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Good morning,

We are reminded often of the horrific conditions under which some of our students live. The time between Halloween and New Year's Day is probably the toughest 2 months of the year for schools when dealing with students around trauma, poverty, and mental health issues.

If you need any support working with a student or through a particular situation please do not hesitate to ask a colleague. Please refer the student for help if the issue is out of your area of expertise.

Please also be reminded that some staff members have lived through some of the same trauma that impacts our students. Breathe, smile, breathe again...this work is hard enough. We need to support each other and our students.

As we begin this Thanksgiving week please accept my thanks for all you do.

Dana

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.

School notes of interest:

Please feel free to fill in open slots for the H206 computer lab this week. Be sure to write your name next you each lunch block you intend to use. Go to the following link to access the sign-out:

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

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. If the door is locked when you arrive, Jenelle Baldassari in H203 has the key. Please email me if you encounter any computers that are not working.

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The MHS Step team will be performing at the Pep Rally at Austin Prep High School on Tuesday, November 26th at 1:30 pm. We will leave the school at 12:30 pm. The following members will be accompanying me and are responsible for missed assignments, notes et al:

- Marly Loreus
- Catherine Harris
- Carly Amos
- Hadinna Benoit
- Naika Console
- Nyajia Privat
- Amanda Pierre
- Sandy Pierre-Renee
- Molvitah Claveus
- Brittney Jean Louis

Weekend notes;

- ❖ The musical “Oklahoma” exceeded my expectations (which are high by the way). The singing, dancing, acting, directing, the set, sound, and lighting coordination; all were of professional caliber. Malden High School should be proud of its continued commitment to the arts. I would like to thank Sean Walsh, Todd Cole, and Allan Phelps for their continued leadership and inspiration. There are many other staff, too numerous to mention, who supported the show in many ways; thank you! Many alumni from various generations returned to see the show and were equally impressed.
- ❖ The leadership team coordinated a multicultural potluck luncheon for parents at Malden High School. After the tremendous food offerings the parents attended an X2 training facilitated by Michele Magner. By all accounts this

was a very successful attempt at reaching out to parent and student groups that sometimes do not participate in the MHS community. A big thank you to Liz Smith, Rick Tivnan, Ryan Gallagher, Berenice Diaz, Jane Sulick, Ron Janowicz, Kevin Kilbride, Deb Buckley, Paul Degenkolb, Deb Kumar, Matt Sadowski and Michele Magner, for their organization and participation.

- ❖ The Frank Says Hi Crafts Fair was held here on Saturday and it was a community-wide success. Funds were raised to support a \$2500 scholarship for a Malden High School student; this will be the sixth \$2500 scholarship handed out to a Malden High School student through this foundation. The foundation also recently contributed \$2500 to the Malden Teen Enrichment Center. Many MHS staff members were in attendance and more than 75 of our students volunteered their time for the cause. On behalf of the foundation I would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Spirit Week and traditions at MHS

On Monday, November 25th the school participates in **Pajama Day**. Students and staff wear appropriate sleeping attire if they wish. As we build toward final tallies on Pep Rally Day points are awarded to the graduation class with the most participation.

On Tuesday, November 26th the school will host **Wacky Tacky Day**. Per usual, students and staff are allowed to wear wacky tacky outfits (think mismatch, faculty/staff look-alikes, Halloween et al). Again, points are awarded to the graduation class with the most participation. While all of this is happening during Spirit Week the 4 classes are engaged in a **banner**

making contest. The preparation for the decorating begins soon but does not happen in earnest until Tuesday, November 26th after school. We impose a 10:00 pm deadline for the banner decorating on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, November 27th the school hosts the annual **Pep Rally** in the gym. It is also **Blue and Gold Day** and all students and staff are encouraged to wear their Malden High School colors. The Pep Rally features our football and cheerleading squads, our dance teams, the award winning band and chorus, and the team competitions culminating with the tug-o-war between classes. Many recent graduates usually find their way back to the Pep Rally. The graduation class with the most points (from the dress up days, competitions, hallway decorating) is declared the overall winner. After the Pep Rally the annual **Powder Puff Football** game features our junior class versus the senior class at Macdonald Stadium.

On Wednesday, November 27th Periods 2 and 4 are held in the morning before the entire school heads to the gym for the Pep Rally. We will make announcements when it is time to head to the gym. During the Pep rally staff members are assigned to the gym, a hallway, or as a walker of the hallways. If you have any preferences to an assignment contact your house principal.

On Thanksgiving Day Malden High School and Medford High School compete in the 3rd oldest high school Thanksgiving Day football game in the United States. This year marks the 126th game. It will be held in Medford at 10 am.

Following the football game **Malden High School** will serve as the site of the traditional **Bread of Life Thanksgiving Dinner** for families and individuals in need. The dinner will be held from 12 noon until 2 pm. In addition to the hundreds of folks in attendance at the meal, meals are also delivered to folks who can't get out to the dinner. During Spirit Week the four classes collect canned goods and dried foods to donate to the Bread of Life food pantry.

