening their homes to these students, who will follow their host student through the school day. The students will also have opportunities to see local sights: Philadelphia, New York City and Lancaster County.

When the students arrive on October 20, they will be met at the airport by an MN school bus, which will take them to the High School to meet their host families. After a brief reception and introductions, the students will head home with their hosts, to spend a weekend with the family. On Monday it's time for school. This won't be just an ordinary school week: it's Spirit Week! College t-shirt day, pajama day, color war day, Tiger Olympics, hall decorating ... and that's not all: a pep rally and the Homecoming football game and dance are all in the first week of their visit! The second week features the trip to New York and Lancaster County as well as Halloween!

To welcome the students Superintendent Merle Horowitz and the School Board hosted a reception for the visitors on October 23, just before the Board meeting. At the end of their stay there will be a Farewell Party in the High School Library.

The exchange program is being organized by Mrs. Eva Kaufmann, Foreign Language Department Chairperson, with Mrs. Patricia Rich, German teacher. They are working in partnership with Mrs. Renata Losoncy and Mrs. Ann Sieger of the German Language School Conference, an organization of private German schools.

Next summer the GLSC will offer MN students the opportunity to travel to Ingelheim to visit the German students at their school. They will spend two weeks living with host families, and then spend a week traveling through the country. Spaces are limited, and applications will be available in the spring.

We are hoping that this is the first part of a long-standing relationship with the Kaiserpfalz Realschule in Germany!

Math Teachers Attend Nspire Workshop

Three Mathematics Department teachers, Stephanie Jacquette, Michael Clancy, and Matthew Landes, attended a two-day **TI-Nspire** Institute at West Chester University.



The institute focused on the integration of **TI-Nspire** technology into the classroom with the use of content-specific activities for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Precalculus and Calculus.

Each participant received a **TI-Nspire** handheld device (like a mini-computer), a **TI-Nspire** viewscreen panel, and **TI-Nspire** computer software. This device hasn't even hit the stores yet! The teachers can use the new device for demonstration purposes in their classrooms once four classrooms in the math department are upgraded through the Classrooms for the Future grant.

Honor Society Off to a Busy Start

This year, the National Honor Society has been busy. The 80 students involved in NHS have devoted several evenings a week to serve our community. The activities our members participate in vary from playing bingo with the senior citizens at Sunrise Retirement Community to helping out at the Culbertson Elementary and Hillview Nursery School Pumpkin Festivals. Along with new activities, like CATnip (CAT Nurturing Info Placement), where NHS members help nurture and find homes for abandoned cats, NHS will continue to take part in sandwich making, tutoring, and volunteering at Don Guanella.



The students leading this organization with Ms. Deborah Bonder have been working hard to keep the NHS reputation high. The senior board consists of President Kate Stulpin and officers Alyssa Pagani, Roashan Ayene, Jessica Geida, Marissa Senholzi, Chris McDonald, Carlee Moir, Brendan Ryan, Stephanie Hahn, Joey Mansky, Melissa Henderson, and Jason Pan. The juniors are Elysia Mann, Sophia Reji, Ashley Antista, Amy Videon, Hannah Hewes, and Liz Quach. This year's board is very committed to making this the most productive year ever!

Sports Update

Winter Athletics Orientation Set for November 15

The Marple Newtown Athletic Department will be hosting an orientation for winter athletes on November 15, 2007, 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium. The evening will begin with a dinner for the winter athletes in the cafeteria. This will be followed by a presentation by Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Dennis Reardon on the expectations set forth in MN's "Raising the Bar" program. The keynote speaker will be Jim Brogan. The event is open to anyone who wishes to attend the orientation. The dinner is limited to student athletes.

About Jim Brogan

Jim Brogan is a former NBA Player with the San Diego Clippers and Golden State Warriors. He is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College with degrees in Business and Psychology and is the President of Jim Brogan, Inc.



Jim Brogan has been dedicated to developing strong well-rounded youth on and off the court since 1985. Jim's newest program, "10 Steps to Success," is an exciting new approach in motivating young people for success in life. The elements, beliefs and values put forth in this program are key principles, which enabled Jim to play professional basketball. Over the years, Jim has given hundreds of motivational presentations, speaking engagements and personally instructed thousands of young people in matters relating to his "10 Steps to Success."

Jim is a successful entrepreneur with his company's corporate offices located in San Diego, California. He continues his role as broadcaster for FOX Sports, covering University of San Diego games. He also coaches young men and women weekly in his Basketball Academy and during his summer camps. Jim also dedicates himself to many local and national charities such as DARE.

