



# THE NEDLAM NEWS

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Season's Greetings  
&  
Happy New Year



Hoping all of our staff & students have a healthful, restful & safe Winter Break! See you in January!

## *Stars of the State House once again!*

### **Malden High School Choral Arts Society is a major hit in Annual Concert @ State House**

It started out as invitation, over a decade ago, when former Malden state Rep. Christopher Fallon arranged for the Malden High School Choral Arts Society to perform a Holiday Concert at the Mass. State House. The performance was such a hit and so well-received, the MHS ensemble was invited back again the next year and the next year... and every year since, becoming a tradition. It has continued through present Rep. Steve Ultrino and last week they wowed 'em again! Great job Mr. Cole and Malden Choral Arts!



Mr. Cole conducts the Malden Choral Arts Society performers on their now annual Holiday Concert at the Mass. State House in Boston. courtesy





**STAFF MEETING—** MHS Principal Mr. Mastrangelo speaks to the school staff at a schoowide meeting last Tuesday.



### **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 navigate and contribute to our ever-changing world.

**It was a very productive week of providing, sharing and receiving valuable information**

*Meetings with staff and students allow us to interact and continue on our mission to foster safety, productivity and academic excellence at MHS*

**To All Malden High School Educators, Staff, Administrators & Students:**

Providing, sharing and receiving information is the lifeblood of any productive and successful enterprise. It is especially so here at a place of learning like Malden High School. By contributing new information with your colleagues you are educating and enhancing others. Information inspires new ideas that in turn helps develop the academic and social climate we are seeking to foster at MHS. In the past 10 days we generated tremendous response from our Malden High School staff with our in invitation to ask questions regarding school policies, whether it was a request for an explanation or simply a clarification. Our administrative leadership team of myself, Ms. Escovitz, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Sibley and Ms. Slattery met for in-depth discussion and evaluation of existing policies and potential new ones, including a review and response to the questions posed by our staff members. These responses were posted online and drew positive reviews. On Tuesday we held an upbeat, informative and productive schoolwide staff meeting in The Gallery. I led the meeting, sharing and receiving a great deal of valuable information with our staff members. Ms. Smith, our MHS Special Education Dept. Director gave a concise overview of her department, its goals and services. We confirmed our support and follow through intentions for our State of the School Committee and went over some key initiatives — present and future.



**Mr. Mastrangelo**

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### **MHS SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM WINS @ HOLLY SPEECH FESTIVAL!**

*Mr. Scheer tells us:* Well it was another grind of a debate tournament but the MHS debate team was able to come home with another trophy from Natick High School. All 14 members of the team competed for a grueling 12 hour debate marathon against some of the states toughest competition. Birukti Tsigie came out victorious once again in the original poetry division.

## **MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

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Also this past week we changed our approach to our December Class Meetings, both format and tone. For the many years I have been here at Malden High School our meetings were standard, full class meetings in the Jenkins Auditorium. Truth be told, it was at times a difficult task to relay all of the important information required to be delivered at those meetings while keeping the attention of the recipients in such an impersonal setting. This past Thursday, we initiated a new concept for our class meetings. Through the hard work and superlative efforts of Mr. Valente and the students and others who assisted in the process, four separate video presentations were produced. Instead of showing them to the classes in the larger auditorium setting, all students reported to their homerooms for a 30-minute period in the morning and viewed them. Judging from the response to our new class meeting concept, it was a big success. Many staff members and students have told me they thought the approach and the videos were fantastic and we intend on getting more feedback as well. The four House Principals also joined me later on Thursday for additional meetings with the members of the Freshman Class. We held two, 35-minute sessions, one with the Brunelli and Jenkins houses and the second with the Boyle and Holland houses. At these meetings we again reviewed school policies and encouraged the Class of 2021 students to step up end, in some cases, act in a more mature and positive manner in dealing with staff members and their fellow students. We got some instant feedback in the form of opinions and questions from some freshmen students and it was an overall productive meeting with our youngest students. Thanks to each and every one you who participated in any role in making this past week "A Week of Information" that was valuable to all of us.

