



# THE NEDLAM NEWS

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## Happy Halloween at MHS!



Some of the MHS students who dressed up for Halloween are shown above. *Stwve Freker Photos/MPS*



Some of the members of the Malden High School "family" who are the most enthusiastic on Halloween are the folks who work for Food Services in the cafeteria. More Photos are inside on Page 3 *Steve Freker Photo/MPS*



### 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 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

**GREAT NEWS: Malden HS Advanced Placement students finish among state's leaders statistically! See P.2**





Mya Hua and Sabrina Alayan monitor the game.  
*Julie Yu Photo/Blue and Gold*

## ZOMBIE TAG captures spirit of Halloween once again @ Malden High

By Julie Yu/ Blue and Gold

The Halloween festivities began early this year, as the Malden High School Fine Arts Club hosted their annual Zombie Tag event on October 23.

President of Fine Arts Club, My Hua stated that her "favorite part of Zombie Tag [was] sitting in the main office watching students run from [the] zombies." She explains that her and the other officers found it hilarious when they could catch a short glimpse "on screen, [...]" of a group of kids running away from a single zombie or a hoard of them. After receiving the principal's approval on the event, secretary, Sabrina Alayan "designed flyers immediately, and [the Fine Arts Club hung] them up" around the school, and promoted the event, said Hua. She mentioned that the planning process began two to three weeks prior to the event date. Hua described the planning process as "not difficult" given that "the whole officer team and club members [were] available to help as well."

Art teacher/FAC Advisor Joseph Luongo oversaw the popular event which drew about 50 players.

## Malden High School students in AP Capstone Program leading the state in two separate categories

*What a great indicator of the hard work and dedication by MHS students*

To All Malden High School Educators, Staff, Students and Administrators:

As we begin the first full week of November, here is some amazing news to share with all of you. The AP Capstone program was implemented in our school three years ago (this would be our fourth year), and have received the results of this past year's testing. The data I'm highlighting proves how incredible our students and staff are at Malden High School.



Mr. Mastrangelo

— 100% of our AP Seminar students (20 students) passed with a 3, 4, or 5 (second year in a row).

—60% of those AP Seminar students received a 4 or 5. **This is the highest percentage of any public school in Massachusetts with more than nine students taking the exam.**

—100% of our AP Research students (10 students) passed with a 3, 4, 5 (up from 80% last year). **We are the only public school in the state with more than 9 students taking the exam to have a 100% passing rate.**

—Of public schools in the state, we had the most Research students receive a 4 or 5, including schools that had a larger number of students take the exam.

This is a reflection of the hard work and commitment of our students and staff. A huge thank you to the many staff members and community members who have helped students through mentoring, providing access to their classes for surveys and experiments, taking surveys or providing interviews, and in providing feedback as expert panel members. Well done!!

Mr. Mastrangelo - Principal



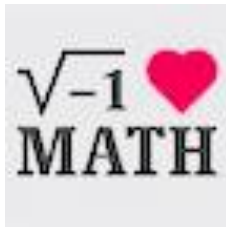
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Lots of people love to celebrate Halloween including Malden High 'Cafe B' Food Service employees, above. Some glitter and eye shadow does the trick (or treat?) for these students, above right. At right, "Freddy Kruger" & his "son" Chucky!!



**First Meeting for  
Malden HS Math  
Team is set for  
Thurs. Nov. 8**



The Malden High School Math Team will have their first meeting on Thursday, November 8th, at 2:30PM in room B230. If you are interested in solving fun, challenging math problems, and maybe even entering local math competitions for high school students, please join us at the meeting!



**Malden Board of Health  
administering Flu Shots  
Thurs. 11/15: SIGN UP  
by 11/8 @ the MHS  
Nurses' Office**

*Nurse Maureen Vona tells us:*

It is that time of year. The Malden Board of Health will be offering Flu shots again this year. The date of the clinic will be Thursday, November 15 from 10:30 until 1:00. **Please let us know if you are interested by Thursday, November 8 so we can put your name on the list.**



**ALEX GENTILE MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER  
NIGHT is THURS. NOVEMBER 8 @ the  
Mixx360 Lounge, 655 Broadway, 6 pm  
in Malden. \$25 per ticket/ Proceeds go  
to Alex Gentile Scholarships Fund**

**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](mailto: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 [www.maldenps.org](http://www.maldenps.org)



# REMINDER:

There is **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, Nov. 12** as there is a city, state & federal holiday set to commemorate **Veteran's Day**. Also, early dismissal on **Wed. Nov. 21**



