

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.

Return to school on Monday, January 5th, 2015

The rotation on January 5th is 5,6,7,1,2.

It is an early-release day, content meetings after school.

Dear students and staff,

Welcome back to the start of the New Year, the calendar new year that is! In school we find ourselves near the end of the first semester/second quarter with two full weeks of classes before we start Midterm Examinations.

Best wishes to everyone as we scurry to get back on track, or regain momentum, or start over! There is always time to succeed.

Dana F. Brown, Principal

The next two weeks:

special	56712	Monday, January 05, 2015	Content Meetings, School Committee Meeting
4	456712	Tuesday, January 06, 2015	
3	345671	Wednesday, January 07, 2015	NOYCE Informational Meetings, 10:45-12:45
2	234567	Thursday, January 08, 2015	School Council Meeting, Posse Awards Night
1	123456	Friday, January 09, 2015	Amplify at MHS
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

Some of you have expressed interest in the Noyce Fellowship out of Tufts University. On Wednesday, January 7th between 10:45 am and 12:45 pm Brian Gravel from Tufts University will be here to answer questions about the Noyce Program for interested math/science teachers. Brian will be in the Main Office Conference room during this time.

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.

The computer lab H305 is now available to sign out for the week after vacation 1/5 - 1/9. 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 1/5-1/9. 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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The Profile of a Modern Teacher

21st century teachers are not experts in technology—
they are experts in habits of mind.

In a rapidly changing educational landscape, modern educators:



