

**Tornado Times**  
**Tuesday, January 20th, 2015**  
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*The contents of the Tornado Times are intended to inform Malden High School students and staff as well as the greater Malden High School community. If you would like to add something please submit the contents to Principal Dana F. Brown, [dbrown@maldenps.org](mailto:dbrown@maldenps.org). Stories, pictures, reminders, club, activity, and class notes are all welcome.*

**Malden High School Vision Statement**

The Malden High School community believes in the potential of all students to learn, to grow, and to become active, conscientious participants in the 21st century global society. We believe that students learn most effectively in a safe, respectful environment that encourages diverse viewpoints, promotes critical thinking and perseverance, and establishes rigorous standards for all. We honor the diverse nature of our community, promote social awareness and community involvement, and strive to meet the needs of all students through innovative methods and continual professional development. We are committed to ensuring that Malden High School graduates are thoughtful, independent, purpose-driven, lifelong learners. We seek to equip all students with the skills and habits necessary to successfully navigate and contribute to our ever-changing world.

Good morning everyone!

Midterm week is here, and for students and staff it is an opportunity to measure the progress of the year to date and to figure out where to go next; some re-teaching? Pick up the pace? Stay the course...identify students at-risk, ask for help. Wherever you and your students are, take an accurate classroom pulse and blood pressure and make decisions based on what is best for students; like you always do!

# Midterm Schedule 2015

Day and Date	Exam Block	Exam Block	Lunch	Exam Block
	8:00-9:30 am	9:45 –11:15 am	11:15-12:15 pm	12:30-2:00 pm
<b>Monday, January 19</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>MLK Jr.</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>xxxxxxxxxx</b>
Tuesday, January 20	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Period 3</b>	<b>Optional Lunch</b>	<b>Period 6</b>
Wednesday January 21	<b>Period 4</b>	<b>Period 5</b>	<b>Optional Lunch</b>	<b>Make-ups</b>
Thursday, January 22	<b>Make-ups</b>	<b>Period 7</b>	<b>Optional Lunch</b>	<b>Period 1</b>
**Friday, January 23	Periods 1-7		Reg. Lunch	

\*\*Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Schedule-students will attend all 7 classes.

Period 1	7:55-8:30
Period 2	8:30-9:15
Period 3	9:15-10:00
Period 4	10:00-10:45
Period 6	10:45-12:45 Lunch Block
Period 5	12:45-1:30
Period 7	1:30-2:15

**\*\* We meet with every class so that teachers of semester courses can close out their courses in an effective and efficient manner after the midterm.**

## **Midterm protocol**

- Students must remain in the classroom for the entire duration of the midterm exam. Please insist that students bring reading/writing materials in the event they finish early.
- Please make sure students know **your** cell phone policy.
- Students only have to be in school during the time when they are scheduled for a midterm.
- With only some exceptions (school-to-career, peer tutoring, directed studies) it is expected that every class offer a department approved midterm.
- **All senior students must take midterms in semester courses, regardless of current average.**



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# FAFSA DAY

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## FREE Help Applying for Financial Aid for College!

FAFSA Day Massachusetts (A College Goal Sunday<sup>SM</sup> Program) is a non-profit, volunteer-driven effort providing **FREE** assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.



Families will receive:

- Free assistance completing the FAFSA.
- Access to experienced financial aid administrators and FAFSA experts to answer questions.
- Guidance on the financial aid process and next steps after filing the FAFSA.



*Many locations include online FAFSA filing capabilities and translation services.*

Visit [www.FAFSADay.org](http://www.FAFSADay.org) to register and to view site locations, dates, times, directions, a list of services available at each site, and information on what to bring. To learn more about how you can participate, please e-mail [massinfo@fafsaday.org](mailto:massinfo@fafsaday.org) or call 877-424-7627.



DATE	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Sunday</b> <b>1/25/15</b>	<b>Malden High</b> <b>School</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>



[www.FAFSADay.org](http://www.FAFSADay.org)

## FAQ

### **WHAT IS PARCC AND WHO'S TAKING IT?**

PARCC stands for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.

The state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education will decide in fall 2015 whether or not to adopt PARCC assessments for Massachusetts.

Even if the Board adopts PARCC, the 10th grade MCAS will remain a graduation requirement through the class of 2019 (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders), MCAS-Alt will continue as is for all grades, and the **MCAS science tests will continue in the applicable grades.**

This school year our 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take the "PARCC" as part of the two year practice cycle.