# THIS WEEK'S Notes & Calendar

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**  
 —Get out and VOTE! It's Election Day in the Commonwealth!  
 —Malden Public Schools hosting a citywide Professional Development Day at Malden High School  
 —NO Peer Tutoring at Malden HS Library (resumes Thursday)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7—**  
 Meeting after school at 230pm in the Gallery for those interested in trying out for Girls Basketball this winter.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8—** Peer Tutoring resumes today at 230pm at Malden HS Library  
 —Black Culture Club meets after school in B334. All are welcome.  
 —Feminism Club meets at 2:30pm in BR460.

**INFO MEETING for SPRING BUNKER HILL CLASSES—**  
 This Thursday, Nov. 8th, there will be an info meeting for all new student interested in taking a spring Bunker Hill class. These college classes are free and open to all students. Please come learn about this great opportunity at 2:15 in the Gallery on Thursday. Please see Mrs. O'Connor with questions.

## Malden Public Schools Calendar for 2018-2019

### MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2018 (2 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
27*	28*	29	30	X

8/27\* First Day for Teachers  
 8/28\* Prof Dev Day - All Grds  
 8/29 First Day of School for Grades PreK, 1-12  
 8/29-9/4 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening  
 8/31 No School

SEPTEMBER 2018 (19 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
X	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

9/3 Labor Day  
 9/5 First Day of School for Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2018 (22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
X	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

10/5 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
 10/8 Columbus Day  
 10/15 Late Entry Day MHS

NOVEMBER 2018 (18 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6*	7	8	9
X	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	X	X
26	27	28	29	30

11/5 Late Day Entry MHS  
 11/6\* Prof Dev Day-All Grds  
 11/12 Veterans Day  
 11/21 11:00 Dismissal  
 11/22-23 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2018 (15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
X	X	X	X	X
X				

12/10 Late Entry MHS  
 12/21 11:00 Dismissal  
 12/24-1/1 Winter Vacation

JANUARY 2019 (21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	X	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
X	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

1/2 School Resumes  
 1/11 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
 1/7 Late Entry MHS  
 1/21 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 2019 (14 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15*
X	X	X	X	X
25	26	27	28	

2/4 Late Entry MHS  
 2/15\* Prof Dev Day-All Grds  
 2/18-22 February Vacation

MARCH 2019 (21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

3/4 Late Entry MHS  
 3/8 Early Dismissal PreK-12

APRIL 2019 (17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
X	X	X	X	X
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

4/1 Late Entry MHS  
 4/5 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
 4/15-19 Spring Vacation

MAY 2019 (22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
X	28	29	30	31

5/3 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
 5/6 Late Entry MHS  
 5/27 Memorial Day

JUNE 2019 (9 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	

6/13 Last day w/o snow days - 11:00 Dismissal  
 6/20 Last day w/five snow days - 11:00 Dismissal

**First Day for Teachers – Monday, August 27, 2018**

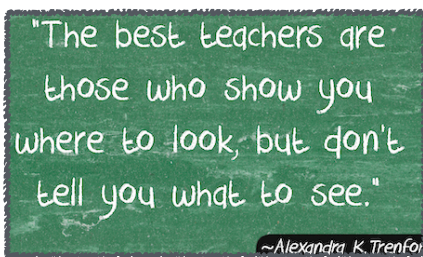
**Please note that five (5) additional days are built into the calendar in case of inclement weather**

# Malden High School students get in the mood for Election Day with spiffy political caricatures

Malden residents voting on Election Day will also have the opportunity to view formal portraits and caricatures of local, national and international political figures, including some of the current candidates, at Malden High School.

The Art, Politics and Immigration exhibit will be on display in the hallway adjacent to the main office of Malden High School and features approximately 50 pieces by MHS students, produced in the Studio 2 Honors classes taught by art teacher Joseph Luongo. This project is assigned every other year, during midterms and presidential elections. Students selected a photograph of a politician to draw in class, and then, closely observing proportions and values, penciled an accurate sketch. Once the drawings were completed, students then created a caricature, usually of the same person, in the medium of their choice.

Commenting on the selection process, Luongo said, "I allowed students to choose leaders from around the world as well as nationally recognized politicians. Some of the individuals are respected; others may have less than admirable qualities. Any editorial content that appears in the caricatures came from what students have seen on TV or have researched on their own."



