

Tornado Times
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Go Malden!



The Tornado Times is put out at the beginning of each school week.

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.

Good day!

As the education pendulum swings to and fro, as politicians and others weigh in on what is best for students, teachers, and staff, it is important to keep going back to our vision. It is well thought out and well written, appropriate for these times and beyond, and applicable to all of our students and their greater community. So, as we deal with changes, suggestions, mandates et al, let's keep going back to the vision and mission.

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.

- Today your professional development time is by “special” interest. I suspect there will be great ideas and dialogue happening everywhere.
- “Super Tuesday” this week. Are you voting?
- There is a School Council Meeting this Thursday, 6:30 pm in the MHS Library.
- MCAS Retests in ELA and Math, this week and next.
- Progress Report folders open this week.
- On Thursday, March 3rd we will host an “assembly” day. **During the assembly period students will return to their homerooms for a survey (first of the year!!).** The survey will be on student beliefs around technology. Tufts University is conducting the survey. Through a Tufts University/National Science Foundation grant the “makerspace” was

reconfigured, some staff training was done, and some after-school programming was accomplished. In exchange we have to complete the survey.

- We had a large number of students recommended for the Solid as a Rock recognition and the Got Grit recognition. This Friday, March 4th we will host the Solid as a Rock students for lunch and on Friday, March 11th we will host the Got Grit students for lunch; 11:15-12:15 both days. Lists to follow soon.
- Congratulations to our cooperative hockey team, Revere-Malden; they qualified for the State Tournament and will be playing Tuesday night, March 1st at 8 pm in Billerica.

The next two weeks:

Monday, February 29, 2016	Early-release, Special Interest	2,3,4,5,6
Tuesday, March 01, 2016		1,2,3,4,5,6
Wednesday, March 02, 2016	MCAS ELA Retest	7,1,2,3,4,5
Thursday, March 03, 2016	ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE, PROGRESS REPORT FOLDERS OPEN, MCAS ELA Retest, School Council, 6:30 pm, MHS Library	6,7,1,2,3,4
Friday, March 04, 2016	MCAS ELA Retest, Solid as a Rock Luncheon, 11:15-12:15	5,6,7,1,2,3
Saturday, March 05, 2016	SATs at Malden High School	xxxxxxx
Monday, March 07, 2016	Ask the Principal, Late-entry, MCAS Math Retest	4,2,6,5
Tuesday, March 08, 2016	MCAS Math Retest	3,4,5,6,7,1
Wednesday, March 09, 2016	PROGRESS REPORT FOLDERS CLOSE	2,3,4,5,6,7
Thursday, March 10, 2016		3,4,5,6,7,1
Friday, March 11, 2016	Junior Varieties, Class of 2017, 7 pm, Got Grit Luncheon, 11:15-12:15	7,1,2,3,4,5
Saturday, March 12, 2016	Junior Varieties, Class of 2017, 7 pm	xxxxxxx

Hi MHS Staff,

RE: Senior Internship Opportunities

Please announce to seniors in your classes and/or homeroom on Monday, that if they are interested in any of these positions, to see me for more information. I am in H304.

Senior Internship Opportunities that are still available:

Working for an local insurance company. (They emailed me Friday afternoon that they can take an intern or two.)

An office at city hall, but must feel comfortable working alone for part of the time answering phones.

K-8 teacher assistance, about 5 positions left.

Also, remind them of the following:

It is not too late to participate in the program.

That the proposal and paperwork has to be passed in no later than March 14, 2016.

All employers/guides need to fill out a CORI form.

If they have any questions, see Mrs. Horwitz in H304 or Ms. Belowsky in the Jenkins House Office.

Thank you,

Beth

Beth Horwitz

The mock trial team wrapped up its season this week with a convincing win over Medford High School. The victory marks the team's second win in three trials. The two win total is the most the team has ever earned in the highly competitive competition. The team is comprised of sophomores, juniors, and seniors, all of whom performed very well. Overall, this is the strongest team MHS has had, and that is a direct result of the dedication and hard work of all the students. Members, both new and old, showed incredible poise and composure during the trials and represented our school exceptionally well. This year's team was anchored by five seniors, who are also three year veterans of mock trial. They included Terrica Dang, Sarah Rosatone, Stephan Fequiere, Kaitlyn Gibson, and Maggie O'Callaghan. Their leadership and guidance helped the new members immensely. The team would not have been the same without them and they will be missed next year. The team hopes to build on its success with its newest members next year. Thanks for all of the support and kind words of encouragement.

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Congratulations to Malden High School Play Production for moving on to the Semi-Final of the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild Competition with their original show All the King's Actors. This is the fifth year in a row that MHS has made

it to the semi-final round.

Congratulations to Jilian Molokwu for receiving the Stage Manager's award for excellence in her craft. Nick Acuna, Sajeannah Cadet and Sarah Bendell all received acting awards. Iliana Rivas, Isadora De Alpino and Connor Fitzpatrick received an award for Excellence in Costuming. Sarah Vieira was also recognized for her outstanding vocal work.

