

**Tornado Times**  
**Monday, December 8, 2014**  
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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.

**This week:**

1423	Monday, December 08, 2014	Late-entry, 1,4,2,3
671234	Tuesday, December 09, 2014	Make-up session, new teacher orientation <b>HOUSE ASSEMBLY, Assembly schedule,</b> Mandatory 2014 Winter Athlete Meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 in the Finn Gym at 6:30 pm
567123	Wednesday, December 10, 2014	Chorus to State House,
456712	Thursday, December 11, 2014	MEFA Night for seniors, 6:30 pm
345671	Friday, December 12, 2014	All sports jamboree 6:30-10, gym, pool, gymnastics room, wrestling room

# Congratulations to the cast and crew of Shrek!

## Four great shows; Thank you!!

### Student Attendance Data for your review:

- ✓ 629 students have been absent 0 days, **100 % attendance**
- ✓ 341 students have been absent 1 day, **98.5 %**
- ✓ 209 students have been absent 2 days, **97%**
- ✓ 159 students have been absent 3 days, **95.5%**
- ✓ 195 students have been absent 4 or 5 days, **93%**

1533 students have a combined 2110 days absent

171 students or 9% of our students have been absent 10 or more days

### Student Art Celebrates Reading

At Malden High School, Julie Mullane's Art 101 students participated in a poster contest during November in order to raise awareness for Family Literacy Month. The contest, sponsored by the non-profit organization *Raising A Reader MA (RAR MA)*, asked students to create a design that highlights the value of early literacy.

Using colored pencil, students created slogans and images featuring children, books, and the home. The winning submission was designed by **Tiffany Tortora** and features a child reading on a stack of books with the slogan "Help Your Child Be a Storyteller."

Ms. Tortora's poster will be distributed for display throughout Malden and at RAR MA partners, including the Malden Early Learning Center and Tri-CAP Head Start. "We hope to create a buzz about early literacy in the community," says Suzanne Igarateburu, RAR MA Tri-City Program Manager. "Raising readers is in everyone's best interest," she continues.

As a testament to the artistic talent that resides at Malden High, all submissions will be displayed at Malden Public Schools.

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Suzanne Igarateburu  
Regional Program Manager, Tri-City  
[Raising A Reader MA](#)

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The MA ESE Office of School & District Turnaround is sponsoring great workshop opportunities this year. [Get workshop descriptions](#) or [register now](#).

- \* *Getting Under the Hood of the "Tiered System of Supports" Model*  
February 5, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Worcester Technical High School, Worcester
- \* *Cultivating Strong School-Community Mental Health Partnerships*  
March 17, 2015, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Location TBD
- \* *Facilitating Critical Student Support Meetings*  
April 14, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Worcester Technical High School, Worcester

See details for each below:

**February 5, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Worcester Tech High School, Worcester  
Special Workshop: Getting Under the Hood of the "Tiered System of Supports" Model**

Many schools and districts are now familiar with the "tiered system" model. Districts using the approach will tell you: it's a great framework for getting yourself better organized to do student support. But they'll also start hit some nuanced and more advanced: Do we do universal assessment or not (and how)? How do we fit better "support" strategies into an already packed school day and year? What do we track to know if we're being effective or to capture important information (e.g., quality of referred services)? We've got Tier 1 and 3 supports down, but what do we do for Tier 2?? This session will include a quick "Tiered Systems 101" refresher then dig into the details of to successfully implement a comprehensive and manageable tiered system.

**March 17, 2014, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, LOCATION TBD**

**Special Workshop | Developing Strong School-Community Mental Health Partnerships**

Parent academies and universities are kind of an established "thing" now. Many districts are doing them, dabbling in them, or seriously want to. As with most things, there are different models for how to organize an "academy" - so let's compare notes! This session will provide a highly interactive format that allows parent academy veterans and interested academy developers to explore different approaches and why they are being used, get ideas for addressing common challenges, and share practical lessons and tools.

**April 14, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Worcester Tech High School, Worcester  
Special Workshop| Making Internal & External Partnerships Really Work:  
Facilitating Critical Student Support Meetings**

A lot of times, great student support comes down to who you have in the room and how well you facilitate the discussion - whether it's a small meeting between a counselor and a

parent, a larger meeting with a student support team, or a meeting with school partners. Believe it or not, facilitating isn't just about personality and style – there's good science, methods, and tools that can help you get the most out of these moments. Please let me know if you have any questions and be sure to share these opportunities with you staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Enjoy the weekend.

**Moira Connolly**

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H305 is now available for you to sign up for the week of 12/8/14. Please go to the following link to access the sign-out for periods 2 and 4.

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

It was suggested that we keep a log for computers that appear to be having issues in the room. If you encounter an issue, please report any problems to me or 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.

Cara Joyce  
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Dear Staff and Faculty,

The Class of 2015 will be placing a new order for the MHS PomPom hats and sweatshirts you have seen students wear around school.

**This will most likely be our last order of the year.** If you would like to make a pre-order a PomPom hat or sweatshirt, please email me, [bdiaz@maldenps.org](mailto:bdiaz@maldenps.org)

PomPom Hats = \$20

PomPom Hat + Scarf = \$30

Sweatshirts = \$25

The new hats will arrive before December Vacation.



**Raffle tickets are \$5.00 for one ticket.**



The money goes towards our TAP passes for our travel training. Thank you in advance for your support. You can email me stop or in our class if you want a raffle ticket. Also, the students will be circulating starting Monday.

Dawn Frim

**MEA Staff:**

September 26, 2014	Paraprofessional Longevity
October 31, 2014	Paraprofessional Educational Advances
November 07, 2014	Teacher Educational Advances (October reviews)
December 12, 2014	Teacher Longevity
January 16, 2015	Teacher Differentials (1 <sup>st</sup> 1/2 of payment)
March 6, 2015	Teacher Educational Advances (February reviews)
May 29, 2015	Teacher Differentials (2 <sup>nd</sup> 1/2 of payment)
June 12, 2015	Final Paychecks for Teachers and paraprofessionals

# Mobile Food Market

Offered by North Suburban WIC Program / Hallmark Health System

**Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014**

**1 to 2 p.m.**

(weather permitting)

**Please do not arrive prior to 12 noon.**

## **Location:**

**North Suburban (Malden) WIC Program  
239 Commercial St., Malden**

Donations will consist of fresh produce, dairy products  
and other refrigerated food items.  
Offered **FREE** of charge.

**Please bring a grocery cart or reusable  
shopping bag to transport food home.**

Parking is only available at 100 Hospital Road (the old Malden  
Hospital), with a shuttle service provided to the Mobile Market.

Offered in partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank.

**Pre-registration is required.**

**Please call (781) 338-7568.**



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