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Cruising Through JVs wows the crowds!



A packed house was on hand opening night for the Class of 2019-produced 'Cruising through JVs' production in the Jenkins Auditorium. Singers, musical acts, spoken word, skits and of course, the dance acts wowed the crowds.

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 vigorous standards for all. We honor the diverse nature of our Malden community, promote social awareness and community involvement and strive to meet the needs of all students through innovative methods



and continued 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.

Class of 2019's Junior Varieties was a sight to behold; Capping a week of top achievements by so many of our talented MHS students

To All Malden High School Staff, Students and Administrators:

Everyone who enters our school each day should know they are part of something special and unique. Across the state we are already known as the high school with the most diverse student population. Amidst this diversity of cultures, many of our students share a common trait: They truly possess a great deal of talent in many forms. If there was ever a week for our students to demonstrate this fact once again, it was the one that just passed.

— On Monday, we started the week learning that our Mock Trial Team, led by advisor Mr. Tivnan, made it to the top 32 in a field of 140 schools that competed statewide in a competition held at the State House in Boston.

—This past weekend, nearly 60 performers were joined by another 3 dozen students who did all-important backstage and front lobby work to present two simply fantastic, inspiring and truly entertaining Junior Varieties shows. Hats off to Ms. Corcoran, Ms. Libkin, Mr. Phelps and everyone else who contributed to the 78th edition! Also thank you to all staff members who turned out to take in the show or help out in chaperoning one or both nights.

—Just two days ago we learned that our Play Production Class won State Semifinals @ Marshfield HS with “Umbrella” and now advances to State Finals! Wow! What a week!

Mr. Mastrangelo - Principal



MHS Principal Mr. Mastrangelo, staff and students await the start of the show Friday @ Junior Varieties, ready to greet those coming to see the 21 acts that performed over the weekend.



TICKETS ANYONE? Lot of smiles (and tickets sold) by this pleasant ticket takers at Junior Varieties Friday night.

I would like to be remembered as someone who did the best she could with the talent she had.

—J. K. Rowling

SUPERINTENDENT OTERI and MAYOR CHRISTENSON MAKE JOINT STATEMENT on NATIONWIDE CALL to ACTION PLANNED for THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Superintendent of Schools John Oteri and Malden Mayor Gary Christenson have released the following joint statement:

Since the horrible tragedy of Parkland, Fla. on Feb 14, we have seen students take action to effectuate change. After every school shooting, political and educational leaders as well as parents pledge that “things will change and this will never happen again.” This time, with students taking the lead, we are actually starting to see some substantive change.

It is often the goal of every educational district to prepare students for civic and social engagement. To this end, the Malden Public Schools and the Mayor’s office are committed to supporting students in fostering this goal. On Wednesday, March 14 at 10 a.m. there will be a nationwide call to action for students and staff to walk out of school for 17 minutes, with each minute being dedicated to a fallen victim of the Parkland shooting. *Continued Next Page*

Educators joining U.S. Senator Ed Markey, D-Mass., a Malden resident, in called for research on gun violence prevention

More than 30,000 Americans are killed each year by guns, but the federal government has not funded research on gun violence since 1996.

Many in the education field including deans and staff at Harvard’s School of Public Health are joining U.S. Senator Ed Markey, D-Mass., a Malden resident, in calling on Congress to fund federal CDC (Center for Disease Control) research on gun violence prevention.

“When disease brings this kind of widespread death, doctors and public health researchers study the causes so that they can find solutions. And the federal government invests in those efforts.”

SENATOR ED MARKEY
IDJ MASSACHUSETTS

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO ‘THE NEDLAM NEWS’!
LET’S SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT MHS!**

Do you have some good news to share about students, teachers, administrators and other staff members? An extracurricular activity, club or sports team? There is LOTS of Good News @ Malden High School! Let’s share it with EVERYONE! Mr. Mastrangelo encourages everyone to email Steve Freker @ sfreker@maldenps.org with any news you like to share: stories, snippets, photos, announcement of meetings, events coming... and ones held. **THE NEDLAM NEWS** appears every Monday in your Inbox and is then shared on the District website maldenps.org

THIS WEEK'S Notes & Calendar



MONDAY, MARCH 12—EARLY RELEASE DAY. School ends at 1:45 pm. House meetings will be held today for all staff.