Finally, on Saturday, November 30th the City of Malden will host the annual **Parade of Traditions**. The parade features area bands, dance troupes, and non-profit organization floats.

I have tried to capture the essence of all of the upcoming events but I am sure I missed something. Please don't hesitate to ask me or a veteran administrator/teacher if you have any questions or if you would like to be involved in any way. Thanks.

Closing out the fall:

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| Monday, November 25, 2013 | 12345 | Pajama Day , Early Release, No Staff Meeting |
| Tuesday, November 26, 2013 | 3 | |
| Wednesday, November 27, 2013 | 24 | Wacky Tacky Day Quarter 2 Progress Reports Close, 8 am, 1/2 Day, 11:00 dismissal, Pep Rally -Blue and Gold day |
| Thursday, November 28, 2013 | xxxxxx | No School, Thanksgiving |
| Friday, November 29, 2013 | xxxxxx | No School |
| Saturday, November 30, 2013 | xxxxxx | Malden Holiday Parade Early Release, House Meeting , School Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Jenkins Auditorium, First Day of Winter Sports |
| Monday, December 02, 2013 | 71234 | |
| Tuesday, December 03, 2013 | 2 | |
| Wednesday, December 04, 2013 | 1 | |
| Thursday, December 05, 2013 | 7 | Red Cross Blood Drive at MHS |
| Friday, December 06, 2013 | 6 | |
| Saturday, December 07, 2013 | xxxxxx | SATs at MHS |

Supervision and Evaluation:

I hear a lot of talk around evidence as it relates to the good work you do every day with students. Here is just a sample of what would work; if you have other ideas send them my way and I will publish.

Standard I;

- Curriculum Guide/Map
- Sample of student work
- Student Learning Style Survey Example/Results
- Comments on Student Work/Report from Conferencing w/ Students

- Department meeting notes
- Units/Lessons/Assessments
- Reflections and Conclusions about Assessment
- Notes for Lesson
- Websites
- Rubrics
- Portfolio of Student Work
- Examples of Feedback Given to Students
- Teacher made tests & quizzes
- Syllabus/Agendas
- MCAS Data Analysis
- DDMs
- Video
- Student Self Assessments
- Progress Reports
- Naviance Surveys
- Senior Survey
- Unit Plans
- Projects
- Pre/Post Tests
- Test corrections
- Lesson plan referencing a standard
- Shared Assessments
- Shared Labs
- Student Evaluation of a Unit
- Modifications to Lessons/Tests

'Tis the Season...time to place your orders and support the crew team in Malden. Each year we deliver beautiful flowers and fresh green wreaths right to your workplace. We are looking at a delivery date of December 10th this year. What better fundraiser, than one that allows you to support students and gets you something you'd probably be purchasing anyway. (All orders need to be in by Dec. 5th.)

Wreaths and Flowers for the Holiday Season!!

We do our best to get you the most beautiful color in your homes for the winter season.

Winter and the holidays are on their way.

The Malden High Crew Team would like to make decorating easy this year.

| Flower and Size | Price | Quantity | Total Cost |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 4" Christmas Cactus | \$5.00 | | |
| 6" Christmas Cactus | \$8.00 | | |
| 6" Amaryllis | \$8.00 | | |
| 6" Paperwhites | \$8.00 | | |
| 6" Poinsettias | \$10.00 | | |
| 8" Poinsettias (3 bulbs) | \$18.00 | | |
| 10" Wreath | \$10.00 | | |
| 14" Wreath | \$12.00 | | |
| 18" Wreath | \$15.00 | | |
| Bow added to Wreath | \$2.00 | | |
| Decorated Kissing Ball | \$25.00 | | |

*Wreaths come with no decoration. If want a bow, please be sure to add to the list.

Total Number of Items: _____

Cost of entire order: _____

Payment Method: Check or Cash

Make checks payable to: Malden Rowing Foundation

Supporter's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Email: _____ School: _____

Thank you for all your support of the Malden High Crew Team.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email at sajones@malden.mec.edu.

Malden High School Expectations

Academic:

Malden High students are expected to:

- read critically for understanding.
- listen critically for understanding.
- write for a variety of purposes.
- communicate clearly through speaking.
- apply critical thinking skills for reasoning and problem-solving.
- utilize technology to conduct research, to support critical thinking, and to present information.
- work collaboratively with peers and Malden High School staff.
- develop personal interests and goals within a course of study.

Personal Growth:

Malden High students are expected to:

- exhibit responsible, respectful, and appropriate personal behavior.
- demonstrate teamwork and cooperation in their school and in their extended community.
- make informed, healthful decisions in and out of school.

Civic Responsibility:

Malden High students are expected to:

- demonstrate respect for others in their school and in their extended community.
- value and respect school and community property.
- exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy.