

**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**

We may need to take some time this week and reintroduce ourselves to each other after this extended break. In typical New England fashion it is supposed to be 50 degrees by the weekend, so enjoy the snow while it lasts.

This weekend my 4-year-old got me thinking about mindset and the way we approach change and innovation. We were driving to Home Depot Sunday morning (my snowblower picked a very poor time to starting misbehaving), and I had the Waze GPS app going on my phone (safely fastened to the heating vent – safety first). Waze told me to take a left at a light, which was red. Josie chimed in from the back seat:

“Why is it telling you to go when the light is red?”

“It wouldn't know that the light is red.”

“Why not? Now it's telling you to do the wrong thing.”

“Josie, how would it know that the light is red?”

“Why doesn't it know? I know it's red, why shouldn't she (the GPS voice) know it's red?”

This simple observation of a child is the same mindset that has brought about some of the biggest technological changes of our time. The mindset of what would make things better, rather than focusing on the obstacles in the way of getting there or being distracted by what has historically been in the way.

We are about to embark on a series of changes within our school for implementation in the 2017-18

school year. Curricular changes in math, science, business, and foreign language, changes to our homeroom / advisory program, a potential expansion of virtual learning opportunities for students, and perhaps even a tweak to our bell schedule to better accommodate those changes. Often the largest challenge in a place so rich in history is to approach change with a growth mindset. As I've said before it's been invigorating to be around so many experienced educators that are open-minded about change and innovation. I challenge you to keep that mindset as we build toward the next phase of Malden High School together.

### Mock Trial

The MHS Mock Trial team won its third straight competition, this time over Lynn English. They now move on to the regional competition in Worcester the weekend of March 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to the whole team and to Mr. Tivnan for all of their hard work and success!

### Tornado Travelers – Shauna Campbell & Sarah Jones - **\*\*NOTE THE NEW DATE!\*\*\***

The Tornado Travelers would like to ask your help in establishing a new tradition at Malden High School. We would like to establish a designated **“Travel Day”** where MHS staff proudly wear an article of clothing representing a travel destination either in the **USA or abroad** which they have been to at some point in their life and could share their experiences about.

When: Wednesday, 2/15/17

#### The Purpose:

As adults, we appreciate experiences and/or recognize how past events have shaped who we are today. This is an opportunity for the educators at MHS to discuss a travel experience that has influenced or impacted their lives in a positive way. Reasons for why and how people travel widely vary and this conversation might inspire students to investigate such avenues and open their eyes to an experience they did not know was possible.

#### What can you do?

During your classes, teachers can take a few minutes of the period to briefly share, information about their individual experiences and extend themselves as a source of knowledge for students interested in travel. A possible activity could be a **Do Now**; a quick write that compares different destinations or time periods where students are asked to justify their thinking as an alternate way to open up discussion with students.

Participation in Travel Day is optional for faculty and staff, but can offer inspiration to students as they become citizens of our global world.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Tornado Travelers Club Members

### Library Reading Challenge

The MHS reading challenge is off to a hot start, but you can still get in on the action – here are the standings so far:

Brian Wong - 6

Michelle Filer - 5

Julie Snyder - 5

Adrienne D'Agostino - 5

Rachel Hanlon - 1

Please see Ms. Liberge in the library to get involved!

### MHS Athletics

Track: Many of our track athletes qualified for states in their respective events this weekend, and the girls' team won their 4<sup>th</sup> straight GBL title! Congrats to all!

Swimming: Another huge group of MHS athletes qualified individually for states and the girls team placed an impressive 9<sup>th</sup> out of 27 teams at sectionals!

Wrestling: Congrats to Wisly Pericles and Carlos Parada Araujo for placing 4<sup>th</sup> at sectionals and qualifying for states!

Boys' Basketball: Congrats to Coach Nally and the team for qualifying for their first state tournament spot since the 2013-14 season!

### Athletics Calendar

<b>Wed</b>	4:00pm	<b>G FR Basketball Home / Beverly</b> - MHS Finn Gym
<b>Feb 15</b>	5:00pm	<b>G Hockey Home / Peabody</b> - LoConte Rink
	5:00pm	<b>G JV Basketball / Georgetown</b> - Georgetown High School
	6:30pm	<b>G V Basketball / Georgetown</b> - Georgetown High School
	7:00pm	<b>B Hockey / Medford</b> - LoConte Rink
<b>Fri</b>	3:30pm	<b>B FR Basketball / Woburn</b> - Woburn High School

<b>Feb 17</b>	5:00pm	<b>B JV Basketball / Woburn</b> - Woburn High School
	5:30pm	<b>G JV Basketball / Saugus</b> - Saugus High School
	7:00pm	<b>G V Basketball / Saugus</b> - Saugus High School
	7:00pm	<b>B V Basketball / Woburn</b> - Woburn High School
	8:30pm	<b>B Hockey / Minuteman</b> - Valley Sports Arena

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<b>Sat</b> <b>Feb 18</b>	7:00pm	<b>B Hockey / Everett</b> - Allied Vet Rink
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