

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

Note – this was written before the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history

No matter your rooting interests I hope everyone enjoyed what has become the quintessential American holiday (maybe we schedule the Monday after as a day off next year?).

On a more serious note, I've been taking ideas on how to support our many immigrant families in the uncertainty that exists around travel restrictions and potential changes in rights based on citizenship status. For our students, there are potential impacts on their very existence in this country, but also on their ability to attend school and work. In that light, I feel it's important that we take an educational stance on this situation and work to continue the discussion about immigrant rights, and about how we leverage our diversity as the positive that I have seen in my time at Malden High School.

You will see some "know your rights" posters around the building that have been produced by the ACLU. Also, there is an event happening in the high school on Saturday 2/11 hosted by the American Association for Arab Women called *You Are Not Alone – an afternoon of Solidarity*. The hope is that this event can educate families on the recent happenings locally and nationally and support them as a part of the Malden community.

In talking to many students over the past couple of weeks about the current political climate, over

and over again the prevailing sentiment is that Malden High School is a place where they feel welcomed and at home. Thank you for all you have done as a part of this community to make that the case. If you have other ideas on how to support our students and families please reach out. It takes an entire community to support those who feel disenfranchised.

Mock Trial – Rick Tivnan

The Mock Trial team is once again participating in the statewide competition put on by the Massachusetts Bar Association. So far the team has competed in two trials and has won both. Last week the team beat Melrose by a score of 97-85. Wednesday, they defeated Everett 89-85. Next week they face off against Lynn English. A victory in that trial would advance the team out of the preliminary round into the regional round. This would mark the first time Malden has advanced to that round. The team is made up of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Both victories have been complete team efforts that demonstrate the dedication and hard work of all the members. On to Lynn English!

Tornado Travelers – Shauna Campbell & Sarah Jones

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: Friday, 2/10/17

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 livelihoods 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

Athletics Calendar

Wed Feb 8	6:00pm	Wrestling / Westford - Westford Academy, 30 Patten Rd, Westford, MA 01886, USA
	8:20pm	B Hockey / Hamilton - HW Recreation Center
Thu Feb 9	4:00pm	B FR Basketball / Tewksbury - Tewksbury High School
	5:30pm	B JV Basketball / Tewksbury - Tewksbury High School
	7:00pm	B V Basketball / Tewksbury - Tewksbury High School
Fri Feb 10	4:00pm	G FR Basketball / Beverly - Beverly High School
Sat Feb 11	2:00pm	G Hockey Home / Winthrop - LoConte Rink
	5:20pm	B Hockey Home / Saugus - Cronin Rink