

**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**

I did not want to run this morning. It was one of those mornings when even though you know as an experienced runner that it's a means to an end and that it's important to stick it out for the sake of being more prepared on race day, the call of a warm and comfortable house / bed was hard to turn down.

As we get into the time of year that we move toward deciding who and what we will be as a school next year, it's important that we put in the work now to be prepared for 2017-18. Our Teacher Leadership Team is beginning work this week on a number of school improvement tasks, they're going to be working toward engaging the entire staff in conversations about their work. Please be open, honest, and most-importantly solutions-oriented with them if asked. The process of making change using the expertise of staff and students is a messy and complicated one, but one that has the potential to be the most fruitful if we get out of bed, venture out into the cold, and put the work in so we can get to where we want to be.

I did run. It was terrible. Toes are still a bit numb. Yet it was well worth it.

### **Junior Varieties!**

The Class of 2018 is presenting the 77th annual Junior Varieties on Friday and Saturday night! The show starts at 7pm both nights. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door and can be purchased from Kate Haskell or at any lunch. We hope to see you there!

Below is a list of students involved with the show:

Zachary Dunphy

Nada Tuffaha

Megan McCoy, Sidney Rodriguez, Ruthie Bilimo & Isadora Alpino

Alicia Devereaux & Megan Melanson

Jenny Do & Kaytlin Kwong

Lionel Walker & Alphonse Mutebi  
Nathalia Sousa, Bia Kerr, & Belle Maraschi  
Brittney Jean Louis, Daria Elie, Naika Console  
Dorabela Sousa  
Eduarda Pereira  
Emily Chau, Sally Zhang, Chon Huynh, Vinnie Truong, Vivian Dang, Astha Lama, Jenny Nguyen  
Meghan Yip  
Lauryl Poindexter  
Birukti Tsige  
Karen Poon  
Naomi Brill, Junjie Kuang, Renet Chan, Yuying Li, Yong Ting Chen, Antonetta  
Remedi-Brown, Brendon Ky, Pryanna Alper, Thomas D'Onofrio

#### Crew

Shania Ashley & Carla McFarlane  
Samuel Martinez & Rachel Eaglin  
Cindy Siu & Ariana Teixeira  
Anna Powers, Natalia Restrepo, Taaj Michaud-Findley, Bryan Burgess & Dani Urbina  
Patrick Pereira  
Philip Pereira, Manuel Quesada Nylan, Heidy Rodriguez, Marguerite Ortiz, Amanda Silva, Calvin  
Cai, & Quang Nguyen  
Gigi Lanciani & Victoria Santos  
Thays Almeida & Jasmine Gray

#### **Career Day – Kelli Collomb**

The 2017 Malden High School Career Fair is happening next **Thursday, March 9th from 7:55 am-10:30 am** (Periods 6,7,1). The fair will feature a number of community colleges (some doing on the spot admissions), career training programs, resources, employers, the City of Malden Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, retailers, restaurants, and more. Many employers are looking to recruit and hire youth, while others are there to offer guidance and career advice.

This year, we are again asking teachers to sign their classes up ASAP to attend. We ask that if you bring your class, that you give them some direction or an assignment to engage them with the exhibitors, and stay with them while they are in the cafeteria.

Please email Kelli Collomb and reserve time for your class to visit on Thursday!

#### **Mock Trial**

Our mock trial team's run ended Sunday with a tight 95-91 loss in the regional competition held at Clark University. Huge congrats to Mr. Tivnan and his team of incredibly dedicated students on the most successful mock trial season in recent memory!

#### **Model UN– Greg Hurley**

60 Malden High students represented 30 countries at this year's Innovative Model UN conference held at

Northeastern University on Friday March 3rd. The students all performed well, showing off their international diplomacy and public speaking skills. Four groups were given awards for exemplary performance.

Best Public Speaker Award, representing Australia: *Isabelle Maraschi and Jessica Horacius*  
Best Negotiator Award, representing Germany: Martin Cheung and Hajar El Khalfaoui  
Best Public Speaker Award, representing: France Jenny Huynh and Audrey Goon  
Best Delegate Award, representing Spain: Manuel Quesada Nysten and Nathalia Sousa

Congratulations to these students and teachers on this well deserved recognition.

