

**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](mailto: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.

Good morning,

Our Entrepreneurship Class, under the direction of Deb Buckley, had a very successful NY City trip last Thursday. They sold their wares on Saturday at the Crafts Fair. Business was brisk.

Congratulations to the following student-athletes; Mark Ortiz, Betty Yacsavilca, Oliva Verdone, Diamond Jones, and Joshua Bessey. They participated in the annual MIAA Sportsmanship Summit held this past Friday at Gillette Stadium. These student-athletes display good values on and off the court. They were accompanied by Mr. Keefe and Ms. Slattery.

I would like to thank all of the members of the swim team for their volunteer service this past Saturday. We had a great turnout at our first swim clinic of the year with many returning and new families on hand. Advisors John Parcellin and Jess Bisson led the effort.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017 for their successful dodgeball tournament held last Friday. More than 50 young people joined in the raucous fun. Heather Northrop and Amy Cianci are the co-advisors.

The Key Club students went above and beyond this past Saturday with their efforts at the crafts fair. More than 20 volunteers stayed throughout the day. More than one visitor commented on the level of respect and work ethic the students displayed. Melissa Macey is the Key Club Advisor.

The classes also participated in the Crafts Fair. A spirited group of freshmen, Class of 2018, made their first \$125.

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| <b>45671</b>     | <b>Monday, November 24, 2014</b>    | <b>Pajama Day</b>  |
| <b>123456</b>    | <b>Tuesday, November 25, 2014</b>   | <b>Wacky Tacky Day</b>                                   |
| <b>12</b>        | <b>Wednesday, November 26, 2014</b> | <b>Pep Rally, Blue and Gold Day, 11 am dismissal</b>     |
| <b>xxxxxxxxx</b> | <b>Thursday, November 27, 2014</b>  | <b>Thanksgiving-NO SCHOOL</b>                            |
| <b>xxxxxxxxx</b> | <b>Friday, November 28, 2014</b>    | <b>No school Thanksgiving</b>                            |
| <b>xxxxxxxxx</b> | <b>Saturday, November 29, 2014</b>  | <b>Parade of Holiday Traditions, 2 pm</b>                |
| <b>xxxxxxxxx</b> | <b>Monday, December 1, 2014</b>     | <b>Winter Sports begin, Progress Report folders open</b> |



## Spirit Week at MHS

**Spirit Week** starts this year on Monday, November 24th as the school participates in **Pajama Day**. Students and staff wear appropriate sleeping attire if they wish. Points are awarded to the graduation class with the most participation. At the conclusion of the Pep Rally we announce the winning Class.

On Tuesday, November 25th the school will host **Wacky Tacky Day**. Ask someone.... Again, points are awarded to the graduation class with the most participation.

On Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

While all of this is happening during Spirit Week the 4 classes are engaged in a **banner decorating contest**. Banners are hung in the gym or adjacent hallways prior to the Pep Rally. Points are awarded to the graduation class with the best banner.

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 please contact your house principal.

**On Thanksgiving Day Malden High School and Medford High School** compete in the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest high school Thanksgiving Day football game in the United States. This year marks the 127<sup>th</sup> game. It will be held in Malden at Macdonald Stadium 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.

Finally, on Saturday, the Parade of Holiday Traditions is held in Malden and is a great take for families young and old.

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.

Dana Brown

**Save the Date for Malden High's production of *Shrek the Musical!*  
Thursday and Friday December 4th and 5th at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday Dec. 6th at  
2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Auditorium.**

There is a planned meet-and-greet with the Characters from 12:30-1:15 on Saturday December 6th.

This modern, family-friendly musical, produced by the award-winning Malden Play Production, will feature tons of dance, technical wizardry, outrageous costumes, and plenty of your favorite Storybook characters. Based on the *Dreamworks* film, this musical deconstructs old fairy tales and delivers a positive message about beauty and being oneself.

Save the date to support the 53 talented students -plus two students from the Salemwood School as well as some special FACULTY guest. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and kids under 5 are free. They will be available the week of the show and at the door.

Best,

Sean Walsh, Allen Phelps, Todd Cole, and Miranda Libkin

### **1:1 Initiative update:**

Thank you again for your feedback.

A couple of things:

- We finished a draft of the insurance policy and AUP and met with House Principals to discuss concerns, implementation, and modifications. We will have the particulars around AUP out to everyone as soon as possible - which will address concerns around breakage, loss, theft, etc.

- This year, Chromebooks will be issued to those in a freshman homeroom; we are continuing to address multilevel classes.
- Many of you expressed interest in starting Google Classroom now. Awesome! However, the district must adopt Google For Education before we sign-up any more teachers and students. We have been running a pilot under the maldenhigh.org demo account and are not able to expand upon it. We are in talks with Google about adopting this as soon as possible.
- We are seeking interested, capable students (9-11) to operate a Google Help Desk. We have names already from teachers who are piloting Google classroom and from the Computer Club - but if you know of a student who may be interested, please have them contact Lucia in the library.
- We have an upcoming visit to Burlington High School this week.
- We are developing digital literacy presentations/curriculum for Freshman --- More information will be forthcoming next week.
- In regards to Professional Development, please click on this [link](#) to view upcoming potential Professional Development. More info is forthcoming about how to get involved.
- If you have questions, comments, considerations, please use the following [link](#).

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### Malden High School Tutoring Program

Looking for students interested in tutoring or being tutored...

Sign up outside of Ms. Macey's room (Br480)

The program starts December 1, 2014

Do you have any questions? Email us at:

[MaldenHighTutoring@gmail.com](mailto:MaldenHighTutoring@gmail.com)

Good Afternoon Malden High,

Junior Achievement is currently accepting applications for the *JA Academy* program beginning in January. Over the summer we had the pleasure of accepting several students from Malden High School into the *JA Financial Literacy Summer Academy* and we'd love to now have the honor of your students considering our upcoming *JA Academy* program. More details are below and attached. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Junior Achievement of Northern New England is proud to announce that two *JA Academy* programs will be happening from January 2015 – April 2015.

*JA Academy* is an after-school program for highly motivated students to experience the life cycle of a company and best business practices. Students from Greater Boston come together to collaborate, develop leadership skills, and utilize creativity throughout the 13 week program.

**Applications are now being accepted! All high school students are encouraged to apply and space is limited to 30 students so applications are expected to be competitive. Application deadline is Friday November, 21, 2014. Apply online: <http://janewengland.org/jaacademyapply/>**

The two *JA Academy* programs will run simultaneously on either Wednesday or Thursday in the Back Bay at the Capital One 360 Café from 3:30-5:30 pm. Students are required to attend all 13 sessions. The **program is FREE to accepted students and students are responsible for their own transportation.**

**Program Dates:**

Wednesdays: 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15

Thursdays: 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16

**The Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Dinner & 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is taking place on Wednesday, March 11, 2015.**

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The Malden High School Fine Arts Club is making "Letters from Santa" this coming Christmas and will be sending them out just for Santa's little helpers!

Santa's Letter will include a personalized letter from Santa on novelty paper, stickers, a "Naughty" or "Nice" Certificate and a photo of Santa in an envelope.

Order letters by December 5th for guaranteed delivery by Christmas.

**\$15.00**

How to order:

1. Request form via email: [mseager@maldenps.org](mailto:mseager@maldenps.org)
2. Fill out form and return by Dec. 5th:  
Malden High School Fine Arts Club  
77 Salem Street, Malden MA 02148
3. Please make checks out to:  
Malden High School Fine Arts Club



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