



**Tornado Times**  
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*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](mailto:dbrown@maldenps.org). Stories, pictures, reminders, club, activity, and class notes are all welcome.*

#### **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.

Dear members of the Malden High School community:

We hope everyone enjoyed this summer! For the past few weeks Malden High School staff members and students have been busy in preparation for the year and we think the pieces are in place for a great upcoming school year!

First, let me announce the new staff moves we have made:

We hired Bill Shevory as the Jenkins House Principal. Among other things Bill comes with seven years of experience as an Assistant Principal at Salem (MA) High School. Bill will slide in to take the role vacated by Kevin Kilbride.

In the area of humanities Kathlyn Hill was hired to teach ELA and Mary Liberge comes over from the Ferryway School as our library/media specialist.

In the Social Sciences Department we hired Patrick Finnegan as a Social Sciences teacher. This position became open when Wendy Bendle left. We also hired Kurt Scheer to fill an additional Social Sciences position created when Dana Marie Brown agreed to move over to a Special Education co-teaching position. Kurt student taught here under both Mr. Tivnan and Ms. Brown.

This summer we had two guidance counselor resignations. We hired Taryn Belowsky as one of our new Guidance Counselors. Some of you may know Taryn's resume here; she has been a long term sub in Guidance, in the Pathways Program, in the library, and she has also been instrumental in helping lead our senior internship program. Taryn first started here as an intern in guidance few years ago. Taryn will serve as the Jenkins House Counselor for grades 10-12 while Ann O'Connor is out. Matt Sadowski also left his position and we hired Caitlin Quinn who will serve as the Holland House Guidance Counselor. Nada Bourji is in for the first semester as a ninth grade counselor for the Jenkins and Brunelli Houses. This well-oiled guidance machine has spent countless hours over the last many days ensuring that student schedules are accurate. Well done!

A new ELL position was created this year to help with expanding numbers and we are fortunate to bring on board Stephen d'Entremont. Stephen has high school teaching experience at Worcester South High School and lives in Malden. His children attend the MPS and his oldest will be starting here as a freshman this fall.

As is always the case there was a crazy level of activity here this summer; here is **just a sampling** of what went on here this summer:

Our **Special Education PACE students** spent many hours out in the community. In partnership with the YMCA, the Malden Teen Enrichment Center, the Malden Recreation Department, and others our PACE students worked on important social skills, work readiness skills, and travel training.

Our **Special Education Post Graduate Program** made the transition to Triangle Inc. on Pearl Street in Malden. Dawn Frim and paraprofessionals Roger Roy and Anne Ranieri will use Triangle as their home base for their Post Graduate students.

Our **Math Enrichment Program** helped thirty students receive a math credit this summer. By excelling in the math course these students will receive academic credit in a math course and then move up to the next level of math this school year. An additional sixty students completed the math program for enrichment and undoubtedly will be well prepared for their math class this year. Some of these students are also moving from the College Prep level to Honors level.

The Bayrd Foundation funded our two week **Malden Adventures and Academic Program** for students moving from grade 8 to grade 9. Heather Northrop and Erin Craven helped prepare approximately 50 students for the sometimes difficult transition.

Our **Summer School Program** was successful again. One hundred and fifty three students were able to navigate coursework and by doing so will be promoted to the next course or grade.

An additional 33 students graduated from Malden High School in a beautiful ceremony held here on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our newest graduates!

Our ELL students were busy participating in an **ELL Learners Leadership Academy**, an **ELL Reading Enrichment Program**, and an ESL course taught by Bunker Hill Community College staff.

Staff members were also busy on campus. All of our summer school teaching positions were filled by Malden High School staff. Additionally, a number of staff participated in a **"Maker Space" workshop** sponsored by Tufts University as part of the National Science Foundation grant Tufts and Malden High School received last year. Our old woodshop has been transformed into a vibrant space for electronics, engineering, robotics, art, wood construction and more. Staff will bring their students to the space this school year.

During the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> thirty MHS staff members will participate in a **co-teaching workshop** hosted by our Special Education Program and the following week more than twenty staff participated in **two day training around Google Classroom** and our 1-1 Chromebook initiative. Speaking of Chromebooks; in order to hand them out to each student and staff person they have to be individually unpackaged and registered, a labor intensive and time consuming process. An army of staff and students led by Natalia Brennan and Sean Walsh worked last week to make sure Chromebooks were ready to go. The rollout will occur this fall in stages, by Year of Graduation. A formal schedule will be distributed later.

Malden High School was also the site of the Mayor's Summer **Work Program Work Readiness classes**. Each week summer workers hired through the Mayor's program participated in work readiness curriculum activities.

We also used some of our time to help manage the future transition of the Malden Public School Central Office to Malden High School. Over the next several months Central office staff will move to MHS. Eventually the Superintendent and his staff, the Special Education Department, and the Business Office will all be located at MHS. In anticipation of these moves some of our programs and classrooms were relocated.

**Logistics:**

**Administrative Assistant Barbara Scibelli (Main Office) is the go-to person for staff parking permits.**

**Secretary to the Principal Judi Sullivan deals with all key requests and maintenance issues. Please note that in many cases keys have to be ordered and this can take a couple of weeks.**

**Boyle House Principal Chris Mastrangelo is the go-to person for Swipe Cards for the exterior doors.**

**Ron Janowicz is the contact for furniture issues.**

**The Guidance Staff members have been working tirelessly to ensure that student schedules are as accurate as possible. With that said we have approximately 30 new students waiting for class schedules. We have another percentage of students who want to make schedule adjustments. The class lists/rosters on x2 will be fluid for the first several days. If a student is misplaced in your class please do not send that student out of the class. There is no place for the student to go at that point.**

**Requests for lunch assignments are done through two lenses; does it work for you? Does it work for the school? Balancing cafeteria loads and lunch lines is important. Please email me directly with any lunch assignment request.**

Here are the ninth grade academies for the year:

	ELA	Math	Biology	Social Sciences
Holland	Kathlyn Hill	Kayla Scheitlin	Jessica Sullivan	*Damian Aufiero
Boyle	*Jeremiah Smith	Shereen Escovitz	Shauna Campbell	Jon Copithorne
Jenkins	Lucia Musilli	Brad Gelling	*Diem Phan	Michele Filer
Brunelli	Melissa Macey	Chris Giordano	*Debra Kumar	Ellsworth Fersch
	*Team leader			

## Counselor Alignment

House-Program	Guidance 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Guidance 10-12	Adjustment Counselor
Holland	Heather Northrop	Caitlin Quinn	Megan Huth
Boyle	Heather Northrop	Erin Craven	Rachel Gelling
Jenkins	Nada Bourji (until mid-January)	Taryn Belowsky	Julia Gombos
Brunelli	Nada Bourji (until mid-January)	Susan Lessard	Jane Sulick
Pathways			Marie Doehler
Dropout Prevention	Caitlin Deleskey		

### Did you know?

- ✓ **Malden High School opened 1857, making it one of the oldest high schools in the State. In 2007 we celebrated the school's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. From that celebration was born the Malden High School Alumni Association. The group supports all types of student endeavors at MHS including senior scholarships and financial support for winter clothing, prom tickets and yearbooks for students etc. Another accomplishment of the MHSAA has been the establishment of a Hall of Fame for MHS graduates who have excelled in areas such as medicine, media, law, education, business etc.**
  
- ✓ **The Malden High School mascot is Nedlam (check out the spelling!). Nedlam is a lion, although our logo is a swirling, whirling Tornado. We are the MHS Golden Tornado.**
  
- ✓ **Last year we celebrated Nedlam's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.**
  
- ✓ **Each year our Robotics team competes and does well at the state level.**
  
- ✓ **Our newspaper, the Blue and Gold is 100 years old and is one of the oldest student run newspapers in the country.**
  
- ✓ **Our Literacy Society publishes the Oracle each year and is considered among the oldest student led high school literacy groups in the country.**
  
- ✓ **Last year our Junior Varieties show celebrated 75 years of performances!**

- ✓ **Malden High School is considered one of the two or three most diverse high schools in the state, not because of the number of ethnicities and cultures represented here, but rather because of the unique balance we have with many groups sporting a robust percentage of the overall school population.**
- ✓ **Malden High School has sent at least one student (often more) to each of the eight Ivy League schools over the past eight years.**
- ✓ **Our buildings and/or houses are named after Malden education and political legends. Arthur Boyle was a successful and popular coach and longtime Malden High School principal. Marguerite Holland was an influential school committee member and mother of former Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Holland and former Police Chief James Holland. The Brunelli Building was named after Donald E. Brunelli Jr., former teacher, department head, union officer, coach, advisor, and friend to thousands. Don died suddenly at age 41 back in 1993. Thornton Jenkins served with distinction as the MHS principal. He served for 28 years in that capacity, certainly a time in the office that no one will ever be able to approach.**
- ✓ **Lisa Delacey, MHS 2013, was the first MHS female to be accepted into and attend West Point Military Academy.**
- ✓ **There are more than 10 MHS grads on the faculty and staff at MHS. Ask...**
- ✓ **Breno Giacomini, MHS 2004, won a Super Bowl as a starting offensive lineman for the Seattle Seahawks and is now a lineman for the JETS; Jets.**
- ✓ **Numerous MHS faculty and staff have won awards at the State level for teaching excellence.**
- ✓ **MHS participates in two significant programs for underserved young people. Through the Posse Foundation and Summer Search hundreds of our students have either garnered full four year scholarships at prestigious colleges and universities or traveled throughout this country and the world on life-changing expeditions. MHS is considered a leader in both programs throughout the state, sending the most students to Summer Search each year and receiving the most number of Posse Scholarships in the past ten years.**

