

Tornado Times

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Please email me anything you'd like included in Monday's edition by the previous Friday at Noon.

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.

Principal's Note

You may have heard that there's a relatively contentious and controversy filled presidential campaign going on. While I generally don't shy away from my own politics I do tend to keep it out of my day to day work as an educator when possible. I was struck, however, at last week's debate at the very first question from the audience regarding whether or not the candidates felt that the campaign (and behavior within) was a good example being set for the youth of the nation. It brought to mind the Clinton commercial out now that shows a series of children watching Trump speeches with the tagline "Our children are watching."

When those children become more mature high schoolers, they're not only watching. They're actively participating in our days, altering the way we talk, behave, and even teach. I was particularly struck by this this weekend at EdCamp Malden. An out-of-district teacher took to Twitter to describe her experience at the student "Ask Me Anything" panel discussion. She spoke of them imploring their teachers to have faith in them, explaining how appreciative they are to go to school at a place that celebrates and respects diversity, and even problem solving how to handle flexible seating within her classroom.

My point is that are students aren't only watching us every day. They're participating in the school and the world in much the same way we are as a faculty. Among the many important roles we fill as educators, perhaps the most important and impactful is as a model for what our students see as their

own future. While they won't all become teachers, they'll all take a least a small slice of their experience with you into the next steps of their lives. Make those slices count – someday children will be watching them.

Late Entry 10/17

Today, Monday 10/17 is our first late entry of the year, and we'll be spending our PD time in content.

Get Ahead Day 10/19

This Wednesday is Get Ahead – please refer to the doc Erin Craven shared for further information on programs being offered that day and the bell schedule. One addition to this year's docket is the presence of Senator Jason Lewis, who will be addressing the entire senior class to begin the day and after that will be moderating a debate in the library along with Rick Tivnan and Greg Hurley on this year's ballot questions. Students in AP Government will be participating in the debate.

MHS Figure Skating

Congratulations to figure skaters Allyson Kummins and Alyssa Ardai, who represented Malden High at the Harvestfest Competition over the weekend. Allyson placed first in her freeskate and Alyssa placed third. The girls placed second in team maneuvers. Congrats!



Edcamp Malden

A huge thanks to Abbey Dick for organizing another EdCamp Malden. It was a tremendously dynamic event and a great opportunity to share practices with each other and with folks from other districts.

Athletics Schedule

17 Field Hockey JV/V @ Methuen 5/4 P G FR/JV/V Volleyball @ Lowell 4/5:30 P Golf Tri Match @ Cedar Glen Revere/Saugus 3:15 P G&B FR Soccer @ Methuen 4 P G Soccer V -H-Methuen Pine Banks 4:30 P G Soccer JV-H-Methuen Devir Park 4:30 PM	18 Golf @ Saugus-Mt. Hood 3 P B Soccer FR-H-Beverly 4 P	19	20	21 B JV/V Soccer @ Peabody 4 P Football @ Everett 7 P G FR/JV/V Volleyball @ Medford 4/5:30 P	22 B FR/JV/V Soccer-H-Melrose Mayors Cup 8/10/12 Noon G FR/JV/V Soccer-H- Melrose Mayors Cup 8/10/12 Noon Football FR-H-Everett 9 A Football JV @ Everett 10 A
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Upcoming Events

Our calendar is on the website and the google drive, but a couple events of note that are in the next month:

Monday 10/17: 1st Late Entry Day

Wednesday 10/19: Get Ahead Day / PSATs

Thursday 10/20: Dancing with the Teachers

Saturday 10/22: ACTs

Monday 11/7: Parent/Teacher Night

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