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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:

"Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway." –Mother Teresa

As I continue to learn more and more about our school I continue to be impressed and amazed at many of the things I see – the knowledge and passion of our teachers, the resilience of new students finding their way in a new school (and often a new country), the compassion of our veteran students who I have seen repeatedly go out of their way to assist our many new students (and new principal) find their way and feel more comfortable at MHS. The most impressive thing I have seen is everyone's willingness to share their practice out in the open, something I think is absolutely vital for a culture of growth. I push you to continue to expand upon your openness, push yourselves to be more collaborative, be more inquisitive about others' practices, and be more solicitous of feedback of your own. Most important I ask you to embrace what you don't know, approach the unknown and uncomfortable as a willing student, and help me to do the same.

I am trying to make as few decisions as possible in my role while I learn about Malden High School. The history and amount of programming here is do vast that I have at least one conversation per day when I have to stop whoever I'm talking to and say "I'm sorry, but I have no idea what you're talking about." I'd be lying if I said that wasn't uncomfortable for me as a principal, because it is, but I know that I need to trust those around me to guide my own work. So thank you again for your patience as I get to know you and our school, but more importantly thank you for the openness and transparency that makes and will continue to make that learning possible.

Early Release 9/26

The Monday 9/26 early release day professional learning will be focused in your content area.

SATs at Malden High

This Saturday, 10/1, MHS will host SAT testing. Ron Janowicz is the test coordinator for the day. Students who are taking the SAT need to bring a calculator, two #2 pencils, their admission ticket, and an ID. Doors open at 7am for registration and students must arrive by 8am in order to take the test.

Edcamp Malden

Edcamp Malden is Saturday, October 15. An edcamp is a free learning event where people who attend can choose to host a session on an educational topic, and all participants can go to any session they want. Teachers, administrators, parents, and students are invited.

The past two years, the theme was "ELL Success," but there's no theme this year, so sessions can be about any topic. About 70 educators from across MA are already signed up.

The day starts at 8:00 am and will be over by 12:15 pm. Please feel free to come late, leave early, bring kids, etc. It is very casual.

There will be breakfast and door prizes.

Please register at http://edcampmalden.weebly.com/.

If you would like to help run the event, please let me know. There are two optional meetings. Thank you.--Abbey Dick

9/26 G FR/JV/V Volleyball @ Lawrence 4/5:30 P	9/27 Golf @ Everett 3:15 P Mt. Hood	9/28 Golf MVC @ Bradford 3P G FR/JV/V Volleyball @ Stoneham 4/5:30 P	9/29 Field Hockey JV/V @ Saugus 4 P Stackpole Field Golf-H-Medford 3:15 P	9/30 B FR/JV/V Soccer-H-Medford 4 P G FR/JV/V Volleyball-H-Medf ord 4/5:30 P Football-H-Somer ville 7 P G JV/V Soccer @ Medford 4 P
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Athletics Schedule

Upcoming Events

Our calendar is on the website and the google drive, but a couple events of note that are in the next month:

Monday 9/26: Ask the Principal, 6:30pm, MHS Library

Saturday 10/1: SATs at MHS

Saturday 10/1: Tornado Travelers Car Wash – 10am-3pm

Saturday 10/15: EdCamp Malden

Monday 10/17: 1st Late Entry Day

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