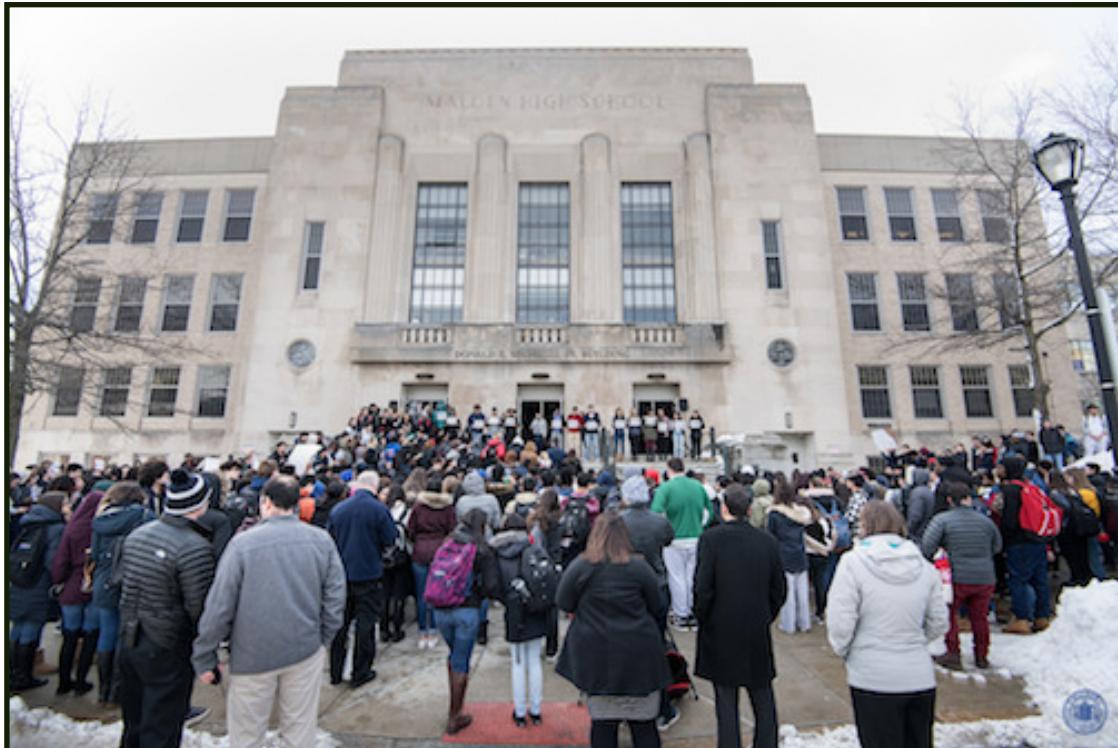




THE NEDLAM NEWS

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A Powerful Statement is Made



Malden High students joined millions of peers across the nation in a walkout to protest gun violence in our schools



