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Good morning,

Today, Monday, November 18th **the PACE Classes and Post-secondary/transition Program will be having their first Walk-a-thon.** They will be doing laps around Malden High School to raise money for TAP passes (travel training) 20 laps- maximum (equals 7 miles). Again, all proceeds will help fund Travel Training expenses. This will be a fun and fit activity for the students, with all participants striving to achieve their personal best distance. We look forward to all our participants having a great time! Contact one of the PACE staff to contribute.

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.

School notes of interest:

Please feel free to fill in open slots for the H206 computer lab this week. Be sure to write your name next you each lunch block you intend to use. Go to the following link to access the sign-out:

<https://techsignup.wikispaces.com/home>

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. If the door is locked when you arrive, Jenelle Baldassari in H203 has the key. Please email me if you encounter any computers that are not working.

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Spirit Week and traditions at MHS

“**Spirit Week**” starts this year on Thursday November 21st with our annual **Fall Play Production**. This year the group has taken on the musical Oklahoma and will perform four shows, Thursday and Friday nights at 7:30 pm, a matinee on Saturday the 23rd at 2:00 pm and then the final show at 7:30 pm on Saturday. The students and staff have put in hundreds of hours and we are really looking forward to seeing the students perform this show under the direction of Mr. Walsh, Mr. Phelps, and Mr. Cole.

Last year the school decided not to host our annual crafts fair. This year, a **Community Crafts Fair**, sponsored by the “Frank Says Hi” Scholarship Committee will take place on Saturday, November 23rd. For the past five years the committee has awarded one Malden High School student a \$2500 scholarship each year. The proceeds from this crafts fair will help fund more scholarships. The **crafts fair** is a great community builder and we welcome all faculty, staff and students to shop here with their friends or families. More than 70 artisans and crafters have signed on to participate that day. While the Crafts Fair is taking place a **multicultural pot luck luncheon** will be held in the Gallery. Sponsored by the leadership team of the high school the intent of the luncheon is to bring folks into the school for conversations around how to reach all of our families. An X2 introductory training is also expected to help draw people to the event.

On Monday, November 25th the school participates in **Pajama Day**. Students and staff wear appropriate sleeping attire if they wish. As we build toward final tallies on Pep Rally Day points are awarded to the graduation class with the most participation.

On Tuesday, November 26th the school will host **Wacky Tacky Day**. Per usual, students and staff are allowed to wear wacky tacky outfits (think mismatch, faculty/staff look-alikes, Halloween et al). Again, points are awarded to the graduation class with the most participation. While all of this is happening during Spirit Week the 4 classes are engaged in a **banner making contest**. The preparation for the decorating begins soon but does not happen in earnest until Tuesday, November 26th after school. We impose a 10:00 pm deadline for the banner decorating on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, November 27th the school hosts the annual **Pep Rally** in the gym. It is also **Blue and Gold Day** and all students and staff are encouraged to wear their Malden High School colors. The Pep Rally features our football and cheerleading squads, our dance teams, the award winning band and chorus, and the team competitions culminating with the tug-o-war between classes. Many recent graduates usually find their way back to the Pep Rally. The graduation class with the most points (from the dress up days, competitions, hallway decorating) is declared the overall winner. After the Pep Rally the

annual **Powder Puff Football** game features our junior class versus the senior class at Macdonald Stadium.

On Wednesday, November 27th Periods 2 and 4 are held in the morning before the entire school heads to the gym for the Pep Rally. During the Pep rally staff members are assigned to the gym, a hallway, or as a walker of the hallways. If you have any preferences to an assignment contact your house principal.

On Thanksgiving Day Malden High School and Medford High School compete in the 3rd oldest high school Thanksgiving Day football game in the United States. This year marks the 126th game. It will be held in Medford at 10 am.