The 9<sup>th</sup> graders will also take the MCAS Science as part of their graduation requirement.

**The Junior Varieties show at Malden High School has "iconic" status. This year marks our 75th anniversary show and the students are hard at work in preparing acts, sets, props et al. Many of you have watched or participated in a Junior Varieties show. Others know of the show and the importance it holds as a MHS tradition. This is big!**

**For anyone interested in supporting the show through our ad book I am attaching a sponsorship sheet below. There is a range of financial options for supporting us.**

**We would appreciate it if you would forward this to friends, family members, MHS alumni, business associates or others who may be interested. Using social media to spread the word would also be welcome.**

**The show will be held March 6th and 7th at Malden High School, show time at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you here.**

**Thank you.**

**ps**

**The inside front and back covers and the back of the program book have already been sold. Thank you!**



Join the Host Class, 2016 at the  
75<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Varieties  
March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
7:00 pm, Jenkins Auditorium at  
Malden High School

- **Gold Level** Sponsorship \$500, Back Cover of Program, colors and logo included; please email Principal Dana F. Brown as soon as possible if interested; dbrown@maldenps.org
- **Blue Level** Sponsorship, \$350, Inside Front or Inside Back Cover of Program, colors and logo included; please email Principal Dana F. Brown as soon as possible if interested; dbrown@maldenps.org
- **Nedlam** Sponsorship, \$200, Full page Advertisement
- **Golden Tornado** Sponsorship, \$100, ½ page Advertisement
- **MHS Alumni Sponsorship**, \$25, Listed as Supporter
- **“I performed in Junior Varieties”**, \$15, Listed as Past Performer
- **Patron**, \$10

Please make check or money order payable to Malden High School, Class of 2016. Please send payment to Judi Sullivan, c/o Malden High School 77 Salem Street, Malden MA 02148

Name \_\_\_\_\_ MHS Class (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Support:

Gold  Blue  Nedlam  Golden Tornado

MHS Alumni  “I performed”  Patron

*Someone will contact you regarding preferred logo/wording for your advertisement.*

Hello Malden Reads enthusiasts,

Hope you will join us for any ... or all ... of our upcoming events

### **Official City Presentations**

(Tomorrow) on [Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m.](#), the group will do an official [presentation to the Malden City Council](#) and citizens are welcome to join us to show their support. (Please arrive beginning at 5:45 p.m.) We'll be introducing the new book, outlining our plans for programming, handing out books to Council members, and taking a picture.

On [Monday, February 2](#), the group will [present to the School Committee](#) in a similar fashion but the presentation will focus on the Malden Reads program in the schools. Come join us for either or both of these presentations. You can help hand out books and be photographed with our elected officials!

### **"Dining for Dollars" fundraiser at the Dockside**

On [Wednesday, January 28](#), we encourage everyone to join us for a [fundraiser at the Dockside Restaurant \(270 Medford St.\) in Malden](#). Be sure to bring "Dining for Dollars" tickets (attached to this email, and available at MATV, the Malden Public Library, and on our website) so that 25% of your tab will be donated to Malden Reads. Dining for Dollars tickets will be in effect starting at 4:00 p.m. Committee members will be congregating with Malden Reads enthusiasts from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. to enjoy good food, terrific drinks, and great company. There will also be a raffle with some exciting prizes, so please take part and help raise funds for Malden Reads! (If you'd like to donate a prize, please notify Jodie Zalk at [jodiezalk@yahoo.com](mailto:jodiezalk@yahoo.com).)

### **Opening Celebration "Bits & Bites"**

The [Malden Reads Opening Celebration](#), which is the official kickoff to the slate of programming for the year, will be held on [Thursday, February 19, from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Converse Memorial Building of the Malden Public Library](#). This lively event in elegant surroundings will include refreshments, music, exhibits, community conversation, and a special presentation in the Ryder Gallery. The event is free though a donation in any amount is welcome.

### **Full Calendar of Events**

A full series of events will follow the Opening Celebration and will continue through the beginning of May. These will include book discussions, a film series, a Community Dinner series, and many other special events and activities. 2015 events will be posted on our website starting in early February and the complete calendar of events will be available at the Opening Celebration on February 19.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you!

*The Malden Reads Committee*  
[Malden Reads: One City, One Book](#)