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

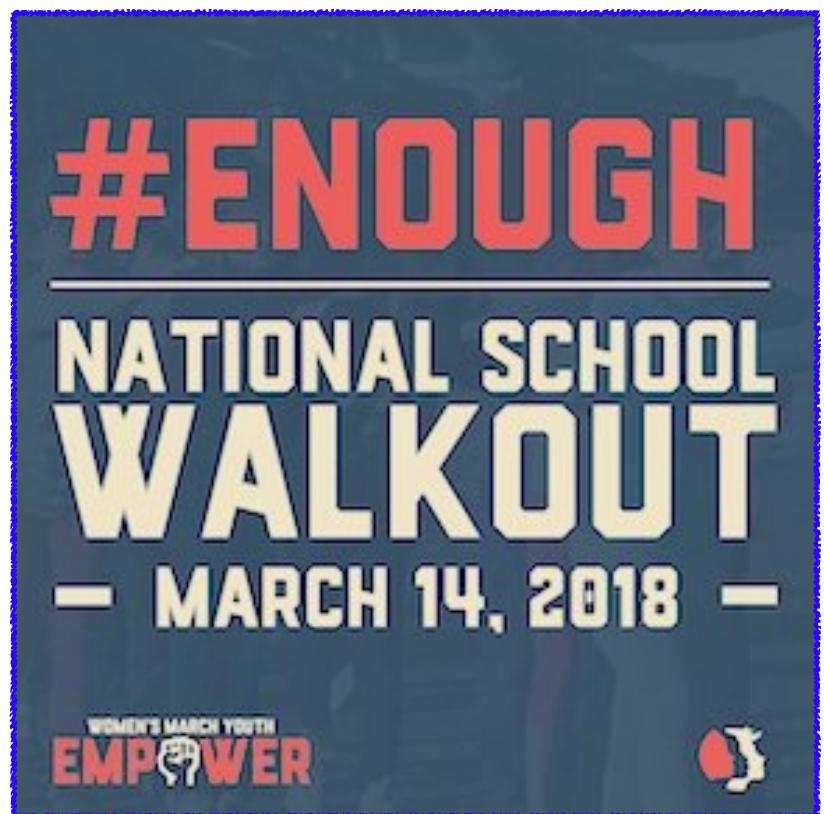


and continued professional development. We are committed to ensuring that Malden High School graduates are thoughtful, independent, purpose-driven, lifelong learners. We seek to equip all students with the skills and habits necessary to successfully navigate and contribute to our ever-changing world.

Thursday's student-led rally was a direct and admirable validation of the character, integrity and passion of our students here at MHS

To All Malden High School Staff, Students and Administrators:

At times it is difficult to express in words those instances when we are filled with intense feelings of pride, respect and admiration when those we care about the most, impress us so much. Such a time came on Thursday when over 1,500 of our students, nearly our entire school population, participated in a fully-organized, nationally-driven walkout to oppose gun violence in our schools. As Superintendent Oteri said so aptly on Thursday while surveying the huge — and completely orderly—group of Malden High students gathered in front of the school, “these students will forever be part of school history for what they have done here today.” Millions of the nation’s students took part in the planned #Enough National School Walkout on Wednesday, March 14, but due to another epic late-winter ‘Noreaster storm which closed school here for two days last week, school officials decided students would go forward with plans to participate on Thursday instead. It was a complete, efficient and rewarding team effort, from the offices of Mayor Christenson and Supt. Oteri to our own Malden High School administrators and faculty and staff as well as the Malden Police Dept. and Chief Molis. Everyone contributed and made it still another signature moment not only in our school year, but in the lives of all of our students. Whether they spoke at the event **Continued Next Page**



STUDENT ACTIVIST SPEAKERS:
A key element of Thursday's student-led #Enough National Walkout day was speakers from the student ranks like Malden High's Birukti Tsige who spoke out against gun violence in schools and called on students to speak out.



'Fear Has No Place In Our Schools'
—Seen on many signs held by students locally and nationwide at #Enough National Walkout

Malden High Students Take Part in National Protest

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made and carried a sign, or just made the effort to come outside and then join those who spent 17 minutes (one minute for each Parkland, Florida victim) listening to the student speakers, our students were part of something they will remember for the rest of their lives. After the speaking portion, students did a walk, together as a dedicated group, around the full school grounds. This was done both as a gesture of respect for the fallen at Stoneman Douglas H.S. in Florida as well as for their own center of learning and personal growth, Malden High School. Their mission completed, classes then resumed after the students filed back into the school with a renewed sense of purpose, pride and accomplishment. These are the days we remember and treasure as educators, when the values and principles we strive to help instill in our students are matched up with real-life issues and put on display. Once again, a very big “thank you” to everyone who played a role in planning and seeing through this great day at Malden High School. Thank you to all of our students, staff & administrators who made it all play out so impressively. To all: Well done!

Mr Mastrangelo — Principal

WORLDWIDE ‘MARCH for our LIVES’ Planned for Saturday, March 24; Count is up to 819 sites as of last night, including Boston

Students from Parkland – along with support from national organizations like Everytown for Gun Safety; Giffords, the gun safety group founded by wounded former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords; Planned Parenthood and others – are planning a worldwide March For Our Lives, on March 24, 2018, a march in Washington, D.C., to call for school safety and gun control.

“The mission and focus of March For Our Lives is to demand that a comprehensive and effective bill be immediately brought before Congress to address these gun issues,” according to their website. “No special interest group, no political agenda is more critical than timely passage of legislation to effectively address the gun violence issues that are rampant in our country.”



The D.C. march is starting at 10 a.m., according to the March For Our Lives Facebook page. Sister marches have also popped up around the globe and in other major U.S. cities including New York City, Chicago, San Francisco and Boston. Information on other rallies is available on the March For Our Lives website: event.marchforourlives.com

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 19—EARLY RELEASE DAY. School ends at 1:45 pm. Directors' meetings will be held today for all staff.

Spring Sports begin today: Baseball, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Outdoor Track and Tennis, Boys Volleyball and Softball. Preseason practice/tryout info posted outside the MHS Athletic Office H101.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20— Malden HS Play Production cast will be performing the award-winning self-produced play Umbrella: Exhibition at 2:30pm in the Jenkins Auditorium for staff and students.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21— 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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 — A group of AP Seminar students will take part in a field trip visit to the MIT Museum in Cambridge,

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



Supt. Oteri, right, is shown with Educational Consultant and Nahant Supt. Tony Pierantozzi, left, who served as the moderator at three focus group sessions related to the search for a new Malden High School principal.

