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Good morning,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy some or all of the long weekend. Despite the holiday excitement and rush we have a good stretch of days ahead with our students. It is important that we offer as much normalcy and consistency as we can over the next three weeks.

It is always nice to hear from our graduates over the break. The good news almost always reported back to us is that our students feel we prepared them well for their next steps.

The winter sports season starts today; we have offerings in boys and girls track, coed gymnastics, wrestling, boys and girls basketball and coed swimming. Check with the athletic office for details on tryout times and locations.

There is a combined school council meeting and public hearing tonight at 6:30 pm in Cafeteria A concerning the expansion of the STARR Center at Malden High School.

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:

I am able to confirm Dec. 13 at 9:00 am for the cyber bullying assembly **with Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan for all 9th graders.**

If you have not done so I encourage you to visit the Blue and Gold website: they are doing a great job under Ryan Gallagher's leadership.

<http://maldenblueandgold.com/>

This week:

Monday, December 02, 2013	71234	Early Release, <u>House Meeting</u> , School Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, First Day of Winter Sports
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

Other school notes:

- I would like to thank everyone for their efforts last week during Sprit Week! It could not happen without you!
- Members of the MHS Captains Council worked diligently on Wednesday afternoon/evening to get Cafeteria A prepared for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner held here on Thursday. Thank you!
- Our band performed in Saturday's Holiday parade. Thank you!
- The Red Cross will hold their annual MHS Blood Drive here on Thursday. Check with Chris Giordano with questions. Chris is a math teacher on the Brunelli House team and also advises our Red Cross Club.
- Twenty years ago tomorrow Donald E. Brunelli Jr. passed away suddenly. Don was the Malden High School Math Department Chair, MHS girls basketball coach, MEA union officer, and a friend to all. The Brunelli building is named in his memory. On a personal level Don was my mentor, true friend, and a godfather to my girls. He and Tom Mahoney were best friends; they met at Boston College and then introduced me to Boston College. Don is still missed.

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.