



# Tiger Talk



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

What a pleasure to be writing my first Tiger Talk letter as Principal of Marple Newtown High School. When I first arrived in the district a little over three years ago, I was struck by how quickly I was embraced by the Marple Newtown family. That family atmosphere has never been more evident to me than during the selection process and transition into my new position. I have been awed by the support everyone has shown, not only to me, but to the district and the high school. They have displayed a willingness to participate in the process as well as to express opinions and concerns as to the direction in which the high school is, and should be, heading. Everyone has been willing to work cooperatively with whoever was fortunate enough to take the reigns.

I am humbled and honored to have been selected for this position and look forward to working with many students, parents, faculty, and community members. Marple Newtown High School has a great history behind it and a bright future lies ahead. It may be a cliché, but my door is always open. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions or concerns.

Ray McFall  
Principal

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## PTO Update

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Dear Families:

Wow. Just the other day we were reflecting that there are only three more PTO meetings left. We will step aside and Karen Robinson will take over for the next two years. She will need a lot of support, so we encourage you to get involved. Please do not hesitate to volunteer, there are so many ways to help that do not require a lot of time. Why not grab a friend and attend one of our meetings to learn more about activities/functions that the PTO supports. Problem solved for you and for Karen!

Several noteworthy changes with the PTO have been implemented over the past two years. Foremost, we now have a website up and running. Thank you Chris Netter! It is still in its initial phase, so we welcome any suggestions or comments about what information everyone would be interested in seeing on it. BreakFest and Fundraising also have separate websites to keep you up-to-date with current events.

The role of our PTO also changed to help the growing needs of our school, students, and staff. Fundraising efforts have been increased to allow the PTO to be able to provide more monetary assistance than in years past. This is being accomplished in several ways. We have enrolled in the ESCRIP program. Parents and staff can register your existing grocery loyalty (Genuardi's), debit and credit cards. By registering, the PTO would receive money based on what you spend. TARGET gives similar donations through the Take Charge of Education program. There is information on the PTO website explaining how to sign up for both of these programs.

We are now collecting ACME REGISTER TAPES to help raise money for the BreakFest 2008 party. This is the post Senior Prom party held in the high school immediately following the prom. The committee is planning an exciting party this year. As always, your help and donations are greatly appreciated. One other final effort we are pursuing is Acme and Giant SCRIP. Imagine if even half the school used SCRIP, we would never need to do any other fundraising! And it wouldn't cost you anything. We are awaiting information to finalize our enrollment. Stay tuned for details.

Spring is always a busy time for everyone at the high school. As we approach the end of the year, we will be handling awards for seniors for excellence as well as for achieving Renaissance every marking period of their high school career. In December, we gave gifts to the various high school departments. We also supported the musical and the musical program for the students. More recently, we helped underwrite renovation of the fountain area in the lobby that is dedicated to the memory of Sherry Weiss, a past president of MNHS PTO.

We hope everyone will remember that the PTO is a volunteer group whose primary goal is to help make Marple Newtown a school to be proud of. Please volunteer and help support our efforts, it directly benefits YOUR child! A special thank you to everyone who has helped us these past two years. We could not have asked for a more wonderful group. Sharon will be graduating this year, but you are still stuck with Connie.

Sharon Oberholtzer  
Connie Smith, PTO Co-Presidents



# Support BreakFest 2008

## Fundraising Events

- ❖ **VOLLEYBALL** – March 28 (6-10 pm) – support your favorite team – Players \$5 / Spectators \$2
- ❖ **ADULT SOCIAL** – April 4 (\$25 per person) Music/Beverages/Food/Fun @ Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square (7-11 pm) – contact Kim Falcone
- ❖ **BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR BUS TRIP**– April 13 (\$50 per person) contact Roxanne Burns
- ❖ **PHILLIES TICKETS RAFFLE** – (\$5 Chance) 4-Tickets for May 18 w/Parking (fourth row behind Phillies Dugout)
- ❖ **ACME Receipts** – Send them in to the high school office or give them to a BreakFest committee member
- ❖ **CANDY SALE** – Contact Connie Smith to sell a box of Hershey or M&M candy (52 Bars/\$1 Bar)
- ❖ **\$25 FAMILY DONATION** – If you have not done so already, please send in your support

# BREAKFEST '08

## BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR BUS TRIP

*(Benefits MNHS BreakFest 2008)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008