Focus Groups held at three levels in process of search for new MHS Principal
Students, Faculty & Parents get opportunity to weigh in on what they would like to see in a new principal

TO ALL MALDEN HS STAFF:

We are seeking a staff member to serve as second Advisor to the Malden High School Class of 2021, as part of a two-person team. We have one individual committed to serve in this role but we feel strongly that this is a two-person position with all that it entails. Please consider this post and contact me with your interest.

—Mr. Mastrangelo- Principal

The search has officially begun for the next Malden High School principal. The position has been posted online and with various professional organization and applications have been received, according to Malden Superintendent of Schools John Oteri.

Supt. Oteri has appointed Malden Public Schools STEM Director Douglas Dias, himself a former high school principal, to oversee the search and both are in the process of assembling a principal search committee. "The search committee will be inclusive and will be representative of everyone in the school community and the Malden community in general," Supt. Oteri said at Monday's focus group meeting for parents, held that evening in the Malden High Library.

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Malden High students engaged in learning

This Year's Teacher-Driven Instructional Rounds are Coming this Thursday, March 22: Periods 6 & 7

A Message from Malden High School's Teacher Leaders:

Last year Malden High School and the District implemented Instructional Rounds to open up conversation around classroom instruction and student engagement. While this process was bumpy and sometimes uncomfortable, by the last set of rounds it had become an overwhelmingly positive experience that led to great conversations about student learning and ideas for new professional development.

The Teacher Leaders have taken the baton and have created an opportunity for a set of teacher-driven Instructional Rounds scheduled for March 22 during periods 6 and 7 (period 1 will be used to debrief). We have used a random selection process for selecting classrooms to visit while ensuring a variety of content areas. We intend for our focus to be "observation of student engagement in its many forms."

In no way are these rounds evaluative but we would love to have administrators join a group if they are available. *Continued Last Page*



Mr. Scheer is shown above with several of the members of the Malden High Speech and Debate Team who participated in the Regional Speech & Debate Competition at Needham High School. Members included Rasmee Ky, Harrison Zeiberg, Shirley Maximin, Kathleen Huang and Yingting Chen

You Go, Shirley!!!
Malden High's Maxim earns 'Top Novice' award out of 605 competitors @ Saturday's Speech & Debate Regionals

Mr. Scheer informs us: Great news from this Saturday's speech and debate tournament at Needham High School. I first want to congratulate all of our team members Rasmee Ky, Harrison Zeiberg, Shirley Maximin, Kathleen Huang and Yingting Chen for a great day of high level competition. Our team competed in three different events ranging from student congress, impromptu and group discussion. Malden High was well represented in one of the largest tournaments of the year that included students from 48 schools from over 3 states and a total of 605 total competitors. After an epic day of competition, Malden High's own Shirley Maximin won the Top Novice award for group discussion! This was Shirley's first award of the season and it was well deserved. It was a great season and we are looking forward to building on our successes for next year.

Search officially begins for new Malden High School Principal: Focus Group Sessions held for Students, Faculty and Parents

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Once the search committee is formed, that group will interview finalists presented to them for consideration by the superintendent. The committee will then present their choice for review and evaluation by the superintendent, who will then hire the new principal.

Supt. Oteri said Monday there was no exact timetable for a hiring at this time, but that he expected interviews to be conducted this month and completed by the end of March and a hiring made in early to mid-April.

The vacancy in the Malden High School principal's post was created with the unexpected resignation of former principal Ted Lombardi, who left after a year and a half of service for a superintendent's position in the Boston Public Schools in January. Boyle House Principal Chris Mastrangelo has been serving as Interim Principal since Lombardi's departure.

On Monday, March 12 three Focus Group discussion's were held to determine which attributes various segments of the school community and community at large were seeking and desiring in the new principal. The groups were students; teachers and administrators; and parents and all community members. All three meetings were overseen by Supt. Oteri and Mr. Dias and moderated by Tony Pierantozzi, who is superintendent of the Nahant Public Schools. and professional educational consultant. Mr. Pierantozzi is also former longtime superintendent Somerville Public Schools.

Although the three groups are distinctly different on the surface, there seemed to be a lot of common ground on what all three were seeking in the next Malden High School principal. One of the main attributes that were expressed by members of all three groups participating in the focus group discussions were that the ideal next principal should be familiar with both the community and Malden High School and its students in general. Representatives of all three focus groups also expressed they would like to see a new principal who would be both accessible and receptive to concerns and ideas expressed by students and teachers in the building.