If you want to pre-order your yearbook for only \$80, you have about a week to do so. After that, the price goes to \$85. Stop by B231 any day before or after school to order yours with cash or check.

**MALDEN HIGH SENIORS looking for college financial aid assistance.. come and talk to some experienced uAspire advisors!**

Angela Wright, a College Affordability Advisor at uAspire for Malden High School will be in B337 on Tuesdays & Thursdays, Please sign up to see Angela at [malden-uaspire.youcanbook.me](http://malden-uaspire.youcanbook.me). This year, she will advise students and families through the college affordability and financial aid process. She is discussing financial safety schools, creating FSA IDs, filling out FAFSAs and CSS Profiles, comparing award



Looking for a job? The job coach will be at MHS every Monday to assist you with the process! See Ms. Belowsky in the Brunelli house office or Mrs. Collomb in H204 to schedule an appointment. Looking for assistance with Interview Skills? Stop by B340 on Monday, October 15 at 2:45.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That Junior Varieties is the oldest high school variety show in the country, in its 87th year next March, 2019. The variety feature yearly themes with a mix of comedy, vocal talent, instrumental performances, dance performances, and other skits. The show is largely led by the year's junior classmen, but students of all grade levels participate including their own part in the show.



# Senior Year: Embracing the Unknown

*College application process is daunting exercise as the years fly by and senior year is upon us*

By Aileen Toro  
Blue and Gold

All throughout high school, I have heard countless people utter the words “these four years will be over before you know it.” I never believed this though. In the midst of worrying about getting my essay done, or doing corrections for my math class, I did not stop and realize how quickly everything was happening. Weeks passed, then months, then years, and suddenly I became a senior.

Going into senior year, I was still naive. I was excited that it was my final year, and ready to move on to the next step.

What finally got me to realize the changing pace of my high school career, was the beginning of the college application process. Everyone I know has been filling out financial aid forms, writing essays and supplements, and spending countless hours studying to get their standardized test scores up.

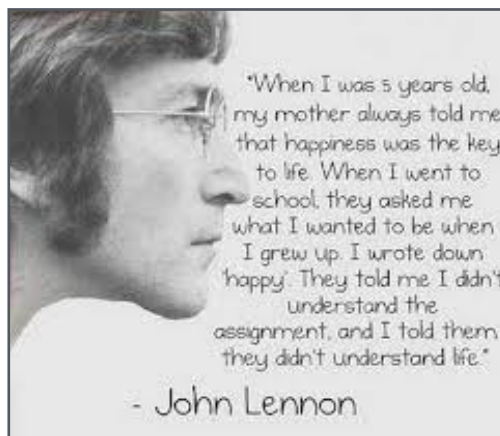
When I began to fill out my applications, I quickly realized that I did not even know where to start. Some of my peers had their futures planned out, their major and first choice school, already having been decided on since they were younger. This was not the case for me though.

Since I was five, adults have burdened me with the question of what I wanted to be when I grew up. In my kindergarten scrapbook, my answer to that question was a dentist. As time passed, my answers changed. They ranged from a kindergarten teacher, to an author, and then to a social worker. Now though, there is not one career, or even major, that I can let myself commit to. While so many of my peers are confident about the choices they are making, when people ask me what I am going to major in, all I can do is shrug and



The college application process can be a daunting one for seniors.

and tell them that I don't know. With so many people around me having a set plan for their futures, it would be easy for me to become frantic, and pressure myself into



deciding on a major. However, instead of letting myself get trapped under these pressures, I have decided to embrace being unsure.

I am constantly changing, and will continue to do so for the rest of my life. While it might be scary

going into a college without knowing which path I will take, I am okay with that. I am okay with taking the required classes, until I find one that I love and that will lead me to where I am supposed to be. If I take a step back, and look at the bigger picture, I am still only a teenager. I still have so much of my life to live, and me not being sure about what I want to do for the rest of it should not be something that is frowned upon.

Instead of allowing myself to be consumed in the stress that comes with senior year, I am going to focus on enjoying my last year in high school. Senior year is something that I have been looking forward to all of my life, and I am not going to let outside worries ruin it.





# MHS ATHLETICS:

It's 'Tourney Time'!  
Tornado Boys & Girls  
Soccer teams prepare  
for postseason play  
starting this week!



Boys & Girls Soccer Teams conclude seasons: The Malden High boys and girls soccer teams both had great regular seasons and both fell in 1st round State Tournament action. *Courtesy/Malden HS Athletics*