

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.

Dear staff,

Good News!

As many of you are aware we have been awaiting news on Google Licensing and finances before proceeding with the distribution of the Chromebooks. We received some excellent news this past Friday when Sprint and Softbank notified us that Softbank would be picking up the additional costs of licensing our Chromebooks. This is a big savings to the district and should expedite the process. We are still looking at distributing Chromebooks to staff first and then give them to the members of the Class of 2018 sometime near the end of the semester and before February vacation. We will update you as more information is provided to us.

Moe good news....

Jeremiah Smith was selected as the Division I Soccer Coach of the Year by the Boston Globe and Julio Da Silva was named to the Globe's All-Scholastic Soccer Team. Congratulations to both on a well-deserved honor.

A highlight for me last week was listening to our chorus sing on the grand staircase of the State House. Our students were awesome. Todd Cole always has them well prepared and they never disappoint. The State House tour guide also sang their praises, commenting on their behavior and politeness. Their tour guide was Brian Mahoney, youngest son of Tom Mahoney. We all get another chance to hear the chorus and band this Thursday evening at the Winter Concert, 7 pm in the Jenkins Auditorium.

Other happenings:

- ✓ On Friday night a small but enthusiastic group supported Malden against Cancer at Town Line Bowling. Thank you Ms. Kirby and students!
- ✓ At the same time some students and parents were at MHS supporting student-athletes and coaches at our first all-sports night. Thank you Mr. Keefe, coaches, and student-athletes.
- ✓ On Saturday two teams of three girls went to Bedford High School for the 12th Annual Women in Science Competition. The teams were made up of Sarah Trinh, Somontha Prum, Joylyn Norris, Alex Lombardi, Jacky Smith and Samantha Forestier, accompanied by Brian Morrison and Deb Kumar. The students competed in four challenges, an engineering challenge, a multi-discipline of sciences challenge and a cipher and puzzle challenge. The fourth challenge involved the catapults that the students designed and built over the past several weeks with the help of Brian Morrison and Chris Bazzinotti. This was the first time Malden High School has attended this competition, and although the teams did not win, they worked well together, were competitive, had fun and represented MHS with class. Thank you girls, Mr. Bazz, Mr. Morrison and Ms. Kumar!



As we near the completion of the first semester and we gather our thoughts about the upcoming holiday season and Christmas break it is important to breathe. I mean this in both a literal and figurative sense. Research suggests that when you take time to slow down your breathing you can begin to still your thoughts and maintain control of your actions.

Forgetting pencils for exams, late to class again, rolled eyes...**never** game-changers in my mind, but particularly at this time of year when stresses on adults are sometimes transferred to students or vice-versa. Breathe.

“Triggers”; remember that word? For how many of our staff and students is the holiday season a concurrent series of triggers? Are **your** triggers exacerbated at this time of year? Breathe.

MHS Staff

Annual Cookie (or dessert) Time Get Together

Monday, December 22, 2014



2:00 PM

Gallery



Door prizes... parking spots...

If you don't want to bring anything in, but would like to contribute to the purchase of paper goods, decorations, and other items, you can send \$5.00 to Jane Sulick (H09) or Maureen Vona (Nurses Office).

The next two weeks:

special	71234	Monday, December 15, 2014	Early release
			Hanukkah begins
2	234567	Tuesday, December 16, 2014	at sunset
			Dress rehearsal for
1	123456	Wednesday, December 17, 2014	winter concert
			Winter Concert, 7
7	712345	Thursday, December 18, 2014	pm
6	671234	Friday, December 19, 2014	
special	23456	Monday, December 22, 2014	All staff meeting, 2
			pm, Gallery
special	456	Tuesday, December 23, 2014	11 am dismissal,
			no lunch

Return to school on Monday, January 5th, 2015

Hi, folks,

I've had a few teachers stop by with questions about submitting Teacher Recommendations through Naviance and thought a quick clarification may help.

