

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

The power of play has been all the rage in elementary education of the past couple of decades, and rightfully so. The idea that you can engage students through fun activities where learning is the byproduct is generally spot on. At the high school level, this phenomenon exists at the classroom level as well, though not in such obvious ways as they exist in earlier grades. High school teachers have to work harder to make these fun connections through what is denser and complicated content while also dealing with a maturity level in students that may not make it inherently fun to play.

Where we have a tremendous advantage in this area as secondary educators is in the types of events we have where staff and students can participate evenly. I'm not sure what I expected from my first experience with Dancing with the Teachers, but I certainly didn't expect the tremendous intensity and support from the crowd, and the talent level of our students and staff (if you're wondering why Brian Wong has a Bieber-like following around Malden High these days, ask someone to show you the YouTube video). What I love most about this place is how supportive it is, for those who put themselves out there in something that's not in their comfort zone, for those who struggle with skills many of us take for granted, for everyone. As silly as a Dancing with the Teachers event should be, in an odd way it was so emblematic of the spirit of Malden High School. Thank you to all that jumped and played on Thursday night, and for all of the rehearsal time you put in beforehand.

The connections that result from an event like that are the perfect embodiment of the power of play.

Get Ahead Day

What a wonderful day students had on Wednesday, particularly the seniors who got to get a jump on some college and career related tasks. Also, a huge thank you to Senator Jason Lewis for addressing the class and moderating the ballot question debate with AP Government students. Thanks to Greg Hurley and Rick Tivnan for managing that portion, the guidance staff for their work on the entire day, and everyone for your flexibility and efforts to make a meaningful college visit / PSAT / senior preparedness day for all of our students.



Haitian Club Fundraiser

Mr. Degenkolb and the Haitian Club is running a fundraiser / goods drive this Saturday (10/29) to benefit the Haitian victims of Hurricane Matthew. More info to follow.

Athletes of the Week

Grace Melo – Girls’ Volleyball
 Juan Buenrostro – Cross Country

Athletics Schedule

<p>Mon 24 Field Hockey JV/V @ Everett 5:15/4 P Golf-State Sectionals TBD</p>	<p>Tue 25 B JV/V Soccer @ Medford 4/6 P Hormel Stadium</p>	<p>Wed 26 B FR Soccer @ Medford 4 P Medford High #1 Field Hockey JV/V @ Lawrence 6/7:15 P</p>	<p>Thu 27 Cross Country @ Everett GBL Meet 4:30-6 P</p>	<p>Fri 28 Field Hockey JV/V-H-Peabody 5:15/3:45 P Pine Banks</p>	<p>Sat 29 B JV/V Soccer @ Winchester 12 Noon G JV/V Soccer @ Stoneham 10 A</p>
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G FR/JVV Volleyball @ Salem 4/5:30 P		G JV/V Soccer-H-Medford 4 P		G FR/JV/V Volleyball-H-Law rence 4/5:30 P Football V-H-Lawrence 7 P	
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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:

Saturday 10/29: Haitian Club goods drive for hurricane victims

Monday 10/31: Quarter 1 grading folders open

Friday 11/4: Quarter 1 grading folders close

Monday 11/7: Parent/Teacher Night

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