

Tornado Times
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The contents of the Tornado Times are intended to inform Malden High School students and staff as well as the greater Malden High School community. If you would like to add something please submit the contents to Principal Dana F. Brown, dbrown@maldenps.org. Stories, pictures, reminders, club, activity, and class notes are all welcome.

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.

Good morning everyone! This is the last week for quarter 2 attendance for students. Midterm exams will be held next week. As professionals you have discretion in allowing work to be turned in right up until the closing of grades.

Monday is the Martin Luther King Holiday so the midterms run Tuesday through Thursday. Please make sure all students are aware of your testing schedule. It was sent out via email last week and it is also posted online under Malden High School News and Events.

From 1:1 Initiative Committee:

This morning, we will continue our workshop offerings around Google for Education and its integration into our current best practices. We will also go

over the basics of the Acceptable Use Policy. We will be distributing the AUP this week as well as further information regarding the rollout and PD. We seek to respond to your questions, concerns and considerations as we are now weeks away from the rollout. Please feel free to respond to submit any question or concern or suggestions using the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dF3hZj690Vxlk-671sgCgFxn0GaglehHl9HP153Gbh4/viewform?usp=send_form

Thanks for your patience and feedback and support in the process.

Dana F. Brown, Principal

This week:

special	6712	Monday, January 12, 2015	Late-Entry Monday
7	712345	Tuesday, January 13, 2015	
6	671234	Wednesday, January 14, 2015	New teacher INDUCTION PROGRAM
5	567123	Thursday, January 15, 2015	
4	456712	Friday, January 16, 2015	2nd quarter attendance ends

Congratulations again for a great round of Poetry Out Loud! I would like to thank Mr. Walsh and our ELA and ELL staff for working with all students.

Period 1 semi-finalist winners
Ariana Teixeira
Angelica Carberry

Period 2 semi-finalist winners
Djamila Dos Santos
Olivia Verdone

Period 3 semi-finalist winners
Adriana Perrigo

Julia Parker

Period 4 semi-finalist winners

Sarah Vieira

Catherina Rodriguez

Period 5 semi-finalist winners

Josue Quispe

Paul Araiza

Period 6 semi-finalist winners

Sandy Pierre-Rene

Kim Esperance

Period 7 semi-finalist winners

Mentallah Hassan

Heresa Guerrier

These students move on to the school-wide final competition to be held at Malden High School on January 28th. Our school winner moves on to the State Semi-Finals on Saturday February 28 or Sunday March 1, 2015

"[POETRY OUT LOUD](#) helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. By encouraging your students to study, memorize, and perform some of the most influential and timeless poems of the English language, you immerse them in powerful expression and provocative ideas. Although many students may initially be nervous about reciting in front of their peers, the experience will prove invaluable — not only in school, but also in life. Much of the future success of students will depend on how well they present themselves in public. Public speaking is a skill people use every day on both the workplace and the community." — [National Endowment for the Arts](#) & [The Poetry Foundation](#)

From Play Production:

This past weekend, Malden High partnered with Educational Theater Association of Massachusetts and ComedySportz Boston to host a day of improvisation workshops and performance. Over fifty students attended from many different schools from Boston, Falmouth, the South Shore, etc. Our own Elijah Jean Baptiste was awarded a scholarship for Excellence in Improvisation. Thanks to all who participated in this great day.

Also, Angelica Carberry will represent Malden High at the annual English Speaking Union Shakespeare Performance Competition on January 24th. Ali Fletcher, Meghan Brown, Sebastian Patino and Tenzin Tseyang should be commended for their performances.

Cast List for our Winter One-Acts will go out Monday. We will be presenting Women and Wallace and The Serpent in mid-March, with dates to follow. The Serpent will be presented at the Mass. Educational Theater Guild Festival on March 14th.

Finally, AP students were on hand Saturday for a practice exam and they were led by staff members Abbey Dick, Matt Evans, Yahaira Marquez, Ryan Gallagher and Sean Walsh.

At last Thursday night's Posse Awards Ceremony seven Malden High School seniors were honored with Posse Foundation scholarships;

- o Aryzona MacDonald, Centre College
- o Julie Lam, Denison University
- o Sumya Mohiuddin, Denison University
- o Madina Khudaynazar, Denison University
- o Jasmine Nguyen, Hamilton College

o Jesse Yu, Hamilton College

o Nahom Ghile, Union College

The seven award winners were part of a group of sixty winners statewide. Over 1300 students began the nomination and selection process.

The event was held at the Fairmont Copley and guest speakers included Carmen Ortiz, District of Massachusetts Attorney General, and Marty Walsh, Mayor of Boston. Both gave inspirational speeches.

Malden High School students have enjoyed remarkable success through the years with Posse Foundation Scholarships. Since 2001, seventy-two (72) Malden High School students have attended prestigious colleges and universities through the program. No other high school has matched this total.

My sincere thanks to Erin Craven for leading the recruitment and advising process and to all faculty, staff, coaches, mentors, and others for their support of this wonderful program.

Please join me in congratulating the students and their families on this wonderful achievement.

*Posse is one of the most comprehensive and renowned college access and youth leadership development programs in the United States. In fact, **President Barack Obama** said in an interview in [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#), "One of this year's MacArthur awardees—the 'genius' awards—is an innovator named Deborah Bial. She proposed a model to identify promising students from...urban backgrounds using an alternative set of qualities as predictors of success in college. ...The students that are selected form a 'Posse' and are provided with extra supports, and end up graduating from selective colleges with a very high success rate."*



OVER 30 LOCATIONS ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS

FAFSA DAY

MASSACHUSETTS



FREE Help Applying for Financial Aid for College!

FAFSA Day Massachusetts (A College Goal SundaySM Program) is a non-profit, volunteer-driven effort providing **FREE** assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.



Families will receive:

- Free assistance completing the FAFSA.
- Access to experienced financial aid administrators and FAFSA experts to answer questions.
- Guidance on the financial aid process and next steps after filing the FAFSA.



Many locations include online FAFSA filing capabilities and translation services.

Visit www.FAFSADay.org to register and to view site locations, dates, times, directions, a list of services available at each site, and information on what to bring. To learn more about how you can participate, please e-mail massinfo@fafsaday.org or call 877-424-7627.



DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Sunday 1/25/15	Malden High School	1:00pm



www.FAFSADay.org

FAQ

WHAT IS PARCC AND WHO'S TAKING IT?

PARCC stands for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.

The state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education will decide in fall 2015 whether or not to adopt PARCC assessments for Massachusetts.

Even if the Board adopts PARCC, the 10th grade MCAS will remain a graduation requirement through the class of 2019 (current 8th graders), MCAS-Alt will continue as is for all grades, and the **MCAS science tests will continue in the applicable grades.**

This school year our 9th graders will take the “PARCC” as part of the two year practice cycle.

The 9th graders will also take the MCAS Science as part of their graduation requirement.

Five District Partnership, (5DP)

Resources

To access curriculum and yearlong plans, go to 5districts.com and click on “Access Curriculum”. The website also contains more

information on the partnership, helpful links to improve your practice, and opportunities for you to get involved and provide feedback.

Hello Malden Reads enthusiasts,

Malden Reads is geared up for year five!

The One City, One Book committee has been busy planning for the fifth year of the popular community reading program. This year's programming will center around the 2015 book selection [Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan](#) and the [companion book selections](#) for younger readers. Here's what's up with Malden Reads for 2015!

On [Tuesday, January 20](#), the group will do an official [presentation to the Malden City Council](#) and citizens are welcome to join us to show their support. We'll be introducing the new book, outlining our plans for programming, handing out books to Council members, and taking a picture. On [Monday, February 2](#), the group will [present to the School Committee](#) in a similar fashion but the presentation will focus on the Malden Reads program in the schools. Come join us for either or both of these presentations. You can help hand out books and be photographed with our elected officials!

On [Wednesday, January 28](#), we encourage everyone to join us for a [fundraiser at the Dockside Restaurant \(270 Medford St.\) in Malden](#). Be sure to bring "Dining for Dollars" tickets (attached to this email, and available at MATV, the Malden Public Library, and on our website) so that 25% of your food tab will be donated to Malden Reads. Dining for Dollars tickets will be in effect starting at 4:00 p.m. Committee members will be congregating with Malden Reads enthusiasts from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. to enjoy good food, terrific drinks, and great company. There will also be a raffle with some exciting prizes, so please take part and help raise funds for Malden Reads! (If you'd like to donate a prize,

please notify Jodie Zalk at jodiezalk@yahoo.com.)

The [Malden Reads Opening Celebration](#), which is the official kickoff to the slate of programming for the year, will be held on [Thursday, February 19, from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Converse Memorial Building of the Malden Public Library](#). This lively event in elegant surroundings will include refreshments, music, exhibits, community conversation, and a special presentation in the Ryder Gallery. The event is free though a donation in any amount is welcome.

A full series of events will follow the Opening Celebration and will continue through the beginning of May. These will include book discussions, a film series, a Community Dinner series, and several other special events and activities. 2015 events will be posted on our website starting in early February and the complete calendar of events will be available at the Opening Celebration on February 19.

For more information about Malden Reads, visit our website at maldenreads.org. (Stay tuned for a newly re-designed website soon to come online!) To join the mailing list and receive information about our events and activities, send an email to maldenreads@gmail.com. Please also “like” us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#). *If it's been a while since you've seen Facebook posts from Malden Reads, please follow our [Facebook](#) link & "like" (or, better yet, share) one of our post on the page.* (Facebook's algorithms are based on frequency of interaction with the page.)

We look forward to sharing with you the experience of reading a good book-- and exploring its themes and ideas together through a variety of events and activities.

All best wishes for the New Year from your friends at Malden Reads.

The computer lab H305 is now available to sign out for the week of 1/12. Please go to the following link to access the sign-out.

<http://mhsmathdepartment.wikispaces.com/H305+Sign+Out>

If you find a particular problem with a computer, submit the issue through the technology ticketing system, by e-mailing: helpdesk@maldenps.org. Thank you so much for your help in keeping H305 in working order.

Also, please lock the door from the inside using your bathroom key on your way out. We have had a problem with students using computers without supervision and computer mice going missing, as well as students entering the adjacent rooms.

Sincerely,

Cara Joyce
Mathematics Teacher Leader
Malden High School
cjoyce@maldenps.org

The computer lab H206 is now available to sign out for the week of 1/12-1/16. Please go to the following link to access the sign-out. Please note that period 6 will no longer be available to sign out for the remainder of the year due to a class being held there.

<http://techsignup.wikispaces.com/home>

I have posted a new list for technology problems up on the board in the room. If you find a particular problem with a computer, please write it down on the list, as well as submit the issue through the technology ticketing system, by e-mailing: helpdesk@maldenps.org. Thank you so much for your help in keeping H206 in working order.

Also, please lock the door from the inside using your bathroom key on your way out. We have had a problem with students using computers without supervision and computer mice going missing, as well as students entering the adjacent rooms. If the door is locked when you arrive, Jenelle Baldassari in H203 has the key.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Bizier
Science Teacher Leader
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