

**Tornado Times**  
**Monday, January 26th, 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,

Welcome to second semester and the second half of the year; for many reasons, some of it unexplainable, the remainder of the year will seem quicker than the first half. Adhering to our mission and core values we will continue to work with every student, ensuring every opportunity for success. This is hard work. This is challenging work. What we do every day is meaningful work. Thank you.

Regarding snow days; they are not days off (except for the Senior Class). We add days to the end of the year calendar. Snow days do present challenges as things like MCAS, AP exams, ACCESS rarely change their dates so we're still responsible for the work, just in a shorter amount of time. Students should be encouraged to take some reading home or to do work on anything that will keep them current in your class.

We could be home one or two days and then we have Friday as a PD Day. That's a lot of down time for students, especially after last week's schedule. Maybe next year at this time we'll follow some other districts and have Chromebook/Google days and not snow days??

As of tonight Monday, January 26th at 6:00PM the City of Malden will declare a snow emergency. We encourage residents to find off-street parking as soon as possible. After the snow emergency begins at 6PM tonight, winter parking restrictions will be strictly enforced.

To avoid being ticketed or towed, you must seek off-street parking. There will be 7 locations for residents to park free of charge from 6:00PM tonight until the snow emergency is lifted. These locations are the Early Learning Center, Beebe, Forestdale, Ferryway, Linden and Salemwood Schools and downtown at the CBD Garage located at 170 Centre St.

We will keep you up to date on our Winter Weather Central page on our website at [www.cityofmalden.org](http://www.cityofmalden.org)

We will also be providing live updates at:  
[www.facebook.com/cityofmalden](https://www.facebook.com/cityofmalden)

[www.twitter.com/thecityofmalden](https://www.twitter.com/thecityofmalden)

## **FAFSA Day a great success at MHS!**

**On Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Malden High School hosted FAFSA Day, a national program designed to encourage students and their families to complete the federal financial aid form. 270 people attended the event, including 141 students, many of them from MHS. Staff on hand to lead the event included FAFSA Day Program Coordinator for MHS Erin Craven, Guidance Counselors Ann O'Connor, Heather Northrop, Matt Sadowski, Sue Lessard, Taryn Belowsky, teachers Jessica Haralson, Abbey Dick, Counselor intern Laura Williams and former intern Joanna Wood. Sarah Jones and Pat Laidley assisted with registration and members of our crew team served as guides. It was a great afternoon and as usual, the event could not have happened without the dedication and commitment of our staff and students. Thank you.**

## The next couple of weeks:

71234	Monday, January 26, 2015	<b>EARLY-RELEASE, CONTENT</b>
345671	Tuesday, January 27, 2015	
234567	Wednesday, January 28, 2015	
123456	Thursday, January 29, 2015	2nd quarter grading folders close, <b>Parent-teacher Night, 5-7 pm</b>
xxxxxxxxx	Friday, January 30, 2015	MHS PD Day #3
xxxxxxxxx	Sunday, February 01, 2015	
34567	Monday, February 02, 2015	<b>EARLY-RELEASE, Content,</b> MCAS BIOLOGY (retest or end of course test) MCAS BIOLOGY (retest- end of course test)
712345	Tuesday, February 03, 2015	
671234	Wednesday, February 04, 2015	
567123	Thursday, February 05, 2015	
456712	Friday, February 06, 2015	<b>Day #100</b> Lunar New Year Show, ACT Date at Malden High School, doors open at 7:30 am
xxxxxxxxx	Saturday, February 07, 2015	

## Senior Internship:

As we are now in the planning phase of our 9th Annual Senior Internship the seniors have begun to share their hopes for securing an internship site in their career interest area. Listed below are career paths shared to date. If you happen to have a connection that you feel may be willing to take on an intern please let us know and we will gladly follow up on the lead. As always we thank you for your continued support.

### Sampling of Senior Internship Career Interest Areas

- Accounting
- Business
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Medical Field
- Social Work
- Marketing/management
- Athletic training/physical therapy
- Environmental Science
- Automotive technology
- Real Estate
- Computer Science
- Medical secretary
- Outward bound/outdoor education

**Thank you,**  
**Pat Laidley and Taryn Belowsk**

## 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 computer lab H305 is now available to sign out for the week of 1/26. Please go to the following link to access the sign-out. Please note that Guidance is using the lab one block and that the Math Department will be using the lab on the PD day January 30.

<http://mhsmathdepartment.wikispaces.com/H305+Sign+Out>

If you find a particular problem with a computer, submit the issue through the technology ticketing system, by e-mailing: [helpdesk@maldenps.org](mailto:helpdesk@maldenps.org). Thank you so much for your help in keeping H305 in working order.

Also, please lock the door from the inside using your bathroom key on your way out. We have had a problem with students using computers without supervision and computer mice going missing, as well as students entering the adjacent rooms.

Sincerely,

Cara Joyce  
Mathematics Teacher Leader  
Malden High School  
[cjoyce@maldenps.org](mailto:cjoyce@maldenps.org)

The computer lab H206 is now available to sign out for the week of 1/26-1/30. Please go to the following link to access the sign-out. There will be limited space for next week as Guidance needs the lab to complete work with students. Also, the Science Department has the lab reserved for the entire PD Day. Please note that period 6 will no longer be available to sign out for the remainder of the year due to a class being held there.

<http://techsignup.wikispaces.com/home>

If you come across a new problem, please post it on the new list for technology problems up on the board in the room. Then please submit the issue through the technology ticketing system, by e-mailing: [helpdesk@maldenps.org](mailto:helpdesk@maldenps.org). Thank you so much for your help in keeping H206 in working order.

Also, please lock the door from the inside using your bathroom key on your way out. We have had a problem with students using computers without supervision and computer mice going missing, as well as students entering the adjacent rooms. If the door is locked when you arrive, Jenelle Baldassari in H203 has the key.

Sincerely,

*Kathryn Bizier*

Science Teacher Leader  
Malden High School  
Extension 1416  
Room H416

**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**

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](#)