- ✓ **Our theme of mental health and awareness has generated some much needed publicity and is now a focus for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as well as the Superintendent's Association.**
- ✓ **Malden High School is a NEASC approved and accredited satellite campus for Bunker Hill Community College.**
- ✓ **Raising A Reader MA began working in Tri-City in 2007 and today they serve nearly 1,500 students in over 80 public school classrooms, childcare centers, home visiting programs, parent-child playgroups and family childcare providers in the Tri-City community. Our program partners include:**

- **Adams School (Everett)**
- **Eliot Early Intervention**
- **Malden Early Learning Center**
- **Malden Coordinated Family and Community Engagement**
- **Malden YMCA Early Learning Center**
- **Tri-CAP Head Start**
- **Webster School (Everett)**

**For more information about Raising A Reader MA's work in Tri-City, please contact our Tri-City Regional Program Manager, Suzanne Igarburu, at [suzanne@raisingareaderma.org](mailto:suzanne@raisingareaderma.org). Suzanne's office is on the third floor of the Holland Building.**

- ✓ **Yes, Stevie Wonder did perform in the Jenkins Auditorium for our student body back in 1973.**
- ✓ **Google MHS grad Norman Greenbaum and his one hit wonder, *Spirit in the Sky*. Wow!**
- ✓ **How about MHS grad Gary Cherone, brother of MHS staffer Greg Cherone? Gary is no one hit wonder. His big hit with Extreme is *More than Words*. He jumped on stage and performed it at last year's Junior Varieties with Nick Hames, MHS Class of 2015. MHS paraprofessional Greg is an accomplished and published musician in his own right.**
- ✓ **Anecdotally...lots of our grads go on to be Resident Assistants and Dorm Proctors. Says a lot about them and us.**
- ✓ **Over the last several years students in our performing and fine arts programs have performed at the state level and have been recognized for their**

**outstanding work in these areas. These students have represented our Band/Instrumental program, Choral Arts, Play Production, and our Fine Arts classes.**

- ✓ **We were the first or second high school in the state to give office space to an outside agency for the purposes of working with our Unaccompanied Youth, ages 18-22. Youth Harbors has been here several years.**
- ✓ **LARE is here on the second floor of the Holland Building and we often don't see them or hear from them. They quietly work with our dropped out youngsters who are part of the Massachusetts High School Equivalency Testing Program (previously the GED). They have been quietly very successful over many years.**
- ✓ **Through a National Science Foundation Grant and in partnership with Tufts University we have converted our old woodshop area into a *Maker Space*. Several of our staff will be using the space this year.**

## **Open student bathrooms**

### **Boyle Building**

First floor bathrooms adjacent to cafeteria

Second floor boys and girls bathrooms

Third floor boys and girls bathrooms

### **Jenkins/Brunelli Building**

Third floor girls room

Fourth floor boys room

### **Holland Building**

Boys and girls locker room bathrooms

Boys and girls bathrooms adjacent to Gym

***Second floor student bathrooms are PACE bathrooms for PACE students only***

- **Boyle Building-fourth floor, boys and girls-CLOSED**
- **Holland Building, third and fourth floors, boys and girls-CLOSED**



➤ **Jenkins/Brunelli Building,**

- **Basement floors boys and girls-CLOSED**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> floors boys and girls-CLOSED**
- **third floor boys-CLOSED**
- **fourth floor girls-CLOSED**

**Monday, August 31, 2015**

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

7:30 am	Staff arrive
8:15-10:00 am	Superintendent Dave DeRuosi will address the Malden Public School District staff in the Jenkins Auditorium
10:30-11:30 am	Principal Dana Brown What's Happening at MHS? Teacher presentations Google Update
11:30-1:30	Working Lunch and Content Area meetings, places TBA
1:45-2:45 pm	House meetings Holland House, H311 Boyle House, LIBRARY Jenkins House, J378 Brunelli House, BR478

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015, Professional Development Day for MHS**

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

7:30 am - 8:00 am                      Continental Breakfast in Tornado Café Boyle

8:15-11:45am                      Creating a Culture of Wellness-Jenkins Auditorium and adjoining classrooms