HARBORPLACE AND THE GALLERY

BALTIMORE AQUARIUM

ESPN ZONE AND MORE



PRICE \$50 PER PERSON

ROUND TRIP BUS TRANSPORTATION  
BUS DEPARTS FROM MARPLE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

*(Please park in the back parking lot of the High School)*

120 Media Line Road, Newtown Square

**Leaving 8 a.m. – Returning 8 p.m.**

*Seats are first come, first serve!*

*Please note that this is not a Marple Newtown School District Chaperoned Trip  
Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult*

For more information contact Roxanne Burns at 610-356-0290

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**BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR BUS TRIP - April 13, 2008: Payment due at time of reservation.**

Please make check out to: **BreakFest 2008**

Please complete and return this portion with your check to:

**Marple Newtown High School  
BreakFest 2008/Roxanne Burns  
120 Media Line Road  
Newtown Square, PA 19073-4696**

(Please print)

Name			
Address			
Phone			
# Seats		Check Amount	\$

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# Renaissance

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## 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 January 11.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Anna Brasch  
Danielle Cairns  
Dominic D'Antonio  
Christina Descano  
Dena Feinberg  
Elizabeth Graziano  
Tyler Griffith  
Orlando Guadalupe  
Rebecca Knorr  
Jason Ly  
Christian Massey  
Alyssa Myers  
Khoi Pham  
Timar Shevlin  
Allison Stephens  
Zachary Surkin  
Jessica Weaver

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alexandra Abel  
Heather Baffa  
Joseph Campanella  
William Carano  
Brandon Corsi  
Anthony DiLuzio  
Katherine Homa  
Daniel Lynch

John McDevitt  
Justin McKeown  
Amanda Orr  
Alicia Petree  
Lauren Rosborough  
Austin Severino  
Katelyn Smith  
Emily Thompson

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nicole Arganetto  
Lindsay Banes  
Ryan Bell  
Deanna D'Agostino  
Megan Dyal  
Keara Farrelly  
Arya George  
Matthew Hess  
Derek Ithen  
Elizabeth Kaneda  
Elysia Mann  
Gina Pignatelli  
Stephen Reynolds  
Nicole Smith  
Angela Sonzogni  
Dorothea Vile  
Emily Wyatt

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Steven Baxter  
Ashley Cameron  
Bryan Cohn  
Nicholas DiLuzio  
Jillian Donner  
Jessica Geida  
Sarah Hewes  
Jamie Kakkanattu  
Nina Lanza  
Amy Lombard  
Lauren Longacre  
Tigran Marshlian  
Margaret Meyers  
Laura Nichols  
Megan Shields  
Katelyn Sullivan  
Antonio Thompson  
Erin Tobin



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### Social Studies Update

After studying about the Middle Ages and Renaissance in their Western Cultures class, students in Mrs. Molyneaux's and Mrs. Craig's classes visited the Philadelphia Museum of Art to view works of art produced during the Medieval and Renaissance periods. A representative from the Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week gave a presentation of the program to Mrs. Craig's and Mrs. Molyneaux's classes.

Humanities students from Ms. Graham and Ms. D'Annunzio's class will travel to West Chester University on March 12 for the Holocaust symposium. Students are also currently writing short stories and making posters about the Victorian Era in conjunction with the novel Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin. These stories and posters are the result of internet investigation of the topic and tell of the society, marriage, politics, economic impact of the Industrial Revolution and child labor laws passed during this time.

Students in Mrs. Craig's and Mr. Karpyn's World Cultures classes are preparing to enter the National History Day competition being held at Immaculata College on March 15. Students visited the Philadelphia Free Library to explore various research offerings as part of their History Day Research project.

### Read Across America Book Drive

Ms. Salerno's homeroom collected 583 books, more than any other homeroom, for the Read Across America Book Drive which wrapped up on March 7. The students received a free breakfast in celebration of their accomplishment. This community service project is an extension of the curriculum in Reading Strategies classes and Child Development classes. The purpose of the collection is to bring attention and motivation to the importance of reading.

Over the past seven years, more than 12,000 books have been collected and donated to Cole Manor Elementary School in Norristown. Surplus books have been donated to the Philadelphia Book Bank. In addition, high school students share their time and read to elementary school students in the district.

Although the book collection formally ended on March 7, book donations are accepted throughout the year.



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### Shakespearean Masquerade

Last month, Ms. D'Annunzio's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors English students created Renaissance-inspired masquerade masks based on characters from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Having read *Romeo and Juliet*, researched background information on Florentine mask making, and discussed the role of masks during the Renaissance period, students chose a character they wished to portray from the scene in which Romeo, Benvolio, and Mercutio are headed to the Capulet mansion to take part in a masquerade (even though they are not invited). As the three travel to the party, Romeo's friends try and convince him that he should allow himself to fall in love again even though his heart has been crushed by Rosaline. Soon after, Romeo falls for Juliet at her family's party.



The students chose their favorite character from this scene, as well as their favorite lines from the character, and created individual masks using various art supplies to portray the character's personality through color and design. Each mask included the quote that inspired its creator. In addition, students wrote an essay detailing their creative decisions, inspiration, and translation of their quote from Shakespearean English to modern English. Both students and their teacher thoroughly enjoyed the projects as well as sharing them with one another. They had a chance to really get into Shakespeare!

### Hi-Q Team Wins the Championship, Again

The Marple Newtown Hi-Q Team won the championship for the third year in a row on March 5 beating Penncrest and Radnor High Schools. The team bypassed the semifinals and hosted the championship match after finishing the regular season with the highest score. Team members include Joey Mansky, captain, Roashan Ayene, Dan Albert, Jason Pan, Amy Guo, Jenny Wang, Kira White, John VanZelst, and Tom McCauley. Congratulations to Coach Deb Bonder and the team on their outstanding victory!



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# Students Participate in Annenberg Science Symposium

Marple Newtown once again participated in the 4th Annual Annenberg Science Symposium held March 4 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. The symposium is designed to promote discourse among high school science students in the Delaware Valley.

This year's topic was modern medicine, technology, and innovation. Earlier this year, the Marple Newtown team had the opportunity to observe laparoscopic gallbladder surgery at Lankanau Hospital. For their project and presentation, Marple chose the topic of antibiotic overuse and antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Bacteria are becoming increasingly resistant to antibiotics resulting in the spread of infections that are difficult to treat.

Led by Daniel Albert and advised by Mrs. Carr and Dr. Young Kim of Bryn Mawr Hospital, the students wrote and performed a skit based on the popular television show "House." The students used humor to convey the magnitude of the looming antibiotic crisis.

Sponsored by the Walter and Lenore Annenberg Foundation, other participating schools included Barrack Hebrew Academy, Episcopal Academy, and Radnor High School.



Team members from top left: Jenny Wang, Amy Guo, Katelyn Sullivan, Daniel Albert, Joseph Mansky, Suzanna Talento, Alyssa Fingerman, Kristi Dobiba, Alec Szlachta-McGinn, Lauren Huston, Ben Mansky, Lufei Tu, Jamie Whitesell, and Scott Warner

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## Sports Update

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### Great Season for Indoor Track Team

The Men's Track Team has had a busy season. The team kicked off the season at Lehigh with a dozen personal best performances, winning second place silver medals in the 4 by 200 relay of James Pierce, Joe Callaghan, Andrew Dougan and Will Sheehan; fourth place for Peter Pham who had a career best in pole vault; second place for Rob Furman in the 3,000 meter run; second place for the 4 by 400 relay of Austin Severino, Brandon Miller, Kevin McGinn and Alex Svenson. The top performance was an outstanding first place win by Paul Ciavardelli in the 400.

The team traveled to Haverford for the Final Haverford College Greater Philadelphia meet. Jeremy Kilpatrick had a personal best in shot put. Will Sheehan was strong in the 400 as was Paul Ciavardelli in the mile. Medal winners were: Dan George in hurdles, James Pierce in high jump and Rob Furman in the 3,000 meter.

There were many fine performances at the County Championships including: Andrew Dougan in pole vault, two relay and open run in the 200; Josh Parambath, Joe Callaghan, Will Sheehan and Dan George. In the distance medley relay Chris McDonnell, Matt Marianski, Paul Ciavardelli and Rob Furman won third place medals. Chris McDonnell and Rob Furman also medaled in the 3,000 meter run. In field events James Pierce finished fourth in high jump, and Paul Ciavardelli finished second in the county in the 800.

The team participated in the Eastern Pennsylvania Meet of Champions with the hope of advancing to the state championships at University Park. Those qualifying included: Dan George in hurdles; Peter Pham in pole vault; James Pierce in high jump; Paul Ciavardelli in the 400 and 800; Chris McDonnell in the mile and the 3,000; Rob Furman in the 3,000; and the relay teams of Josh Parambath, Joe Callaghan, Andrew Dougan and Will Sheehan in the 4 by 200, and Dan George, Andrew Dougan, Will Sheehan and Paul Ciavardelli in the 4 x 400. Paul Ciavardelli qualified for the state championships in the 800 meters. Later at Lehigh, Chris McDonnell qualified for state championships running the mile in 3:34. Go Tigers!