Malden will perform at Duxbury High at 2:30 on March 19th. There will be another community wide performance of All The King's Actors Thursday March 17th at 6:30

Best

Sean Walsh and Allen Phelps

**The Malden High School Class of 2017 Invites You To:
The 76th Annual Junior Varieties!
March 11th and 12th, 2016, 7:00 pm
Malden High School Jenkins Auditorium!**

Junior Varieties 2016 Ad Book Sponsorship

- ❖ Gold Level Sponsorship \$500, Back Cover of Program, colors and logo included; please email Heather Northrop as soon as possible if interested; hnorthrop@maldenps.org
- ❖ Blue Level Sponsorship, \$350, Inside Front or Inside Back Cover of Program, colors and logo included; please email Heather Northrop as soon as possible if interested; hnorthrop@maldenps.org
- ❖ Nedlam Sponsorship, \$200, Full page Advertisement
- ❖ Golden Tornado Sponsorship, \$100, 1/2 page Advertisement
- ❖ MHS Alumni Sponsorship, \$25, Listed as Supporter
- ❖ "I performed in Junior Varieties", \$15, Listed as Past Performer
- ❖ Patron, \$10

Please make check or money order payable to:

Please send payment to: Heather Northrop, c/o Malden High School,

Malden High School, Class of 2017

77 Salem Street, Malden MA 02148

Name _____ MHS Class (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Level of Support:

Gold _____ Blue _____ Nedlam _____

Golden Tornado _____

MHS Alumni "I performed" _____ Patron _____

Someone will contact you regarding preferred logo/wording for your advertisement.

Some holdover notes from last issue but still important to many of us:

March is the month when we put the finishing touches on the **Program of Studies** for 2016-2017. Simultaneously we start thinking about **course-staffing assignments** for next year as well. Please contact any guidance counselor, teacher-leader, special education program manager, curriculum director, or house principal with any ideas or concerns.

As soon as we get to April 1st we'll start thinking and planning for "summer" programs at MHS. Got an idea?

In the same vein the Mayor's Office will start promoting their summer youth jobs program this month. Mayor Christenson's 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program application process begins

on **Monday, February 29th!** Applications must be filled out online on the City of Malden website under "employment" beginning Monday, February 29th 2016 or you can click on: www.cityofmalden.org/MSYEP/.

The next couple of months are historically difficult ones for some of our seniors. Not all of our graduating students know what is in store for them next year. Some undocumented graduates will struggle with the uncertainty; can they go to work or attend school? Some graduating students are going right to work after MHS. Where? Some will join a branch of the military. Some will wander. Some graduates will go to a two year or a four year college. Which college? Only time and their financial aid package will tell. My point is that we have to be able to deal with all of the various scenarios and the students who star in them. Be patient, be flexible, be kind...like you always are.

The **buildout for the Malden Public Schools Central Office** has begun in earnest in Holland 101 and Holland 104. The project is expected to take 8-10 weeks. When completed the new offices will house the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, administrative support staff, conference space, storage space, all of the Directors, the Partnership for Community Schools, maybe Title I, and more. They will join the MPS Business Office and the MPS Special Education Office, already located on the first floor of the Holland Building, adjacent to the gym.

While the District Office renovation is occurring Special Education staff members Ida O'Leary and Larry Simon are rooming with Ron Janowicz. School Psychologist Joe Wexler has moved into the Holland Office Conference Room, between Holland Guidance Counselor Caitlin Quinn and House Principal Marilyn Slattery. Finally, Athletics has moved up to Brunelli 483, one of the interior rooms on the 4th floor of the Brunelli Building. Dan Keefe and Jeanne Marquardo are there until the buildout is complete. Please let our student-athletes know!

City of Malden Municipal Scholarship Notification: The City of Malden Municipal Scholarship application will be available starting Monday, February 8, 2016 to any Malden resident seeking further education resulting in a degree, diploma, or certificate. The only requirement when applying is that the resident must have lived in the City of Malden for at least 2 years prior to Sunday, May 1, 2016. You may pick up an application in the City Clerk's Office or the Malden Public Library. Completed applications are to be turned in to the City Clerk's Office NO LATER than Wednesday, May 11, 2016. **Please talk up the scholarship process to our seniors. They have to do some work; apply, follow up, submit supporting documents etc.**

Later in the spring the entire student body will be asked to complete the **Youth Risk Behavior Survey** (mandated every two years).

Malden High School senior Heresa LaForce competes in the **Poetry out Loud state semi-finals** on Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 am, Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont Street, Boston. This is Heresa's second trip to the state semi-finals. Best wishes.

The Class of 2017 **presents Junior Varieties on Friday March 11th and Saturday 12th, 7:00 pm**. This is the biggest annual fundraiser at Malden High School. Contact Advisors Heather Northrop or Amy Cianci if you would like to help or contribute in any way.

Our **robotics team** is gearing up for a big spring. Under the tutelage of Mr. Bazz and Mr. Morrison our students are working to make sure they are ready for whatever challenges come their way.

The annual **Student-Faculty basketball game** will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at 3:00 p.m. in the Finn Gym. Contact Shauna Campbell if you are interested in playing or helping in any way.

Spring Sports begins on Monday, March 21st. Academic Eligibility is based on the second quarter report card.

There is an 11:00 am dismissal on Friday, March 25th due to Good Friday. Breakfast will be served. There is no lunch that day.