

Tornado Times
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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. 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.

Students...and Staff

Secretary of State Bill Galvin and Malden City Councilor-at-Large David D'Arcangelo are debating here on Monday, October 27th at 12:45 pm in our school library. Some history and government classes will be in attendance. The library will close at 12 noon for set up.

Grading...

- In an effort to be helpful in some way we will keep grading folders open from 8:00 am on Monday, October 27th through 3:00 pm on Friday, October 31st.

- The first parent-teacher night is Monday, November 3rd from 5:00-7:30 pm.
- Every student must get some grade in every course in which they are enrolled.
- Teachers must work with the respective House Principal before assigning a grade of INC.
- Teachers should also check in with a House Principal if they have questions about using WDN.
- All Independent Study grades should be emailed to Judi Sullivan.

The administrative team at Malden High School would like to kick-off this year's **Got Grit** campaign at Malden High School by asking you to nominate deserving students.

Grit nominees show:

- Determination
- Perseverance
- Bravery
- Tenacity
- Fortitude
- Courage

In addition to using some or all of the above as criteria the administrative team thought we should look for students who have shown improvement, overcome obstacles, display a positive mental attitude, and display adaptability in navigating through life.

Please email your student nominations to me by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 29th. Please include a brief explanation regarding your reasons for the nomination. The first **Got Grit** luncheon of the year will take place on Friday, November 7th.

Thanks in advance.

Additionally, the administrative team has established a new recognition category, "**Solid as a Rock**", aimed at identifying students who may be "off of our radar", but who should be on it for all of the right reasons:

These students possess or display one or more of the following:

- Excellent attendance
- Little or no behavior issues
- Always turn their work in and on time
- Are respectful
- Are helpful to classmates and adults
- Think of others first

Please email your student nominations to me by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 29th. Please include a brief explanation regarding your reasons for the nomination. The first “**Solid as a Rock**” luncheon of the year will take place on Friday, November 7th.

Thanks in advance.

Supervision and Evaluation:

We know that we had scheduled a deadline of October 20th to have self-assessments and goals in the online platform. However, given that we are just getting access to TeachPoint and given that Carol Gregory is coming on October 28th to provide additional training for those who want it, I am asking that principals **extend the deadline to November 2nd**. In this way, all teachers, regardless of whether or not they were able to access their account, will have ample time to enter their information into TeachPoint.

Thank you to Mike for getting us up and running and thank you to principals for you flexibility.

Kelly
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Looking ahead...

			Early-release, content, 1st Quarter Grading folders open
special	45617	Monday, October 27, 2014	
3	345671	Tuesday, October 28, 2014	
2	234567	Wednesday, October 29, 2014	
1	123456	Thursday, October 30, 2014	
			1st Quarter Grading Folders close at 3 pm
7	712345	Friday, October 31, 2014	
special	5671	Monday, November 03, 2014	Late-entry, Parent- teacher Night
xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	Tuesday, November 04, 2014	Election Day, MHS PD Day #2
6	671234	Wednesday, November 05, 2014	MCAS ELA RETESTS
5	567123	Thursday, November 06, 2014	MCAS ELA RETESTS
4	456712	Friday, November 07, 2014	MCAS ELA RETESTS
xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	Saturday, November 08, 2014	SAT Date at Malden High School, doors open at 7:30 am

The computer lab H206 is now available to sign out for the week of 10/27-10/31. Please go to the following link to access the sign-out. 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>

It was suggested that we keep a log for computers that appear to be having issues in the room. You will find a list tacked to the board near the teacher's computer. If you encounter an issue, please put it on the list so that future teachers are aware when they come in. Then please report any problems to technology.

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

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Extension 1416
Room H416

*** Seniors interested in going on a college fair? Attend the Hispanic College Fair on **October 28th** at Regis College. Transportation will be provided. All college representatives will speak both English and Spanish. Space is limited! Please see Ms. Belowsky to sign up by October 22nd.**

Taken after yesterday's Bill-Jets game at the Meadowlands
Left to right former MHS students Amos Jean-Baptiste, Devin McNelis, Marc
Constantin, New York Jets Lineman Breno Giacomini, Donald Theodate, Dana
Brown