11:45-2:45                              Lunch and content area work

### **Wednesday, September 2, 2015**

#### Freshmen Orientation 2014 Schedule

- 7:00-7:15 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
  
- 7:45-? Freshmen Assembly

#### **ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE 7:45**

- Freshmen Students enter
- Introduce freshmen and the seniors helping
- Brown introduces Todd Cole and choir
- MHS Choir sings National Anthem and musical selection
- Mr. Brown introduces Erin O'Brien-Mazza and MHS Band
- MHS Band performs a song
- Mr. Brown speaks about the high school in general and introduces ninth grade counselors
- Ninth grade counselors speak
- Adjustment counselors speak to freshmen
- Starr Center @ MHS
- Teen Center Rep. Speak
- 1-1 Google Initiative, Natalia Brennan and Sean Walsh
- Teachers will be introduced as a group
- Any staff person who coaches any sport during any season at Malden High School will be introduced.

- 9:25-9:35- Freshmen move to homerooms (homerooms will be called and students will proceed to their homeroom).
  - Freshmen homeroom teachers should assist in getting students to the right homeroom
  
- 9:35-11:15- Homeroom- senior paperwork should be in each homeroom with directions
  - 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.
  
- 11:15-11:45- Lunch 1 (Holland and Boyle)/ Activities Fair Session 1 (Jenkins and Brunelli)

- 11:45-12:15- Lunch 2 (Jenkins and Brunelli) / Activities Fair Session 2 (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
- 1:15-1:45 Meet Mr. Brown in auditorium

Notes:

- ❖ The Activities Fair is in the courtyard (weather permitting). Rain location is Café DiSano.
- ❖ During the course of the morning it would be beneficial if all staff circulated and stopped into some classrooms.
- ❖ Student lunch is in Café B (Tornado Café).
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ There is no rotation of classes for freshmen on this day. All teachers will see their students from all grades on Thursday, September 3rd.

**Thursday, September 3, 2015**

<b>7:45-8:30</b>	<b>Homeroom</b>
<b>8:30-9:05</b>	<b>Period 1 (35 min)</b>
<b>9:05-9:35</b>	<b>Period 2 (35 min)</b>
<b>9:35-10:10</b>	<b>Period 3 (35 min)</b>
<b>10:10-10:45</b>	<b>Period 4 (35 min)</b>
<b>10:45-12:45</b>	<b>Period 5 (120 min, 30 minute lunch, 30 minute assembly, 60 minute class)</b>
<b>12:45-1:30</b>	<b>Period 6 (45 min)</b>
<b>1:30-2:15</b>	<b>Period 7 (45 min)</b>

	<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>	<b>Class of 2017</b>	<b>Class of 2016</b>
<b>10:45-11:15</b>	<b>Assembly-William Shevory</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>11:15-11:45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Assembly-Nate Lamar</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>11:45-12:15</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Assembly-Chris Mastrangelo</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:15-12:45</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Class Assembly/</b>

- **All assemblies will take place in the Jenkins Auditorium.**
- **Seniors will either go to their book club or to their senior assembly.**
- **Teachers, if you have a senior book club meeting during the 12:15-12:45 block you may have to switch your lunch block.**

Friday, September 4, 2015	<b>No School</b> The building will be open, 7 am – 3pm
Saturday, September 5, 2015	<b>No School</b> The building will be open, 7 am -12 noon
<b>Sunday, September 6, 2015</b>	<b>No School</b> <b>The building is closed</b>
<b>Monday, September 7, 2015</b>	<b>No School</b> <b>The building is closed</b>
Tuesday, September 8, 2015	School is in session... <b>Day 7</b>

**Malden Education Association:**

Items of interest:

1. Health Insurance: As in the past, you still need to take the Health Questionnaire. This year if you don't meet one of the criteria you will be have an opportunity to obtain it by viewing and responding to a video. Beth Horwitz will send out additional information on this.
2. We will be using a new email system this year and Beth Horwitz has set it up and will send out test emails. No email system is perfect, but hopefully this one will meet our needs better.
3. A new web site for MEA is almost complete; it should be completed by mid-September. In addition to the standard items found on the web page, the web site will include a twitter feed from MEA and MTA, as well as a form that you can fill out to update your information in our MEA Email Database.
4. We will also be asking you this year to sign up for text reminders from MEA.
5. On October 7, 2015 we will have a By-Law Meeting, more information to follow.
6. Bonnie office will be located at the Forestdale School.
7. Members are needed to serve as a representative to your school at the MEA Monthly meetings. If you are interested, please see a rep in your building or send an email to Beth Horwitz.

Thank you,

Beth

**Beth Horwitz**

MEA Corresponding Secretary

MHS Business Technology Educator

MHS Building Technology Specialist

MHS Web Manager

MHS Social Committee