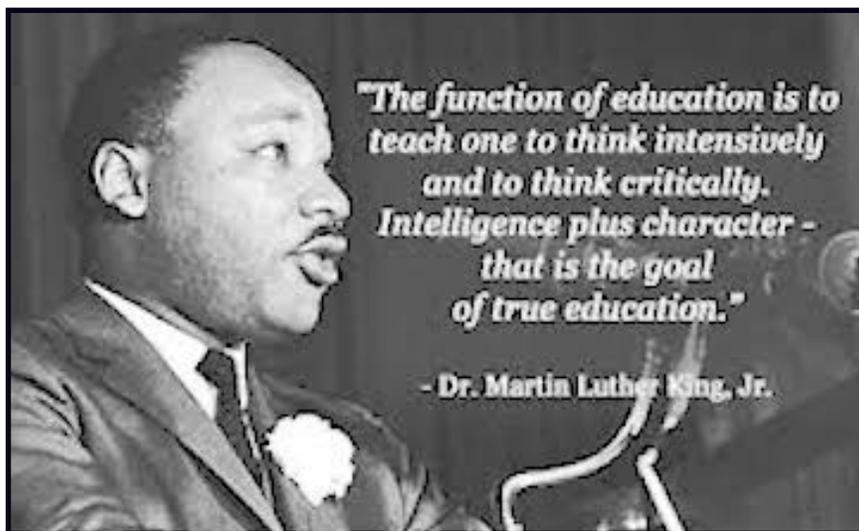




# THE NEDLAM NEWS

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day marked in Malden and throughout the U.S. The 33rd Martin Luther King Jr. Day was marked Monday locally and across the country. The third Monday in January has been a National Holiday since 1983 when then President Ronald signed in into law. It was first celebrated in 1986 and by All states for the first time in 2000. Dr. King's message of civil and economic equality for all and an end to racism still resonates. *See P. 2,3,6 & 10*



## Midterm Week is here @ MHS

Midterm exams will be administered this week beginning today at Malden High School. The full schedule is inside today on Page 2. Good luck, everyone!

## PATS SUPER... AGAIN!



With another thrilling comeback win in the AFC Championship over KC, 37-31 the NE Patriots back in the Super Bowl!

# MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL 2018 MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE for January 22, 23, 24 & 25

## TUESDAY, January 22

Period 1— 7:45 am to 9:15 am

Period 2— 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Period 3—12:15 pm to 1:45 pm

## WEDNESDAY, January 23

Period 4—7:45 am to 9:15 am

Period 5—9:30 am to 11:00 am

## THURSDAY, January 24

Period 6—7:45 am to 9:15 am

Period 7—9:30 am to 11:00 am

## FRIDAY, January 25

Makeup Exams, Period 1-7— 12:15 to 1:45

*All Makeup Exams Must be Approved by House Principal*

*Lunch Served between 11:00 am and 12 noon Each Day*



## **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 vigorous standards for all. We honor the diverse nature of our Malden community, promote social awareness and community involvement and strive to meet the needs of all students through innovative methods and continued continued 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.

## **The message of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continues to resonate still, especially here in the Malden High community**

To All Malden High School Educators, Staff, Administrators & Students:

Many of us in the Malden High School community were not even born when the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated over 50 years ago on April 4, 1968 at age 39. Had he lived, he would have turned 90 last week on January 15. Yesterday, for the 33rd time, we marked a national holiday in his honor, close to his date of birth. What most of us know about Dr. King and his legacy was what we have assimilated in our years of education and learning. We know is that he was the most important voice in America's history for the civil rights movement that started in the 1950s and that he tirelessly worked and dedicated his life for the concept of equal rights for all Americans. His most well-known speech, forever called the "I Have a Dream" address, was delivered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963 in front of the Lincoln Memorial. On that day, during the March on Washington for Jobs and Economic Freedom, Dr. King rallied hundreds of thousands of marchers by calling for civil and economic equality, and an end to racism in America. The text of that famous speech appears on the next page of this newsletter. With the extensive diversity of cultures in our school, Dr. King's message of freedom, equality, justice, peace and love still resonates so many years later. We trust that all of us appreciate Dr. King's legacy and the dividends we continue to reap from the contributions he made through his life's work.



**Mr. Mastrangelo**

*—Mr. Mastrangelo-Principal*

# Dr. King's words ring true still, today

## *Five decades-plus after his most memorable speech in D.C., 1963*

**In his iconic speech at the Lincoln Memorial for the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. urged America to "make real the promises of democracy." Dr. King synthesized portions of his earlier speeches to capture both the necessity for change and the potential for hope in American society. Following is the text:**

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean



Above, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stands before the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963 shortly before delivering his most memorable speech, now known as the "I Have a Dream" address. *Courtesy Photo/time.com*

of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. (Yes, yes) And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition. In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a

**I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.**  
—Dr. King 8/23/63

promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be

guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked insufficient funds.

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# 2018-2019 Malden H.S. 'Winter Coat Drive' was a big success!

Come to Room B424 to pick up a hat, coat or scarf for a person in need... or direct a student there to help stay warm

Hello all,

Thank you to all for your support in the coat drive. We have a great new inventory so if you see anyone that might need a coat, scarf or hat have them stop by Room B424. The cold weather seems to be kicking in!

Have a great week!