When submitting a recommendation for a student through Naviance, you must complete 2 steps.

Step 1--Click into the "Prepare" tab. This is where you "Upload" your already-written Recommendation Letter. If the college is a CommonApp school, you must click into this tab again and click "Prepare Form" to complete the CommonApp Teacher Evaluation. You won't be able to submit anything to a CommonApp school until both pieces are done.

Step 2-- Click on the "Submit" tab. Check off the box(es) next the the school(s) you want to submit your Teacher Recommendation to. Then scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page and hit "Review and Submit."

Please feel free to reach out to the Guidance Dept. if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks so much for all the work and time you put into helping our students pursue their post-high school goals!

-Ann

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On Wednesday, December 17th, 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, if you have questions about submitting recommendations through Naviance, or are having issues logging in to succeed.naviance.com.

January 1st and 15th are common college deadlines for a lot of students and this will be our last workshop before the December break.

Thanks,

Ann

The MA ESE Office of School & District Turnaround is sponsoring great workshop opportunities this year. [Get workshop descriptions](#) or [register now](#).

- * *Getting Under the Hood of the "Tiered System of Supports" Model*
February 5, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Worcester Technical High School, Worcester
- * *Cultivating Strong School-Community Mental Health Partnerships*
March 17, 2015, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Location TBD
- * *Facilitating Critical Student Support Meetings*
April 14, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Worcester Technical High School, Worcester

See details for each below:

February 5, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Worcester Tech High School, Worcester
Special Workshop: Getting Under the Hood of the "Tiered System of Supports" Model
Many schools and districts are now familiar with the "tiered system" model. Districts using the approach will tell you: it's a great framework for getting yourself better organized to do student support. But they'll also start hit some nuanced and more advanced: Do we do universal assessment or not (and how)? How do we fit better "support" strategies into an already packed school day and year? What do we track to know if we're being effective or to capture important information (e.g., quality of referred services)? We've got Tier 1 and 3 supports down, but what do we do for Tier 2?? This session will include a quick "Tiered Systems 101" refresher then dig into the details of to successfully implement a comprehensive and manageable tiered system.

March 17, 2014, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, LOCATION TBD

Special Workshop | Developing Strong School-Community Mental Health Partnerships

Parent academies and universities are kind of an established "thing" now. Many districts are doing them, dabbling in them, or seriously want to. As with most things, there are different models for how to organize an "academy" - so let's compare notes! This session will provide a highly interactive format that allows parent academy veterans and interested academy developers to explore different approaches and why they are being used, get ideas for addressing common challenges, and share practical lessons and tools.

April 14, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Worcester Tech High School, Worcester
Special Workshop| Making Internal & External Partnerships Really Work:
Facilitating Critical Student Support Meetings

A lot of times, great student support comes down to who you have in the room and how well you facilitate the discussion - whether it's a small meeting between a counselor and a parent, a larger meeting with a student support team, or a meeting with school partners.

Believe it or not, facilitating isn't just about personality and style – there's good science, methods, and tools that can help you get the most out of these moments. Please let me know if you have any questions and be sure to share these opportunities with you staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Enjoy the weekend.

Moira Connolly

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Good morning!

The computer lab H305 is now available to sign out for the week of 12/15-12/19 as well as the short week of 12/22-12/23. Please go to the following link to access the sign-out.

<http://mhsmathdepartment.wikispaces.com/H305+Sign+Out>

If you find a particular problem with a computer, submit the issue through the technology ticketing system, by e-mailing: helpdesk@maldenps.org. Thank you so much for your help in keeping H305 in working order.

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.

Sincerely,

Cara Joyce
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Good morning!

The computer lab H206 is now available to sign out for the week of 12/15-12/19. 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>

I have posted a new list for technology problems up on the board in the room. If you find a particular problem with a computer, please write it down on the list, as well as submit the issue through the technology ticketing system, by e-mailing: helpdesk@maldenps.org. Thank you so much for your help in keeping H206 in working order.

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

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