*Mr. Mastrangelo— Principal*



# 'POETRY OUT LOUD' Returns

Malden High School students from English classes preparing to compete

Poetry Out Loud is an annual tradition for all English classes, not only at Malden High but also for many other high schools across the nation. Poetry Out Loud is a poem recitation contest created by the National Endowment for the Arts in 2006. Students are instructed to select poems of their choice, memorize them and



## POETRY OUT LOUD

the recitation of their poem in front of their class. Each recitation is then judged and graded by the teacher, and whoever received the highest score on their poem **See P.6**

### **TODAY: Gingerbread Cookie Decoration Workshop @ 2:30p.m. in Mr. Luongo's room!**

TODAY December 18 the Fine Arts Club will host its annual gingerbread cookie decorating workshop. It will be at 2:30 in Mr. Luongo's room, H309. The cookies are large, all frosting and decorations are supplied and they're only \$3. The Fine Arts Club will wrap your cookie and deliver it to you by Thursday. We run out of cookies every year, so sign up during lunch block or see Mr. Luongo in H309 before they are gone.

### **HOLIDAY BOOKS???**

Good morning, I am looking for any gently used holiday books that are suitable for young adults that we can have for our library. I only have 3 now: *Skipping Christmas*, *A Christmas Carol* and *Let it Snow*. Students come in looking for these types of books during this time of year and I have to sadly turn them away.  
— MS. LIBERGE / MHS Libsry



The Malden High School Alumni Association, Inc's purpose is to establish a non-profit organization to enhance and preserve the image, prestige, and traditions of the Malden High School; to reconnect with the graduates of Malden High School; to create awareness of the history of the high school, the activities, location and achievements of its graduates; to protect, preserve and display the school's artifacts, papers and photographs; to develop programs, publications, newsletters, public speakers bureau, and any and every type of communication network and outreach activity [www.maldenhighalumni.com](http://www.maldenhighalumni.com)

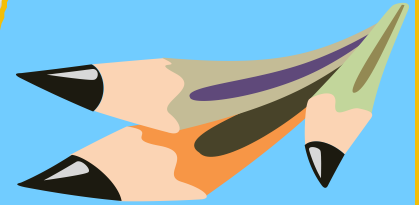
**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO  
'THE NEDLAM NEWS'!  
LET'S SHARE THE GOOD  
NEWS ABOUT MHS!**

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](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)

**EARLY DISMISSAL  
is planned this  
Friday, December 21**

**\*\*\* Late Entry Day  
is on Monday, Jan. 7**

Early Dismissal to kick off Winter Break will be held this Friday, 12/21 @ 11am ... On Monday, January 7 there will be LATE ENTRY DAY when the first class will begin at 9:47. Homeroom at 930am



**THIS  
WEEK'S  
Notes &  
Calendar**

**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

**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

**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		

**NOVEMBER 2018**  
(18 Days)

M	T	W	T	F
				1
5	6*	7	8	9
X	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	X	X
26	27	28	29	30

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

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

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

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				

**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	

**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	

**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

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

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

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

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
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**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18-** The deadline to sign up for a free Bunker Hill Community Class taught here at Malden HS has been extended to TODAY. See Ms. O'Connor in Jenkins House or email to register/get information. .... **The class of 2021 is having a bake sale!** Come to the lobby outside the main office after school today satisfy your sweet tooth. We have cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and much more!

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19-** The Malden High School Philosophy Club will meet after school to discuss the question "What is Love?" in Mr. Snarky's Room B230 The club picture will be taken and there will be snacks. All are welcome..... **The Rainbow Lions** are hosting a holiday Party on Wednesday, December 19 in room B444 at 2:30. Hope to see you all there!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21— WINTER BREAK BEGINS** after 1100am dismissal. Classes resume Wednesday, Jan. 2.

**DAY ROTATION THIS WEEK:**

Tues., Dec. 18- 5-6-7-1-2-3  
Wed., Dec. 19- 4-5-6-7-1-2  
Thurs., Dec. 20- 3-4-5-6-7-1  
Fri., Dec. 21- 3-4-7 (Early Dismissal)

# Poetry Out Loud returns in MHS

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advances to the period competition.

MHS English Teacher, Yahaira Marquez said that she has “always loved poetry, I see it as an emotional outlet,” as she explained that sometimes people can not find the right words in conversation to express their feelings and she believes that “poetry speaks to one’s emotions.” Marquez expressed that as a child she read poetry that she connected or related to on an emotional level even if she did not completely understand the meaning behind it. She added that now, she makes an effort to push herself to fully analyze poems.

Marquez said he is excited about Poetry Out Loud. She said she believes that by having students from grades 9-12 participating in Poetry Out Loud “it establishes a sense of community within the school, in a way that no other assignment will.” Marquez added that Poetry Out Loud is another form of analysis, as opposed to writing an essay, where there is a “different format to show that students understand the text.”