Following the football game **Malden High School** will serve as the site of the traditional **Bread of Life Thanksgiving Dinner** for families and individuals in need. The dinner will be held from 12 noon until 2 pm. In addition to the hundreds of folks in attendance at the meal, meals are also delivered to folks who can't get out to the dinner. During Spirit Week the four classes collect canned goods and dried foods to donate to the Bread of Life food pantry.

Finally, on Saturday, November 30th the City of Malden will host the annual **Parade of Traditions**. The parade features area bands, dance troupes, and non-profit organization floats.

I have tried to capture the essence of all of the upcoming events but I am sure I missed something. Please don't hesitate to ask me or a veteran administrator/teacher if you have any questions or if you would like to be involved in any way. Thanks.

Closing out the fall:

Monday, November 18, 2013	46723	Early Release, Content
Tuesday, November 19, 2013	7	
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	6	
Thursday, November 21, 2013	5	Fall Musical, 7:30 pm 9 am, Middlesex District Attorney speaking to all freshmen,
Friday, November 22, 2013	4	Quarter 2 Progress Reports Open, 8 am, Fall Musical, 7:30 pm Fall Musical, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, Crafts Fair all day, Multicultural Potluck and x2 seminar
Saturday, November 23, 2013	xxxxxx	Pajama Day , Early Release, No Staff Meeting
Monday, November 25, 2013	12345	
Tuesday, November 26, 2013	3	Wacky Tacky Day

		Quarter 2 Progress Reports Close, 8 am, 1/2 Day, 11:00 dismissal, Pep Rally -Blue and Gold day
Wednesday, November 27, 2013	24	
Thursday, November 28, 2013	xxxxxx	No School, Thanksgiving
Friday, November 29, 2013	xxxxxx	No School
Saturday, November 30, 2013	xxxxxx	Malden Holiday Parade

Supervision and Evaluation:

I hear a lot of talk around evidence as it relates to the good work you do every day with students. Here is just a sample of what would work; if you have other ideas send them my way and I will publish.

Standard I;

- Curriculum Guide/Map
- Sample of student work
- Student Learning Style Survey Example/Results
- Comments on Student Work/Report from Conferencing w/ Students
- Department meeting notes
- Units/Lessons/Assessments
- Reflections and Conclusions about Assessment
- Notes for Lesson
- Websites
- Rubrics
- Portfolio of Student Work
- Examples of Feedback Given to Students
- Teacher made tests & quizzes
- Syllabus/Agendas
- MCAS Data Analysis
- DDMs
- Video
- Student Self Assessments
- Progress Reports
- Naviance Surveys
- Senior Survey
- Unit Plans
- Projects
- Pre/Post Tests
- Test corrections
- Lesson plan referencing a standard
- Shared Assessments

- Shared Labs
- Student Evaluation of a Unit
- Modifications to Lessons/Tests

The College and Career Center is now open in Boyle 337

**Drop-in hours, Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, 7:45 am-2 pm
Tuesday, 10 am - 4 pm**

Come by for help with:

- **The College Application**
- **College Essay**
- **Financial Aid**
- **College Preparation**
- **Time/Stress Management**
- **Resume writing**
- **Applying for a job**
- **Looking at other post-secondary options**

Malden High School Expectations

Academic:

Malden High students are expected to:

- read critically for understanding.
- listen critically for understanding.
- write for a variety of purposes.
- communicate clearly through speaking.
- apply critical thinking skills for reasoning and problem-solving.
- utilize technology to conduct research, to support critical thinking, and to present information.
- work collaboratively with peers and Malden High School staff.

- develop personal interests and goals within a course of study.

Personal Growth:

Malden High students are expected to:

- exhibit responsible, respectful, and appropriate personal behavior.
- demonstrate teamwork and cooperation in their school and in their extended community.
- make informed, healthful decisions in and out of school.

Civic Responsibility:

Malden High students are expected to:

- demonstrate respect for others in their school and in their extended community.
- value and respect school and community property.
- exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy.