

**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:**

It's time to settle in. The first three weeks of school are filled with many things: reunions, new people, excitement about new opportunities, anxiety about those same opportunities and other things, and a whole bunch of moving parts. As we start our first full week of school, it's time for us to settle into the working rhythm of the school. This is the time of year I always have looked forward to as an educator. The time when real, meaningful work can start happening in the classroom and in the school as a whole. I am incredibly excited to start getting into classrooms myself this week. In my many walks around the halls I've been struck by the engagement and energy I've seen in looking into our classrooms – I'm excited to experience them first-hand.

Thank you again for your work on Friday during the Malden's Promise PD day. Our connection to our community is unique and will only continue to grow through this intentional work.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Chromebook Rollout**

The irony of announcing a schedule change after talking about getting into the structure of the school year is not lost on me, but in any case we are sending all students back to homerooms at 1:15 on 9/19. Grades 10, 11, and 12 will have a 30 minute homeroom and then will be dismissed. 9<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their chromebooks in homeroom and may leave once they have their new technology in hand. We will also be adjusting the lunch schedule for seniors only on Friday 9/23 to accommodate initial information sessions about our new partnership with uAspire (more info to follow)

### Early Release House Meetings

The Monday 9/19 early release day professional learning will be held by house in each house's usual meeting spot.

### New Partnership – uAspire



My name is Katelyn Montalvo and I am the uAspire College Affordability Advisor here at Malden High School! This will be our first year working with Malden and I am so excited to be a part of this new partnership. uAspire works to ensure that every graduate of Malden High School has the financial information and resources necessary to find an affordable path to and through their postsecondary education. Throughout the year I will be providing college affordability advising to all seniors and their families to help them navigate through the financial aid process. I will work towards this goal by providing:

«Financial aid overview workshops for students and parents

«Individual advising: helping students research, apply for, and evaluate their financial aid award letters.

I am available to assist students on **Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30am and 3pm in the College and Career Center**. If you have any questions regarding uAspire or would like to take a moment to meet me, I would love to hear from you. Students can make an appointment to see me by going to this website:

**[uaspire-malden.youcanbook.me](https://uaspire-malden.youcanbook.me)**

Sincerely,

Katelyn Montalvo

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## Edcamp Malden

Edcamp Malden is Saturday, October 15. An edcamp is a free learning event where people who attend can choose to host a session on an educational topic, and all participants can go to any session they want. Teachers, administrators, parents, and students are invited.

The past two years, the theme was "ELL Success," but there's no theme this year, so sessions can be about any topic. About 70 educators from across MA are already signed up.

The day starts at 8:00 am and will be over by 12:15 pm. Please feel free to come late, leave early, bring kids, etc. It is very casual.

There will be breakfast and door prizes.

Please register at <http://edcampalden.weebly.com/>.

If you would like to help run the event, please let me know. There are two optional meetings.

Thank you.--Abbey Dick

## Athletics Schedule

19	20	21	22	23	24
B JV/V Soccer-H-Lowell 4 P Field Hockey JV/V-H-Everett 4/6 P Macdonald Stadium G JV/V Soccer @ Lowell 6 P	Golf @ Medford 3:15 P Unicorn G FR/JV/V Volleyball-H-Stone ham 4/5:30 P	B FR/JV/V Soccer-H-Everett 4 P Field Hockey JV/V-H-Lowell 4 P Pine Banks G FR/JV/V Soccer @ Everett 5/7/7 P Golf @ Salem TBD Cross Country @ Everett 3:45 P G FR/JV/V Volleyball-H-Everett 4/5:30 P	Golf-H-Somerville 3:15 P	Football @ M.C. 7 P G FR/JV/V Volleyball-H-Haver hill 4/5:30 P	B FR/JV/V Soccer @ Melrose Mayors Cup 8/10/12 Noon G FR/JV/V Soccer @ Melrose Mayors Cup 8/10/12 Noon Football FR/JV-H-M.C. 9/11 A

### Upcoming Events

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

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

Saturday 10/1: Tornado Travelers Car Wash – 10am-3pm

Saturday 10/15: EdCamp Malden

Monday 10/17: 1<sup>st</sup> Late Entry Day

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