After each student recites their poem in class, the student who has won the class competition advances to the period competition where they compete with students from the same period but in different grade levels. From each period one winner is chosen to

with the other period winners at the school competition. The winner of the school competition progresses to the state competition.

Senior Jenna Vanella was one of the finalists who competed at the school competition last year. She said that she really like poetry because it is “a way for an author to express their feelings or tell a story, but still leave room for a reader’s interpretation.” Poetry Out Loud “allows for students to indulge in poetry” and get a chance to really understand the author’s message. She believes that by having Poetry Out Loud every year, it “[keeps] poetry alive in generations.”

Vanella mentioned that in previous years she liked to challenge herself, but this year “[she] picked a shorter poem so [she] could focus more on [her] presentation aspect of the recitation.” She added that she thinks the concept of Poetry Out Loud is so important because “poetry is very analytical.” Vanella also stated that it allows students to “learn about different writers from past generations.” —*JULIE YU/MHS BLUE & GOLD*



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 no one seemed to acknowledge it last year, but it was the 100th ANNIVERSARY of the Converse Rubber Shoe Company (of Malden) making its FIRST Athletic shoe... the famous Converse All-Star Basketball Shoe! From its founding on the lower end of Pearl Street in Malden in 1908 by Marquis Mills Converse, 'til 1907, the company had only made dress and work shoes for men, women & children.**



# Taking Another Look @ SPIRIT DAY 2018!!





## Malden coed swim team is 2-0 to start season

It has been a strong start for the Malden High School co-ed swim team which has broken out of the starting gate with a pair of decisive victories to open the season.

Malden improved to 2-0 in the Northeastern Conference (NEC) and 2-0 overall with an 85-52 win over Salem in its home opener at the MHS Pool. "It was good way to start the season in a very competitive league," said Malden High assistant coach Jessica Bisson. "Our preseason is very short but we were still prepared and a lot of our swimmers got off to good starts with their times."

Against Salem, the 200 medley relay team of David Lombardi, Tony Giech, Kevin Ochoa and Haoxi Wang started the day strong with a winning time of 1:46.1. Abby Tang, Chloae Akombi, Joanne Ho and Olivia Forestier placed second at 2:06.2. Ochoa won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:52.66. Kevin Sathapomchasisit was second at 2:14.1 and Pamela Coelho came in third for a 1-2-3 finish for Malden at 2:40. Lombardi got another win in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:09.47. Giech was second at 2:22.12.



**Malden High swim team is ready at the starting gate.** Courtesy Photo

## MALDEN BOYS BASKETBALL COMES OUT OF GATE WITH WIN OVER TEWKSBURY, 62-52

This one had all the checkmarks of a potential tough start for head coach Don Nally's Malden High School boys basketball squad in its season opener Tuesday. The Tornados were on the road against a tough opponent in Tewksbury High, with Malden fielding a team featuring no returning starters and whole busload of question marks. Despite all the uncertainty, the Blue and Gold boys answered the bell and then some in a solid, 62-52 victory over the host Redmen. Senior Robens Garcia led the way for Malden with 18 points and senior first-year varsity player Raushad Moore chipped in with 10.





# 'Sweet sendoff' to the Winter Break with 8th Annual 'Cookie Social' for MHS staff

**Ms. Horwitz writes:** Thank you to all of you who attended the cookie staff social (Monday) afternoon in the library....  
....to all of you who purchased raffle tickets, over \$260.00 was raised for the gift card fund at MHS  
....to members of the MHS Staff Social Committee who helped today (shopping, setting up, selling tickets, and cleaning up)  
.... to Mitch Abbatesa for setting up the cozy fireplace and holiday music  
....to Chris Mastrangelo for helping with the expense of buying some items for today  
....to Mary Liberge for letting us use the library



How delicious does THIS plate of goodies look?

to Jane Sulick for helping to plan 8 cookie/staff socials the past 8 years.

Congratulations to all of the raffle winners (13 raffles)

All of the cookies/treats looked and tasted delicious. All of the leftovers will be in the 3rd floor Holland building teachers room tomorrow. Enjoy! On behalf of the MHS Staff Social Committee we wish you a happy holiday and may you find time to relax during the vacation break.



Social Committee chair person Beth Horwitz speaks

**GOLDEN  
TORNADOES**

**Fundraiser**

Thursday, January 17, 2019  
at Kowloon

**Comedy**  
**LIVE**

6:00-6:30 - Cocktails  
6:30-7:30 - Food Served  
7:30-8:30 - Comedy Hour  
8:30-10:00 - Our Time  
Ticket Price \$45.00