Above,
MHS
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take part
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Parents, at
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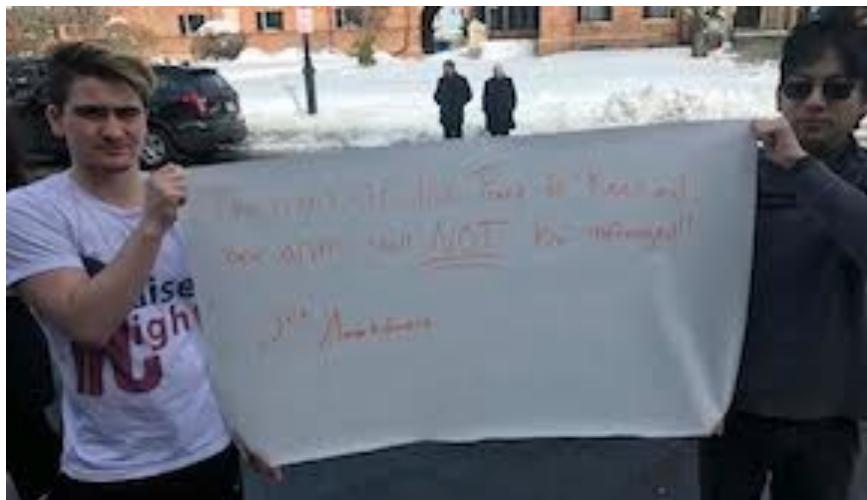
The largest group by the numbers that participated in the focus group sessions Monday was the teachers-administrators segment with over 30 in attendance. About 10-12 students participated in their focus group and just over a dozen parents in the evening session.

Supt. Oteri said that notes and observations from the three focus groups would be compiled by him, Mr. Dias and Mr. Pierantozzi and presented to the search committee members who would then formulate interview questions for the finalists.

Malden High Students Share a National Stage in Joining Protest



Over 1,500 students make history





A special message to MHS staff

I want to thank you all for your outstanding support of our student lead walkout Thursday. Once again, our students stepped up and showed the community how involved they are. Some 1,500 students spilled into the street without incident.

They were focused and unified. None of this would be possible without the support of our staff. Every staff member here answered the call. I had dozens of staff outside before the kids waiting to help and support. I had dozens of staff in the hallways directing the kids to the appropriate exits. I had dozens of teachers provide support for the students that chose not to participate. Once again, our staff stepped up. Thank you!

I received a wonderful email from one of the student organizers thanking us for our efforts in keeping the students safe, but also trusting them enough to allow them to lead the rally. Don't ever underestimate the influence that you have on the students at MHS.

—Mr. Mastrangelo, Principal

Play Production Class has a mega-week! State Finals!!

Mr. Walsh writes: Hello everyone,

Thank you to the many faculty, staff, and students who came out last night to see our show Umbrella: An Exhibition. This is a busy time for these students as they are honored for their work. We appreciate your understanding and support. Many of the cast will be performing this Monday 3/19 at the Broadway in Boston kick-off event at the Boston Opera House. This is an evening event.

Our Play/Pro students will be attending METG State Finals at the John Hancock/Back Bay Events center from Thursday 3/22 2:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m., Friday 3/23 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday 3/24 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.. They will arrive at school on Friday to prepare and load the truck to travel to Boston for their performance. They will miss classes on **Friday ONLY** and are responsible for all missed work.

If you have any issues, please let me know.

**Teacher-Driven
Instructional Rounds
will be held Thursday,
March 22: Periods 6&7**

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We have selected teachers from various departments based on trying to minimize the number of classes that would have to report to study. If you would like to attend the rounds as a visitor or are eager for visitors to come and see your classes please feel free to reach out to any Teacher Leader with your request and we will do our best to include you in future rounds! In addition, if you have any suggestions or would like to be part of the planning process for future rounds please reach out.

Thanks, Cara, Greg, Shannon, Mar, Robin and Lynn – The Teacher Leaders

Here's what's happening @ the Malden HS Library

READING CHALLENGE: The Second Annual Reading Challenge began Sept. 24 and continues through June 4. Winners are announced quarterly, a final winner will be announced in June. Second Quarter winners: Francesca Seac (10th grade); Elizabeth Welch (11th grade); and Kathleen Wlehrauch (12th grade).

BOOK CLUB: The Book Club meets every other Tuesday in the Library from 220-300 p.m. after school. January's book was *The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie, a former Malden Reads selection.

CHESS CLUB: Open to all who want to play chess competitively. Beginners welcome as well. Meets every Tuesday after school from 2:30-4:00pm in the Library.