Jim and his wife Cynthia are also active with their 4 King Charles Cavaliers; Riley, Murphy, Grady and Libby.

Sports Update

Freshman Soccer Team Having a Great Season

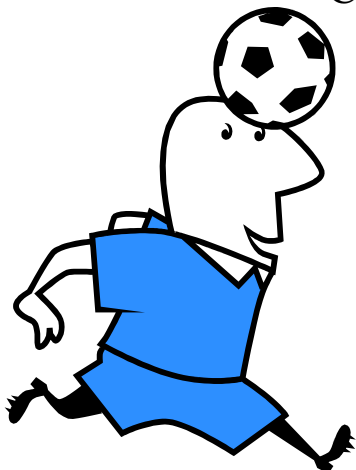
The freshmen soccer team played to a hard-fought zero to zero tie with Upper Darby. Shane Trainer recorded the shutout in goal. Chris Abbott, Kurt Johnson, Andrew Ruesche, Sam Cianelli and Robin Arnold played well for the Tigers.

The team defeated the Lower Merion Aces by a score of 3 to 1. Scoring for Marple were Connor Power with an assist, Kurt Johnson with a goal and an assist and Conor MacCormack with two goals and an assist. Almost scoring were Mikes: Disman and Hahn. Shane Trainer came within two minutes of recording another shutout and was strong in the nets. Playing well for the Tigers were: Chris Abbott, Robin Arnold, Alexei Toplaidis, Adam Rios and Corey McDonnell.

The Tigers battled to a hard-fought one to one tie with a strong Penncrest squad. Once again, we out-shot our opponent by a two to one margin, and the Lions were fortunate to score in the final two minutes to avoid being another shutout victim of Shane Trainer in goal. Scoring for the Tigers was Corey McDonnell off a great assist from Conor MacCormack. Playing well for Marple were: Kurt Johnson, Dan Batista, Sam Cianelli, Scott Hyland, Pete Nikolos and Alexei Toplaidis.

The team traveled to Garnet Valley and defeated their undefeated squad by a score of 2 to 1. Conor MacCormack scored an unassisted goal and Mike Hahn scored off a great assist by Kurt Johnson. Shane Trainer was outstanding in goal. Also playing well were: Paul Pham, Chris Abbott, Will Dawson, Sean Dougherty, Scott Hyland and Andrew Vassallo.

Congratulation Tigers!





MN UMBRELLA

Girls HS Soccer Boosters are selling 60" golf-style umbrellas in black and white w/ an orange MN on one of the stripes - these umbrellas will keep you dry during any of the rainy soccer games or other events played in the rain ... big enough for TWO and each umbrella has a wind opening to withstand the nastiest of weather. All proceeds will go to the MNHS Girls Soccer Boosters and each umbrella cost only \$20.00

Umbrellas make great gifts for teachers, moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends!! The umbrellas can be ordered using this form, or purchased at any of the games.

Support MNHS Girls Soccer Boosters while staying dry!!

Name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

Quantity _____

Paid _____

PLEASE PAY BY CASH OR CHECK (checks made payable to **MN Soccer Boosters**). To order complete form and submit to:

Elisa D'Angelo: 415 Farnsworth Drive, Broomall PA 19008
edangelo56@comcast.net or

Robyn Stephanou: 19 Clearbrook Road, NS, PA 19073 rstephanou@msn.com

For more information,

Please call Elisa D'Angelo at 610-353-3838 or Robyn Stephanou 610-356-85838

Students in the News

Marple Newtown 2007 Scholarship Fund Recipients

The Marple Newtown Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to students who have volunteered service to the school and community. Since its inception, the Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$38,000 to graduates who have given of themselves.

The 2007 graduates who received the awards were Kayla Senholzi, Jordyn Agostini, and Laura Hurd. Kayla's experience on the gymnastics and volleyball teams gave her the impetus to help others less able in sports. This National Honor Society student, (she ranked fourth of three hundred students), worked with students at Don Guanella School and the Special Olympics as a volunteer instructor.



Jordyn, a published poet who aspires to pilot Boeing 747s, has been involved in aviation since age six when her grandfather took her for her first flight. An accomplished student, Jordyn made time to serve as Yearbook Co-editor in Chief for three years and effectively represented the Student Council as School Board Representative for two years.

Laura proudly wears the uniform of the Marple Township Ambulance Corps where she serves as a certified Emergency Medical Technician. During her years at M-N she found time each week to drive with her mom, Lori, to Chester, where she tutored students from kindergarten to eighth grade.