

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.

Students...and Staff

I would like to thank all those who organized and attended the first “edcamp” at Malden High School; a special shout out to Abbey Dick for having the vision and for taking a risk. More than 50 people came from all over to join us. MHS staff in attendance included Abbey Dick, Natalia Brennan, Shereen Escovitz, Melissa Macey, Elizabeth Gibbons, Kate Haskell, Julie Fox, Lynn Rosedale, Dana Marie Brown, Janice O’Malley, Paul Degenkolb, Jess Haralson, Anthony Amoruso, Nate Lamar, and yours truly. Paul Teixeira, ESL Director also participated.

At the same time that EdCamp was in action we had several hundred AP science students from MHS and neighboring communities for our first AP Prep session of the year. MHS staff leading the way included Martin Berryman, Kathy Maglio, Shannon Votaw, and Brain Morrison. STEM Director Diane Perito organized the day for us.

While this was all happening more than 25 student volunteers turned Cafeteria DiSano into a banquet hall, deftly moving and arranging café tables, study hall tables, and chairs while all of the other events were happening around them. They completed their work by setting tables with fine linens and silverware for Sunday's annual Alumni Brunch. The student volunteers included Interact Club members, National Honor Society members and a handful of other students interested in helping.

On Sunday, we celebrated Nedalm's 55th birthday as part of the annual Alumni Brunch. More than 30 students, including our cheerleaders and Key Club were on hand to help with set up, clean up, and hospitality. It was a great day. What a place!

On Thursday, Oct. 23rd, the guidance department will host a Naviance teacher workshop. The workshop will be in the computer lab, H206, from 2:30-3pm.

Come on by if you missed the original training sessions or if you have questions about submitting recommendations through Naviance or logging in to succeed.naviance.com.

FYI--Some seniors have November 1 college deadlines. We will do few more workshops over the next couple of months if you are unable to make this one.

Hope to see you Thursday!

Ann O'Connor, M.Ed.

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<http://maldenguidance.wordpress.com/>

The golf players listed below will be representing Malden High School in the State Sectionals on Monday, October 20, 2014. Best wishes to all!

Nicholas Andreucci - J360
Brian Batting - Br463
Zachary DiGiantommaso - J360
Liam Elliott - Br463
Pierro Pocobene - B226
Tristar To - H416

The administrative team at Malden High School would like to kick-off this year's **Got Grit** campaign at Malden High School by asking you to nominate deserving students.

Grit nominees show:

- Determination
- Perseverance
- Bravery
- Tenacity
- Fortitude
- Courage

In addition to using some or all of the above as criteria the administrative team thought we should look for students who have shown improvement, overcome obstacles, display a positive mental attitude, and display adaptability in navigating through life.

Please email your student nominations to me by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 29th. Please include a brief explanation regarding your reasons for the nomination. The first **Got Grit** luncheon of the year will take place on Friday, November 7th.
Thanks in advance.

Additionally, the administrative team has established a new recognition category, "**Solid as a Rock**", aimed at identifying students who may be "off of our radar", but who should be on it for all of the right reasons:

These students possess or display one or more of the following:

- Excellent attendance
- Little or no behavior issues
- Always turn their work in and on time
- Are respectful
- Are helpful to classmates and adults
- Think of others first

Please email your student nominations to me by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 29th. Please include a brief explanation regarding your reasons for the nomination. The first **“Solid as a Rock”** luncheon of the year will take place on Friday, November 7th.

Thanks in advance.

Supervision and Evaluation:

We know that we had scheduled a deadline of October 20th to have self-assessments and goals in the online platform. However, given that we are just getting access to TeachPoint and given that Carol Gregory is coming on October 28th to provide additional training for those who want it, I am asking that principals **extend the deadline to November 2nd**. In this way, all teachers, regardless of whether or not they were able to access their account, will have ample time to enter their information into TeachPoint.

Thank you to Mike for getting us up and running and thank you to principals for you flexibility.

Kelly
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Looking ahead...

special 6534 Monday, October 20, 2014 Late-entry

7	712345	Tuesday, October 21, 2014	
			New teacher INDUCTION PROGRAM
6	671234	Wednesday, October 22, 2014	
5	567123	Thursday, October 23, 2014	
			1st Quarter attendance ends, Madrigals Fundraiser, TBA
4	456712	Friday, October 24, 2014	
xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	Saturday, October 25, 2014	ACT Date at Malden High School, doors open at 7:30 am Early-release, content, 1st Quarter Grading folders open
special	45617	Monday, October 27, 2014	
3	345671	Tuesday, October 28, 2014	
2	234567	Wednesday, October 29, 2014	
1	123456	Thursday, October 30, 2014	
			1st Quarter Grading Folders close
7	712345	Friday, October 31, 2014	
special	5671	Monday, November 03, 2014	Late-entry, Parent- teacher Night
xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	Tuesday, November 04, 2014	Election Day, MHS PD
		Wednesday, November 05, 2014	Day #2
6	671234		MCAS ELA RETESTS
5	567123	Thursday, November 06, 2014	MCAS ELA RETESTS
4	456712	Friday, November 07, 2014	MCAS ELA RETESTS
			SAT Date at Malden High School, doors open at 7:30 am
xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	Saturday, November 08, 2014	

*** Seniors interested in going on a college fair? Attend the Hispanic College Fair on **October 28th** at Regis College. Transportation will be provided. All college representatives will speak both English and**

Spanish. Space is limited! Please see Ms. Belowsky to sign up by October 22nd.

Good morning everyone,

I am happy to say that I am back at the Teen Center running a tutoring program. Last year I worked with many of you and I am hoping to expand our program even more this year. I have already met with a few of you about some students and have already spoken with them and we have started an action plan to help them. I look forward to working with more of you this year. For those of you who are new to Malden, the Teen Center is located across the street from the high school on the corner of Salem and Ferry streets. It is open M-F, after school until 9:00pm. I am there on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:30-5:30pm. I am on the school email and am willing to meet with you when you have a prep, lunch, or after school to discuss any of your concerns for your students. I have flexible hours and will try to meet you at whatever time works best for you.

This year we will be working with the Key club so we can try to expand the days and hours that will be available for students who need help. I am looking forward to seeing and working with my former colleagues and friends, and to meeting those of you who are new to Malden High.

Arlene Ceppetelli
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The computer lab H206 is now available to sign out for the week of 10/20-10/24. 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>

It was suggested that we keep a log for computers that appear to be having issues in the room. You will find a list tacked to the board near the teacher's computer. If you encounter an issue, please put it on the list so that future

teachers are aware when they come in. Then please report any problems to technology.

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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Extension 1416
Room H416

MHS Grads PJ West and Wyler Giordani at their graduation; PJ received an award for highest scores on all tests; Wyler finished second.



Marsha Healy, Rebecca Corcoran, and Damian Aufiero before the excellent talk delivered by Sergei Khrushchev, son of Nikita, at the Fletcher School's Global Issues Seminar on Teaching Russia, held Saturday, October 18th.