### *Poetry Out Loud – Sean Walsh*

Congratulations to Paul Araiza who will be moving on to the Massachusetts State Finals in Poetry Out Loud. Paul competed on Saturday in the Boston semifinals and was one of seven students selected to move on. The finals are at on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am at the Old South Meeting House in Boston.

### *Writers Den – Sean Walsh*

The Malden High School Writers' Den is up and running. If you have interest in using the space, please contact me ([Swalsh@maldenps.org](mailto:Swalsh@maldenps.org)). The space is staffed by a Tufts Intern - 15 hours a week - but the space is available teacher supervision throughout the day.

A few upcoming events in the space:

National Book Award winner and author of *Feed*, M.T. Anderson will be visiting the Writers' Den on March 14th for a discussion and workshop. This was made possible through a grant by the Malden Cultural Council and Malden Reads.

Professional Playwright and Bridgewater State professor Richard Snee will be working with students in the Den on March 8th for a program with Boston University.

### *MHS Play Production Original Show – Sean Walsh*

Malden High School Play Production will preview their original show, "*Hoboken, New Jersey. March 18, 2017*" on March 16, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. Don't let the dates confuse you! The show tackles issues of immigration, citizenship, women's empowerment, and love as characters attend a backyard wedding in New Jersey. The play contains some adult themes and mild adult language. The play runs 40 minutes and will be presented at Massachusetts Theater Celebration on March 18 in Weston and at the Massachusetts Collaborative Festival at Wellesley on March 25th.

### *Polar Plunge*

A very cold thank you to the 21 MHS students who represented Captains' Council and Unified Sports by participating in the Polar Plunge Saturday morning. They raised almost \$1,200 for Special Olympics through their work. Thanks to Barbara Scibelli for leading the charge and getting these tremendous students involved in such a great cause.



### Concert Band at Symphony Hall

Best of luck to the 23 concert band members who get to perform at Boston Symphony Hall on Monday 3/6!

### Reading Challenge – Mary Liberge

Brian Wong and Julie Snyder are threatening to run away with the MHS Library Reading Challenge! See Ms. Liberge in the library if you want to get involved!

Brian Wong	9
Julie Snyder	9
Adrienne D'Agostino	7
Michelle Filer	6
Rachel Hanlon	1

### Senior Internship – Beth Horwitz

**Please continue to remind students about the Senior Internship Program. The internship runs from April 10 to May 19. While you are at the job site, you are not attending your classes, unless it is an AP or performing arts class. Check out the website: [mhsseniorinternship.wikispaces.com](http://mhsseniorinternship.wikispaces.com) for more information. The deadline for the written proposal is **March 13**. Stop by H304 before school, after school or during periods 5 or 6 to pick up the forms you need. If you would like to do an internship in an office, see Mrs. Horwitz.**

**Schedule for upcoming Mondays**

*Monday 2/27 – Early Release – Content*

*Monday 3/6 – Late Entry – Content*

*Monday 3/13 – Early Release – House meetings re: MCAS administration*

*Monday 3/20 – Early Release - Content*

**MCAS Schedule \*\*\*NOTE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS SCHEDULE\*\*\***

*On the 10<sup>th</sup> grade MCAS days (3/21, 3/22, 3/23) non-testing students will have an abbreviated schedule. It will be:*

*Tuesday 3/21:*

*10:45-11:15 – Optional Lunch*

*11:15-12:15 – Period 4*

*12:15-1:15 – Period 5*

*1:15-2:15 – Period 6*

*Wednesday 3/22:*

*10:45-11:15 – Optional Lunch*

*11:15-12:15 – Period 7*

*12:15-1:15 – Period 1*

*1:15-2:15 – Period 2*

*Thursday 3/23:*

*10:45-11:15 – Optional Lunch*

*11:15-12:15 – Period 3*

*12:15-1:15 – Period 4*

*1:15-2:15 – Period 5*