Malden High Principal Search Focus Groups Today/ all in Library: 1:45-2:45 pm for Students; 2:45-3:45 pm for MHS staff; and for Parents/Guardian 6:30-7:30 pm. All who attend are welcome encouraged to give input on the new MHS Leader.

TODAY is the deadline to submit the proposal and completed forms for the senior internship. Mrs. Horwitz is available periods 1, 2, and after school in H304, if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14— Student vs. Faculty Basketball Games, Girls & Boys Varsity teams vs. Teachers & Staff @ 2:45 p.m. in the Gym. Tickets are \$3.00 for admittance.

DAY ROTATION THIS WEEK— Monday: 4-5-6-7-1
Tuesday: 2-3-4-5-6-7 Wednesday: 1-2-3-4-5-6
Thursday: 7-1-2-3-4-5 Friday: 6-7-1-2-3-4

TO ALL MALDEN HS STAFF:

TODAY, we will be meeting by House for at Early Release time (1:45 pm). Topics: MCAS; security measures, March 14 Walk- Out procedure and student reflection. I will allow time for content specific conversation around student reflection of the walk out. There should be about 10-15 minutes remaining in class when the students return. During this time the students will be given time to reflect on what they were part of. Please contact me with any question. I will forward locations for House and content meetings today.

—Mr. Mastrangelo- Principal



Mayor Christenson



Superintendent Oteri

Joint Statement by Mayor Christenson & Supt. Oteri on National Call to Action for Students Wednesday, March 14 @ 10:00 a.m.

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The Malden Public Schools will work with our student leaders in the high school in our seventh and eighth grades on providing a venue and outlet for our students and staff to stand in solidarity with their counterparts across the country.

We are confident our students will handle this in a mature manner and use this time in productive ways such as for reflection, a call to action and to bring about change. This will be a student-led and student-centered show of solidarity and support. Our staff will be present but taking a secondary role to our students. This is their opportunity to lead and we are so proud of them.

Any student who wishes to participate in the walkout will not be penalized or disciplined. Students who do not choose to participate will be provided a safe and supervised place for them to stay. We are certain this will be a seminal moment in our students' lives and will be an impactful moment across the country. We know our diverse, dedicated and thoughtful students will provide the leadership and voice that will carry the next generation to a safer and more inclusive world. We have held these as ideals, now is the time to let our students shine. We are certain they will.

**- John Oteri, Superintendent, Malden Public Schools;
Gary Christenson, Mayor, City of Malden**



integrating teaching the Arts in other disciplines will be a focus at DESE's Annual Arts Conference

DESE ANNUAL ARTS CONFERENCE is SET FOR APRIL 2; FOCUS on INTEGRATING ARTS with OTHER DISCIPLINES

Assistant Superintendent Ms. Keenan has informed us that the Mass. DESE's Annual Arts Conference is set for Monday, April 2 at the Devens Common Center on April 2 for DESE's Annual Arts Conference. This year's theme is "Arts Integration as a Transformative Instructional Strategy". The day-long conference will feature arts educators from across the Commonwealth, who will share strategies for integrating the arts with other disciplines. It is through the arts that students learn a set of thinking skills focused on expression, creativity, and problem-solving that is unique from, but complementary to, those taught in other academic areas. Dr. Martha Barry McKenna of Lesley University will deliver the keynote address. Participants will also learn more about DESE's recently-launched revision of the state's arts learning standards, including ways for educators to participate in the process. Registration is open online. Go to www.doe.mass.edu and Search: Arts Conference

From the website: This full-day conference will be informative and interactive. Participants will renew their knowledge and former experiences as well as gain varied opportunities to
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Some of the Malden High School PlayProduction ensemble members are shown above with class instructor Mr. Walsh displaying the Semifinal Winner's Cup which advances the group to a STATE FINAL for their creation and presentation of an original piece, *Umbrella: Am Exhibition*. Out of 110 schools, Malden's students finished in top 14!

**STATE FINALISTS!!
 MHS 'PlayPro' ensemble wins Semifinal, *Umbrella* advances to Mass. Finals**

Mr. Walsh informs us: Congratulations to the students of Malden High School's Play Production program for advancing to State Finals in the Mass. Educational Theater Guild Competiton. Malden High will be one of 14 schools (out of 110) to represent the state in two weeks at the John Hancock Center in Boston. This is the second time in eight years that Malden advanced to Finals. More details about performance time to follow. On Saturday at Marshfield, the students presented their original, student-written piece *Umbrella: An Exhibition* Cont. on Page 8

MALDEN HIGH UNIFIED SPORTS VOLUNTEER STUDENTS MARK 'Spread the Word to End the Word' DAY with a CELEBRATION!



The R-word, “ret—,” is slang for the term mental retardation. Mental retardation was what doctors, psychologists, and other professionals used to describe people with significant intellectual impairment. Today the r-word has become a common word used by society as an insult for someone or something stupid. For example, you might hear someone say, “That is so ret—-ed” or “Don’t be such a ret—-.” When used in this way, the r-word can apply to anyone or anything, and is not specific to someone with a disability. But, even when the r-word is not said to harm someone with a disability, it is hurtful. Because of this, Special Olympics, Best Buddies and the greater disability community prefers to focus on people and their gifts and accomplishments, and to dispel negative attitudes and stereotypes. As language has evolved, Special Olympics and Best Buddies have updated their official terminology to use standard, people-first language that is more acceptable to constituents.

Led by advisor Ms. Scibelli, the Unified Sports Program here at Malden High School is where all students, including those who are intellectually and physically disabled, join together each day to participate in physical education & athletic activities in the gym. This past week, they again joined together in the Jenkins to celebrate ‘Spread the Word to End the Word Day’.

SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD.

A SALUTE FROM SUPERINTENDENT OTERI: Barbara Scibelli: One of the MHS Main Office Secretaries, Barbara spearheaded the Spread the Word Rally, for the Unified Sports program. I attended Thursday and seeing our typical students support and cheer for our special ed students was inspiring. It was obvious that Barbara has done an amazing job cultivating respect for all students. It was truly inspiring and a little tear jerking to hear the student leaders describe how the program has changed them. Thank you, Barbara!!

Cruising Through JVs: What a Terrific Show!



A signature night for the Class of 2019!



WELL DONE, MHS MOCK TRIAL! Strong Finish in Statewide Competition



The Malden High School Mock Trial Team finished in the Top 32 of a total of 140 schools competing statewide. It was a memorable competition for our Golden Tornado 'Legal Eagles'.

Educators may attend DESE's Annual Arts Conference: Focus on integrating arts with other educational disciplines

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to participate in activities that will impact students' skills in the 4C's of communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Models of multi-literacies and multi-arts combination curricular will be demonstrated to show how these will benefit student engagement and understanding. Various forms of arts integration strategies will also be illustrated. The day's experience will bring focus to the all round development of the whole child.

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at the Semi-Final Round. Their funny, moving, and engaging theatrical piece garnered five awards: Excellence in Acting for Dexter Haag, Ariana Teixeira, and Leticia Sidney; Excellence in Lighting Design for Sam Martinez; Excellence in Set Design for Marcelo Junior Silva, Andre Branco Camara, Brian Tran Le, and Ruthie Bilimo.



There will be a public performance on March 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Auditorium with a student talk-back following the show. *Umbrella: An Exhibition* is a modern, personal exploration of the family that touches upon issues of divorce, parenting, death, and families abroad. The play contains some adult language and mature themes, so discretion is advised. Tickets are \$5 with the money going to support the program and the students. Best to you all,

The Directorial Team: Sean Walsh, Miranda Libkin, and Allen Phelps

OTHER STUDENTS in the PLAYPRO CLASS: Comfort Acheampong, Sydney Addorisio, Ramon Aguinaldo, Kokeb Aklilu, Moez Ben Salem, Ruth Bilimo, Jayana Burdine, Gabriella Carli, Michelle DiStefano, Zachary Dunphy, Valeny Gonzalez-Mrtinez, Michael Goroshko, Michayla Moody, Quang Nguyen, Kristel Normil, Rodneisha Normil, Jessica Ong, Camila Paralicci Castano, Adjani Pierrette, Paige Pimental, Tobi Pitan, Antonetta Remedi-Brown, Tyler Risteen, Baishampayan Sarkar, Nathalia Sousa, Ariana Texeira, Isabel Tellez, Nathaniel Tortorella Silva, Nada Tuffaha, Jenna Vanella and Harrison Zeiberg.