

# *SuioTornado Times*

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**Please email me anything you'd like included by 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:**

Some of you know that before my life as an educator I had a brief existence working in sports media. Through that time I grew an appreciation for (and maybe a borderline obsession with) Patriots coach Bill Belichick. The TV station I worked at didn't have weekend newscasts, so I used to sit in Belichick's postgame press conferences without a care in the world knowing I didn't have a deadline to worry about. Meanwhile all of the more important media folks in attendance who had a live shot to get a soundbite for or a quick deadline to write for would be cursing Bill under their breath, asking questions that may elicit a somewhat controversial or at least interesting response, and repeating questions in the hope of annoying him enough to get an outburst. It never worked. Bill doesn't care about your live shot, he doesn't care about being interesting, and he sure doesn't care about how he's perceived outside of his own team.

I tell you this partly because I'm writing this a few minutes before kickoff of the Patriots season opener, but more because of the way his focus on the job at hand has yielded unbelievable results over such a long period of time. We've had a lot of change in our city and schools over the past number of months, and times of change have a tendency to push people to focus on things other than the work we do with kids every day. During the Patriots' last Super Bowl win, at a point in the game when it seemed like things were going downhill, Belichick stormed over to where some of his players were sitting and simply and repeatedly said "just do your job, don't do his job, do your job." There are countless examples of that Belichickian focus on the present task at hand that could convey the same point, but I use this one because as educators we have the most rewarding job on

earth. Doing our job is a blessing, a way to impact the lives of others. We owe it to that blessing to have a unique focus on our jobs to help students achieve in greater ways than we previously thought imaginable. The beauty of this work is that those great opportunities sit in front of us every day, and all we have to do to have that impact is to “do our job” as hard as we can for them.

**First Friday Night Lights**

There is a lot on the athletics schedule this week, but want to make sure you all knew that our first home football game is Friday night at 7pm against Peabody. For our players, band, choir, cheerleaders, and the many students who will be in attendance at the game it is a wonderful show of community support to have many of our own staff there. I hope you can be there to support the Golden Tornados!

**Malden’s Promise PD**

Signups for sessions are live! Sign up for your sessions at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6YW3R6](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6YW3R6)

**Scheduling**

This Thursday, 9/15, is the last day for students to add and drop classes.

**ID Pictures**

We will be doing a make up day for ID photos for any students and staff who didn’t get theirs done. This is tentatively scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Varsity Athletics Schedule**

<p>12</p> <p>B JV/V Soccer-H- Saugus 4/6 P Macdonald Stadium Field Hockey JV/V-H-Methu en 3:45/5:15 P Pine Banks G FR/JV/V Volleyball @</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Cross Country @ Everett GBL Open TBD G FR/JV/V Volleyball @ Somerville 4/5:30 P Golf-H-Lynn Classical 3:45 P</p>	<p>15</p> <p>B FR/JV/V Soccer @ Somerville 4/4/6 P G FR/JV/V Soccer-H-Somervill e 4 P</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Field Hockey JV/V @ Peabody 5:30/6:30 P Football-H-Pea body 7 P G Volleyball V-H-Salem 4:00 P</p>	<p>17</p> <p>B JV/V Soccer-H-Haverhill 9/11 A Macdonald Stadium G JV/V Soccer @ Haverhill 10:00 A</p>
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**Upcoming Events**

*Our calendar is on the website and the google drive, but a couple events of note that are in the next month:*

Thursday 9/15: Last day to add/drop classes

Thursday 9/15: School Council, 6:30pm

Friday 9/16: 1<sup>st</sup> home football game, 7pm vs. Peabody

Saturday 9/17: Class of '18 Car Wash, 8am-noon

Monday 9/26: Ask the Principal, 6:30pm, MHS Library

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