



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.

Good morning,

This week:

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Monday, April 13, 2015

PARCC FOR 9TH GRADERS

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Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**PARCC FOR 9TH GRADERS, HOUSE
ASSEMBLY IS POSTPONED...**

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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, New
teacher INDUCTION PROGRAM
CLASS of 2015 Fashion Show
VACATION BEGINS AT CLOSE OF
SCHOOL
ACT Date at Malden High School,
doors open at 7:30 am**

Hi all,

The Chromebook Initiative is up and running. Here are some updates on this week's happenings:

- 1) Teachers have Chromebooks! This is huge!
- 2) Students from Paul Marques' computer club have begun training for Chromebook repair and troubleshooting.
- 3) Help Desk kids were at work in classrooms helping teachers and students with log-ins and setting up Google Classroom.; Great success in Todd Cole's Mixed Chorus class as students have begun utilizing Google Forms/Classroom to schedule rehearsal availability, take quizzes on key signatures and to critique videos.
- 4) The 1:1 committee met on Thursday and began planning the roll-out for 2015-2016. We are the process of scheduling visits to grade 8 staff and students.
- 5) A sub-committee met to begin revisions of the AUP
- 6) Tech Tuesdays are up and running. Come by for Google Chromebook help every Tuesday after school in J264.
- 7) PARCC pilot was successful with students utilizing Chromebooks. PARCC testing begins Monday.
- 8) A limited Pathways Chromebook pilot begins next week
- 9) Gmail and outlook are being synced. We will let you know shortly when gmail is fully functional.
- 10) Teacher Leaders have been working with teachers of mixed classes to provide log-ins and devices for the students to help make technology accessible for all in the last quarter.
- 11) There is great work being done in the classrooms as students have begun to produce online notes, teachers have shared documents and resources, and students have completed at home online quizzes for STEM classes.
- 12) Loaners have been enrolled and should be ready this week. This is a limited program for freshmen who need devices due to loss, theft, repair, etc.

Special thanks to the senior interns in the tech office for helping with this. 13) Talks have begun about further PD for teachers of all subject areas. We encourage and welcome your feedback. Please continue to fill out surveys, shoot us emails, and speak to us about desired Professional Development.

Thank you for your continued support of this program. Needless to say, this has been a hectic last couple of weeks. Natalia and I do ask for your patience as we work to manage this initiative with our classroom schedules and school-wide duties. Please utilize the Help Desk as needed, and continue to email us or contact us and we will respond as soon as possible.

Best,
Sean

Sean Walsh
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Social Studies teacher **Ellsworth Fersch** encouraged his students to enter a Holocaust essay contest, and one student, **Donaldo (Mugisho) Jean-Baptiste**, won first place. Mugisho was recognized at the JCRC Holocaust Remembrance/Camp Liberation 70th Anniversary event yesterday at Faneuil Hall. He was on stage with Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, the main speaker David Eisenhower (grandson of Dwight and subject of the song Fortunate Son!), and several other dignitaries. Mugisho also won a trip to the Holocaust museum in Washington DC in November of 2015. Thank you Ellsworth for encouraging our students and congratulations Mugisho!!

Congratulations to **Hamza Malik, Eugene Szeto and Jasper Haag** as they represented MHS well at the State Speech and Debate Tournament on Saturday. Jasper broke through to semis and then the final. He did an excellent job in Group Discussion in the final garnering a 3rd from one judge but not from the other two. He placed sixth out of hundreds of students who have competed in Group Discussion this year. Congratulations are due to all of these students. As a bonus on Saturday, Lieutenant Governor Polito greeted the students and congratulated them on their intellectual prowess and drive. Pretty cool.

Dave Holland

Speech and Debate Coach

Congratulations to **Paul Degenkolb and Jess Haralson!** *Fund for Teachers* is pleased to recognize each of them as a **2015 Fellow** and award them with a grant that will fund a trip to Haiti for research. They will *Observe Haitian schools, libraries and relevant literacy centers to understand literacy strategies in Creole, English and French that can inform a culturally-and socially-relevant literacy/ESL curriculum for Haitian ELL students.*

Well done Paul and Jess; we look forward to seeing your work.

Mass Insight Education has named **Paul Marques and Martin Berryman** as **Partners in Excellence** *Teacher Award* recipients for their work in the AP STEM Program. Paul and Martin are two of 33 Massachusetts Advanced Placement teachers who are being recognized for exemplary contributions to student success.

Way to go Paul and Martin!

The Career Fair was a great success. The deep collaboration between the school and all of our external partners was evident. I would like to thank all of those who contributed in some way.

Madina Khudaynazar and Samantha Dorazio represented Malden High School at the annual Student Government Day held at the State House last Friday. They were accompanied by **Rick Tivnan**. Both young women got to speak during the sessions! During the event they also got to meet with our State Representative Steve Ultrino.

