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Malden High School Vision Statement

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Good morning everyone and welcome back. I get butterflies at the opening of each school year. The uncertainty of what awaits leads to the early school year jitters. At the same time I am excited at the prospect of helping young people and supporting you in your quest to do the same.

I want to wish everyone a healthy and productive school year. Please drop in and say hello when you get a chance. I'll also be out and about today to welcome you back.

Staff comings and goings... **Greg Cocca** is back in the woodshop as a technology education teacher. **Jen Brody** has been hired in PACE. **Karen Boys** has shifted over to replace Kathleen Warton. **Kathleen Warton** is now a district behavior specialist. **Elaine Davies** is the new PACE/post-grad transitions coordinator. **Christine Grillon** is teaching science in Pathways. **Elizabeth Bateman** is teaching math in Pathways. **Katelyn Hubert** is teaching Numeracy Skills. **Ashley Freeman** is teaching Science. **Joan Fiore-Papadopoulos** is teaching Italian. **Damian Aufiero** is the Holland Academy social sciences teacher. **Kerri Veritas** is the Jenkins Academy social sciences teacher. **Jeremiah Smith** is the Boyle Academy ELA teacher. **Matt Evans** is the Jenkins Academy ELA teacher. **Chris Giordano** is the Brunelli Academy Math Teacher. **Maggie Pettit Giberson** is the Brunelli Academy ELA teacher. **Christine Arcidiacono** is the new Latin teacher. **Charlie Conefrey** is the long-term sub for PE. **Mustafa Coker** is the long-term sub for ELL. **Victoria Lipinski** is back as the Holland House Guidance Counselor. **Heather Northrop** is the Holland/Boyle 9th grade guidance counselor. Joe Luongo is the new art teacher. **Paula Valente** is the Study Hall Intern. **Jenell Baldassari** is the In-House Intern.

Overall-John Malone, Ben Max, Charlie Bowers, Lauren Enoksen, Mike Williams, Ted Hespeler, Tony Jesi, Teresa Murano, Nierika Nims, Ali Fine, Yuen Chen, Manjula Subramanian, and Nell Wright are not returning this year.

School Notes:

1. **Parking is allowed** on the school side of Holden Street, in the Hockey Rink lot beyond the signs in front, and in the UHaul lot. **Parking is not allowed** on Salem Street or Ferry Street unless you plan on moving every hour.
2. Parking Permits will be in soon.
3. House Principals are the first stop for keys and key issues. Judi Sullivan is the next resource.
4. Get to know all of the secretaries in the building:

Jeanne Marquardo, Jenkins and Brunelli Houses
Michele LeBlanc, Boyle and Holland Houses
Barbara Scibelli, Athletics
Judi Sullivan and Toni Scibelli, Main Office

5. Rob Lombardi will be in the Main Office today from 10 am to 12 noon to help anyone having **phone issues**. Please stop by if you want to learn how to change your voicemail or erase messages, dial in, dial out et al.
6. I will have the lunch rotation out by Wednesday. As always I will consider special requests.
7. There are plenty of packages and boxes in the Main Office. Please stop by to claim.
8. Textbooks...there are books in the Main Office storage room. Come claim them for your department or classroom.
9. Please!! Please!! Do not take furniture or equipment from another room if you're missing something from your room. Work with your House Principal to solve the problem.
10. From the believe it or not department....the renovation project is not finished. Work will be done on some areas as we get our "punch list" completed.
11. We received approximately 90 new recycling bins for classrooms as well as 6 large barrel containers for some offices. There are a number of folks trying to coordinate a recycling program. More info will follow.

Welcome back to Malden High School!

Monday, August 27, 2012

The building is open at 6:00 am and will remain open throughout the early evening hours.

7:30 am	Staff arrive
8:30-10:00 am	Superintendent Dave DeRuosi will address the Malden Public School District staff in the Jenkins Auditorium.
10:00 am- 12 noon	Time in your classrooms, offices, and for lunch
12:00-12:30 pm	Principal Dana Brown will address the Malden High School faculty and staff in the Jenkins Auditorium.
12:30-1:15	House meetings Holland House, H 207 Boyle House, Library Jenkins House, J272 Brunelli House, BR478
1:30-2:15	Content Area meetings TBA

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

The building is open at 6:00 am and will remain open throughout the early evening hours.

John Keogh, Chair of the NEASC Visiting Committee will be at Malden High School.

7:45-8:15 am,	Mr. Keogh will address the MHS faculty in the Jenkins Auditorium.
8:20-9:00 am	NEASC teams will convene and revisit reports.
9:00 am-11:30 am	Content teams will meet with Directors.
11:30-12:15	Lunch
12:15-2:00	Supervision and Evaluation Presentation with Principal Brown in the Jenkins Auditorium
Notes:	
8:20-10:20	Mr. Keogh will meet with Co-chairs Diane Klibansky, Jen Clapp, and Principal Brown.
10:30-11:15	Mr. Keogh will tour the school with Principal Brown.

August 29, 2012

Freshmen Orientation 2012 Schedule

- 7:00 Tour Guides Arrive to Set-Up
- 7:45-8:00- Freshmen Enter and are seated in auditorium
 - All hands on deck-all staff should be in and/or around auditorium
 - Alphabetical lists of all freshmen will be hung in the lobby of the Jenkins Auditorium for students to find their homeroom
 - Ten orientation leaders will carry a copy of the alphabetical list to help students, ten other orientation leaders will be outside along Salem Street directing freshmen to the Jenkins entrance and all other orientation leaders should be in or around the auditorium

- 8:00-9:15- Freshmen Assembly

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE 8:00am - 9:15 am

7:45-8:00 am, Freshmen Students enter

8:00-8:15- Sharon Lee and Iris Feng - introduce freshmen and the seniors helping

8:20- Mr. Brown introduces Todd Cole and choir

8:20- 8:30 MHS Choir sings National Anthem and "For Good"

8:30 Mr. Brown introduces Matt Tavares and MHS Band

8:30-8:35 MHS Band performs a song

8:35-8:50 Mr. Brown speaks about the high school in general and introduces Mr. Sadowski and Ms. Northrop

8:50-9:05 Mr. Sadowski and Ms. Northrop speak

9:05-9:15 Adjustment counselors speak to freshmen

Teachers will be introduced as a group

Any staff person who coaches any sport during any season at Malden High School will be introduced.

Any staff person who coordinates or supervises any club or activity will be introduced.

- 9:15-9:25- Freshmen move to homerooms (homerooms will be called one at a time and students will proceed to their homeroom with their orientation leaders).
 - Freshmen homeroom teachers should assist in getting students to the right homeroom

- 9:25-11:15- Homeroom- freshmen packets should already be in each homeroom with directions and supplies
 - Freshmen teachers do not have to stay in their homeroom but may want to check in with seniors in their room at some point in the morning
 - Seniors will conduct a 45 minute survey, pass out agenda books and the freshmen packets, play icebreakers to help the freshmen get to know one another, and answer any questions that the freshmen have

- 11:15-11:45- Lunch 1 (Holland and Boyle)/ Activities Fair Session 1 in Courtyard (Jenkins and Brunelli)
- 11:45-12:15- Lunch 2 (Jenkins and Brunelli) / Activities Fair Session 2 in Courtyard (Holland and Boyle)
- 12:15-12:45- Holland and Boyle School Tours/ Jenkins and Brunelli to guidance assembly
- 12:45-1:15- Jenkins and Brunelli School Tours/ Holland and Boyle to guidance assembly
- 1:15-2:15- Assembly held by YWCA (skits)
- 2:15-Tentative Dismissal (could be sooner depending on flow of afternoon)

Notes:

- ❖ The Activities Fair is in the Courtyard
- ❖ Student lunch is in Café B.
- ❖ We want to be supportive of our freshmen and seniors; the seniors are taking ownership of their school. We have to respect that they are willing to help and support us in our mission. The orientation day is rarely pretty, but usually very successful.
- ❖ Just to be clear; there is no rotation of classes for freshmen on this day. All teachers will see their students from all grades on Thursday, August 30th.

Thursday, August 30, 2012

The building is open at 6:00 am and will remain open throughout the early evening hours.

7:45-8:15
8:15-8:45,

Homerooms
Assemblies by House (30 min)
Holland-Finn Gym

Boyle-DiSano Café (A)
Jenkins-Jenkins Auditorium
Brunelli-Tornado Café (B)

8:45-9:15 Period 1 (30 min)
9:15-9:45 Period 2 (30 min)
9:45:10:15 Period 3 (30 min)
10:15-10:45 Period 4 (30 min)
10:45-12:45 Lunch block, period 5 (90 min + 30 min Lunch)
12:45-1:30 **Assemblies by class (seniors to reading groups) (45 min)**

Freshmen-Jenkins Auditorium
Sophomores-Finn Gym
Juniors-DiSano Café (A)
Seniors not in book groups-Tornado Café (B)

1:30-1:55 Period 6 (25 min)
1:55-2:15 Period 7 (20 Min)

Friday, August 31, 2012 No School
The building will be open-contact the Principal

Saturday, September 1, 2012 No School
The building will be open-contact the Principal

Sunday, September 2, 2012 No School
The building is closed

Monday, September 3, 2012 No School
The building is closed

Tuesday, September 4, 2012 No School
Day 7

August 9, 2012

Dear Malden High School student and parents/guardians,

It is my privilege to write to you as the Principal of Malden High School. Beginning my 10th year as Principal, I am as excited now as when I first started. The students who attend Malden High School continue to impress me with their work ethic, ambitions, dreams, and in many cases,

resiliency. Our staff members continuously work to find ways to reach and mentor all students. We tell our students;

“You can get “there” from “here” (Malden High School). We help students find their individual **“there”**. It is different for everyone; 2-year college, 4-year college, military, career training program, work, or travel. It’s a journey that often begins in high school.

The members of the Class of 2016 start us off on their personal journey on Wednesday, August 29th with Freshmen Orientation Day. All new freshmen should report to the Jenkins Auditorium in the Brunelli Building on that day starting at 7:30 am and no later than 7:45 am. Freshmen will get their homeroom assignments at that first meeting. Lunch will be served in the Cafeteria. Students can also bring a lunch from home if they choose.

Some of the members of the Class of 2013 will serve as hosts and guides on that day; the senior leaders have a full range of activities planned for the freshmen, including building tours, question and answer periods, and an activity/club fair.

On Thursday August 30th, all Malden High School students should report to school and their respective homeroom. Homeroom lists for students in grades 10-12 will be posted in the hallways near the Main Office, outside the Jenkins Auditorium, and near the entrance to the Finn Gym.

Freshmen should find a packet from Boston College enclosed. We encourage you to participate in the programs we are co-sponsoring with them and ask you to return the paperwork when you come on the 29th. All students should find their academic schedule for the upcoming year in this packet. Please take time to review the schedule. In most cases there will be no changes made to the schedule as students planned their upcoming academic year this past spring with the assistance of a guidance counselor, their teachers, and parents/guardians. In the event that a student does want to meet with a guidance counselor to discuss changes the following dates and times must be adhered to:

- Wednesday, August 22, Class of 2013 (Grade 12), 8:30 am to 2:15 pm
- Thursday, August 23, Class of 2014 (Grade 11), 8:30 am to 2:15 pm
- Friday, August 24, Class of 2015, Grade 10 (Grade 10), 8:30 am to 2:15 pm
- Class of 2016 (Grade 9); changes will be made Freshmen Orientation Day or during the first few days of classes.

Notes:

Students can check their schedules online (X2) and should check X2 for schedule adjustments right up until they are scheduled to come in for changes.

Schedule changes that will receive the highest priority are mechanical changes in nature; for example the student is missing an English class or is missing a Mathematics class or has two classes scheduled during the same period.

Students looking to **change teachers** or **drop certain courses** (Advanced Placement is one example) will not be able to make these changes during the above three days. These potential changes require a meeting with the student's House Principal and Guidance Counselor. These meetings can be arranged during the first week of school.

As we enter the new school year, I would like to encourage all of us to explore all of the ways we can communicate better. Of course, technology is one tool we can use. The school uses X2 as our student information system. Students, parents, and guardians can regularly check attendance, grades, and any disciplinary action through the X2 portal. You can register and log-on through the Malden Public Schools website. Look for an X2 training later this fall.

Email is another way to communicate with members of the Malden High School community. Each staff member at Malden High School has an email that can be found online. This year we will be asking for email addresses as well as phone numbers from parents and guardians. Our Connect Ed automated system will call you and send an email with important announcements, if your child is absent from school, or in the case of an emergency. Our Malden High School website also regularly announces important events and contains relevant news stories of Malden High School students and staff. Every staff member at Malden High School has a phone at their desk. Of course, we don't want teachers interrupted while they are teaching so many classroom calls will go to voicemail where the teacher can collect and return the call during a free moment.

Finally, the very best way to communicate is face-to-face. We welcome parents and guardians into our offices, classrooms, and hallways. Please come and talk to us if you want information, want to introduce yourself, or just want to see how your child is doing.

In a couple of weeks we will provide you with more information about our ten year NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) Accreditation visit. Beginning September 30th and ending October 3rd seventeen educators from around New England will be at Malden High School to look at each and every one of our academic and support programs and services. This in-depth review will provide us with commendations and recommendations and will guide our work over the next few years. We have already learned a great deal about what we do through our comprehensive self-study. There will be an opportunity for parent and student participation and input throughout the NEASC site visit and we hope many of you will be here. Best wishes for a good start to the school year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dana F. Brown, Principal

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Malden High School Expectations

Academic:

Malden High students are expected to:

- read critically for understanding.
- listen critically for understanding.
- write for a variety of purposes.
- communicate clearly through speaking.
- apply critical thinking skills for reasoning and problem-solving.
- utilize technology to conduct research, to support critical thinking, and to present information.
- work collaboratively with peers and Malden High School staff.
- develop personal interests and goals within a course of study.
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Personal Growth:

Malden High students are expected to:

- exhibit responsible, respectful, and appropriate personal behavior.
- demonstrate teamwork and cooperation in their school and in their extended community.
- make informed, healthful decisions in and out of school.

Civic Responsibility:

Malden High students are expected to:

- demonstrate respect for others in their school and in their extended community.
- value and respect school and community property.
- exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy.