

Tornado Times

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Please email me anything you'd like included in Monday's edition by the previous Friday at Noon.

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.

Principal's Note

It's been about five months since I came onboard here at Malden High, and in that time I've learned a mind-boggling amount of information about our school and our students. I committed to coming in and learning before doing. While there have been a few things that needed some doing, I think I've been able to stick with that philosophy thanks to the incredible work that our staff does day-to-day to make Malden High operate the way it does. My next phase in my first year is to move from observation and into acquisition of more direct and specific knowledge of our work. While I've been able to connect with many of you individually over the first few months of school, it's important to me that everyone has a voice in the direction of our school, so there are a couple of methods we'll be employing in the new year to ensure all voices are guiding our work:

- 1) Formation of a Teacher Leadership Team – I know that this has existed in various forms over the years. This group will be representative of content and grade level teachers/counselors and inform the mission/vision/governance of the school
- 2) Representation on School Council – This group already has some faculty representation, but nominations/elections for 2-3 more faculty representatives to join the parents on the group is needed. These may or may not be members of the Teacher Leadership Team.
- 3) Coffee Talk (hopefully those who share my SNL obsession can appreciate the reference) – Once a week informal gatherings before school (I'll bring the coffee and munchkins) to discuss anything related to our school and its operation. I'll be asking around for ideas on how to structure these...stay tuned.
- 4) Student Advisory Council – Made up of student government leaders and other students to form a representative group, this council will help school leadership maintain focus on students' perspectives and make decisions accordingly.

Book Drive (Jessica Haralson)

For the past three years, Abbey Dick has put free books outside her door for students to take home so they can keep up their literacy during the break. This year, I will be taking over the tradition and setting up the book giveaway. It's open to all, and some kids really look forward to it. This year, the free books will be available on Dec 22 and Dec 23.

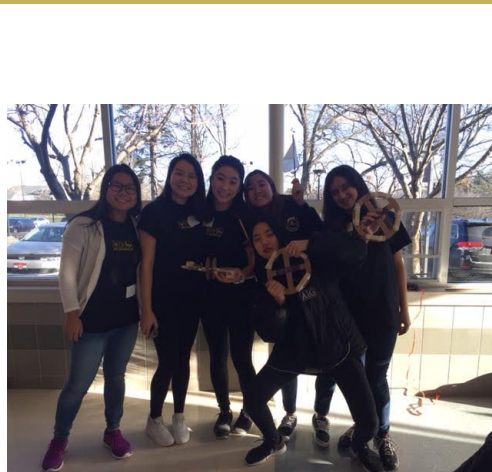
If you have any books to donate, please feel free to give them to me. I can also come and get them from you.

Any books the students don't take are saved for another giveaway or given to the Malden Public Library for their used book sales.

Women of Science Competition (Deb Kumar)

6 MHS girls participated in the 14th Annual Women of Science Competition at Bedford High School on Saturday. The students were: Cleverina Cong, Ashley Kang, Karen Poon, Alicia Tan, Phuong Nguyen, and Sydney Addorisio.

The girls worked on their pre-build project for the past few weeks, working with Brian Morrison as their coach. They built a device that had to roll down a meter stick ramp without stopping using specific materials and meeting the design requirements. The morning consisted of showcasing and using their pre-build device and a round robin of science, math, and engineering challenges. The afternoon session was an on-the-spot build where they had 40 minutes to build a device with a given bag of materials that was tall enough to support a small flag and could withstand (and not move very far) a fan on high for 30 seconds. The young ladies did a fabulous job representing MHS and placed 5th overall out of over 40 teams.



Staff Holiday Social – Beth Horwitz

Our Annual Staff Holiday Cookie Social will take place on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 2 pm in the Gallery. This is in place of the Monday meeting. Look for an email with additional information.

Athletics Calendar

Tue Dec 13, 2016	4:00pm	B FR Basketball Home / Tewksbury - MHS Finn Gym
	5:30pm	B JV Basketball Home / Tewksbury - MHS Finn Gym
	7:00pm	B V Basketball Home / Tewksbury - MHS Finn Gym
Wed Dec 14, 2016	5:30pm	G Hockey / Beverly - Endicott College
	5:30pm	G JV Basketball / Georgetown - MHS Finn Gym
	6:30pm	B Hockey Home / East Boston - Cronin Rink
	7:00pm	G V Basketball Home / Georgetown - MHS Finn Gym
	7:00pm	Wrestling / Watertown - Watertown High School
Thu Dec 15, 2016	3:30pm	Indoor Track Home / GLTS - Salemwood School
	4:00pm	Swim Home / Swampscott - MHS Pool
Sat Dec 17, 2016	9:00am	Wrestling / Wakefield Tournament - Wakefield High School
	2:00pm	G Hockey Home / Masonomet - LoConte Rink
	5:10pm	B Hockey Home / Everett - Cronin Rink

Upcoming Events

Friday, 12/16, 7pm – Chorus / Band Winter Concert, Jenkins Auditorium

Saturday, 12/17, 5:30pm – A Christmas Carol, Jenkins Auditorium

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