Malden Reads

Here's the last in our series ... joining a book discussion is a great way to truly appreciate a book, meet new people, and hear new perspectives. Hope you can join one or more - be sure to RSVP by emailing maldenreads@gmail.com. (Include the discussion date in the subject line.)

Monday, April 13 @ 7pm

Malden Public Library

Led by Martha Bezzat

Join a lively discussion of "Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore"

Monday, April 20 @ 7pm

First Lutheran Church of Malden, 62 Church St.

Led by Rachael Manke, Minister

With a special focus:

"Pondering Immortality in Mr. Penumbra's World"

Sunday, April 26, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Multi-Lingual Book Discussion

Web Print Labs, 21 Cross St., Malden

Led by Nekita Lamour

In addition to English, participants can converse in French, Haitian Creole, and Spanish, led by a facilitator who speaks all four languages.

[Malden Reads: One City, One Book](#)

Course selection:

The course selection process with a guidance counselor is an important process in the student's academic career. Your recommendations also play a key role in the overall process.

Students will receive appointment slips *in homeroom* with the designated meeting date and time. All meetings will take place in the College and Career Center, located in Boyle 337.

All absences due to scheduling are excused but students are aware they are responsible for any missed work.

Please see the appropriate guidance counselor or house principal with any questions.

Thank you in advance.

Advanced Placement Exam

money is due:

**Students on free/reduced lunch: \$12
per exam**

All other students, \$35 per exam

Seniors: Cap and Gown money is due.

\$10

**Please see Mrs. Sullivan in the
Main Office**

Advanced Placement Schedule 2015

Test Date	Morning (8 AM)	Afternoon (12 PM)
Monday, May 4	AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science	AP Psychology
Tuesday, May 5	AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC	AP Seminar, AP Chinese Language and Culture AP Japanese Language and Culture
Wednesday, May 6	AP English Literature and Composition	AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 7	AP Computer Science A AP Spanish Language and Culture AP German Language and Culture	AP Art History AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based
Friday, May 8	AP United States History	AP European History

Friday, May 8

Studio Art: Last day for your school to submit digital portfolios and to gather 2-D Design and Drawing students for the physical portfolio assembly. Students should have forwarded their completed digital portfolios to their teachers well before this date.

Test Date	Morning (8 AM)	Afternoon (12 PM)
Monday, May 11	AP Biology AP Music Theory	AP Physics C: Mechanics IMPORTANT ALERT AFTERNOON (2 p.m.)

**Special Exam time.
AP Physics C:
Electricity and
Magnetism
is the only exam given
at 2 p.m.**

Tuesday, May 12	AP United States Government and Politics	AP French Language and Culture, AP Spanish Literature and Culture
Wednesday, May 13	AP English Language and Composition	AP Statistics
Thursday, May 14	AP Comparative Government and Politics AP World History	AP Italian Language and Culture AP Macroeconomics
Friday, May 15	AP Human Geography, AP Microeconomics	AP Latin

Spring MCAS

MCAS Math

Tuesday, May 19

10th graders report to school at 7:30 am for Day 1 of Math

Testing; the rotation is 2, 3, 4

9th graders, 11th and 12th graders report to school at 10:45 for optional lunch or 11:15 for homeroom.

10:45-11:15	Optional Lunch
11:15-11:30	Homeroom
11:30-12:30	Period 2
12:30-1:25	Period 3
1:25-2:15	Period 4

Wednesday, May 20

10th graders report to school at 7:30 am for Day 2 of Math Testing; the rotation is 7, 5, 1, 6

9th graders, 11th and 12th graders report to school at 9:40 (similar to a late-entry day)

9:40-9:49	Homeroom for grade 9, 11, 12
9:49 - 10:45	Period 7
10:45-12:45	Period 5, Lunch block
12:45-1:30	Period 1
1:30-2:15	Period 6

MCAS Science 2015

Monday, June 8

9th graders report to school at 7:30 am for testing 2,3,4

10th graders, 11th and 12th graders report to school at 10:45 am for optional lunch or 11:15 for homeroom. The rotation is 2, 3, 4.

10:45-11:15	Optional Lunch
11:15-11:30	Homeroom for everyone except Grade 9.
11:30-12:30	Period 2
12:30-1:25	Period 3
1:25-2:15	Period 4

Tuesday, June 9

9th graders report to school at 7:30 am for testing; The rotation is 5, 6, 7.

10th graders, 11th and 12th graders report to school at 10:45 am for optional lunch or 11:15 for homeroom.

10:45-11:15	Optional Lunch
11:15-11:30	Homeroom for everyone except Grade 9.
11:30-12:30	Period 5
12:30-1:25	Period 6
1:25-2:15	Period 7