

**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**

Thank you all for the additional work this week as our usual work in the classrooms was compounded by national events and the impact of those events on our students and families. While I understand schools' long-held belief that politics need to be kept out of our daily work, we also have to understand that as an educational institution, we have a responsibility to react to the issues of the day and treat them as learning experiences and opportunities for our students and ourselves. I think so far this year we've done a good job of keeping that focus, whether it be around standing for the pledge of allegiance, headwraps, or the election. This particular opportunity is going to extend for a long period of time, as the country waits to see how a new administration will impact our lives come January. Many of you have reached out with stories of incredible compassion and empathy from our students and staff as they've seen others struggle with change. There is no toolkit for dealing with such complex social issues, only the compassion and understanding we hopefully bring to our jobs everyday.

Special thanks to ELL teacher Jessica Haralson for sharing a site dedicated to having difficult conversations with ELL students. Almost everything held within could be applicable to all of our students: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/after-election-ideas-and-guidance-teachers-ells>

### Parent-Teacher Night

We had a wonderful first parent night of the year, thanks to all for your work and wonderful communication with our parents and guardians.



### Message from the Maldonian Staff

The Maldonian (Yearbook) Staff works hard each year to produce a high quality yearbook. Every year the expenses go up and this year the staff has decided to have a fundraiser to raise funds to offset the cost of the yearbook.

The Maldonian at Malden High School is selling “KidStuff Coupon Books” for \$25.00! Don’t let the name fool you, there are over 400 pages of coupons. For example, here are some of the places you can save money at: Macy’s, Sears, Dick’s, Michael’s, Payless and so many more!

**The edition we are selling is “Eastern & Central Massachusetts – Suffolk, Middlesex, Bristol, Worcester, Essex, Norfolk & Plymouth Counties Edition (MASS)”. There are 25 other editions that we can also order for you. Editions: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. Here is the link for the entire list: (<http://mykscb.com/kidstuff-coupon-book-editions/>)**



The fundraiser ends on November 18. If you would like to purchase one, please see Beth Horwitz in H304, or send her an email and she will have a member of the Maldonian come and see you!

Thank you!

Jim Valente – Maldonian Advisor

Beth Horwitz – Fundraiser Assistant

### Danny's Run

Thanks to the so many who participated in Danny's Run at Pine Banks on Sunday. The run was to honor MHS alum Josue Quispe and benefitted St. Jude's.



**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor**

Thanks and congrats to Caitlin Quinn for taking on the advising role for the Class of 2020!

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