**Jane Sulick and Pat Laidley**



The Malden High School Alumni Association, Inc's purpose is to establish a non-profit organization to enhance and preserve the image, prestige, and traditions of the Malden High School; to reconnect with the graduates of Malden High School; to create awareness of the history of the high school, the activities, location and achievements of its graduates; to protect, preserve and display the school's artifacts, papers and photographs; to develop programs, publications, newsletters, public speakers bureau, and any and every type of communication network and outreach activity [www.maldenhighalumni.com](http://www.maldenhighalumni.com)

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO  
'THE NEDLAM NEWS'!  
LET'S SHARE THE GOOD  
NEWS ABOUT MHS!**

Do you have some good news to share about students, teachers, administrators and other staff members? An extracurricular activity, club or sports team? There is LOTS of Good News @ Malden High School! Let's share it with EVERYONE! Mr. Mastrangelo encourages everyone to email Steve Freker @ [sfreker@maldenps.org](mailto:sfreker@maldenps.org) with any news you like to share: stories, snippets, photos, announcement of meetings, events coming... and ones held. **THE NEDLAM NEWS** appears every Monday in your Inbox and is then shared on the District website [www.maldenps.org](http://www.maldenps.org)

**This is another big academic week for MHS students:**

**Second Quarter** grades close Friday, January 25....

**Midterm Examination test scores** count for 10 percent of Final Grades for MHS students



# THIS WEEK'S Notes & Calendar

## Malden Public Schools Calendar for 2018-2019

### MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2018 (2 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
27*	28*	29	30	X

8/27\* First Day for Teachers  
8/28\* Prof Dev Day - All Grds  
8/29 First Day of School for Grades PreK, 1-12  
8/29-9/4 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening  
8/31 No School

SEPTEMBER 2018 (19 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
X	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

9/3 Labor Day  
9/5 First Day of School for Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2018 (22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
X	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

10/5 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
10/8 Columbus Day  
10/15 Late Entry Day MHS

NOVEMBER 2018 (18 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6*	7	8	9
X	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	X	X
26	27	28	29	30

11/5 Late Day Entry MHS  
11/6\* Prof Dev Day-All Grds  
11/12 Veterans Day  
11/21 11:00 Dismissal  
11/22-23 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2018 (15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
X	X	X	X	X
X				

12/10 Late Entry MHS  
12/21 11:00 Dismissal  
12/24-1/1 Winter Vacation

JANUARY 2019 (21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	X	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
X	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

1/2 School Resumes  
1/11 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
1/7 Late Entry MHS  
1/21 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 2019 (14 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15*
X	X	X	X	X
25	26	27	28	

2/4 Late Entry MHS  
2/15\* Prof Dev Day-All Grds  
2/18-22 February Vacation

MARCH 2019 (21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

3/4 Late Entry MHS  
3/8 Early Dismissal PreK-12

APRIL 2019 (17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
X	X	X	X	X
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

4/1 Late Entry MHS  
4/5 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
4/15-19 Spring Vacation

MAY 2019 (22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
X	28	29	30	31

5/3 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
5/6 Late Entry MHS  
5/27 Memorial Day

JUNE 2019 (9 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	

6/13 Last day w/o snow days - 11:00 Dismissal  
6/20 Last day w/five snow days - 11:00 Dismissal

**First Day for Teachers – Monday, August 27, 2018**

**Please note that five (5) additional days are built into the calendar in case of inclement weather**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21—NO SCHOOL** as Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22- MIDTERM EXAMS...**

Period 1— 7:45 am to 9:15 am  
Period 2— 9:30 am to 11:00 am  
Period 3—12:15 pm to 1:45 pm  
**(Lunch 1100 am-12 noon)**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23— MIDTERM EXAMS...**

Period 4—7:45 am to 9:15 am  
Period 5—9:30 am to 11:00 am  
**(Lunch 1100 am-12 noon)**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24— MIDTERM EXAMS....**

Period 6—7:45 am to 9:15 am  
Period 7—9:30 am to 11:00 am

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25— MIDTERM EXAMS....**

Makeups, Periods 1-7

**MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE:**

Mon., January 21— NO SCHOOL  
Tues., January 22-Per 1, Per 2, Per 3  
Wed., January 23- Per 4, Per 5  
Thurs., January 24- Per 6, Per 7  
Fri., January 25-1-2-3-4-5-6-7

**FRIDAY SPECIAL TIMES:**

1- 755-831 2- 835-911  
3- 915-951 4- 955-1037  
5- Long Block reg. time  
6- Regular Time 7-Regular Time

# Dr. King's 'I Have a Dream' Speech, 8/28/63

*Continued from Page 3* But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so we've come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. And those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of

But there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: in the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. (Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny, and they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.  
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**ATTENTION: Ms. Ceppetelli informs us PEER TUTORING is returning to the MHS Library this Tues/Thurs. this week from 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

**That some 537 cities in the United States have been designated as "ALL-AMERICA CITIES" by the National Civic League in the past 69 years, since the NCL was founded in 1949. The city of MALDEN was selected an "ALL-AMERICA CITY" city in 1966, during the mayoral tenure of the late Walter E. Kelliher. Only 18 Mass. cities have been cited since the the selection process began!**

# 'Poetry Out Loud' semifinals held; Finals are set for Thurs., January 31 Malden HS students and educators will perform

By Julie Yu

The Blue and Gold

Malden High School recently held its annual "Poetry Out Loud" Semifinals. Poetry Out Loud is a poetry recitation contest done in English classes across the nation. The contest was created in 2006 and has been integrated into the Malden High English Curriculum as an annual tradition.

Each student recites a poem of their choosing and teachers select one winner to represent their class in the Semi Final Period Competition. The winners from each class then compete against other students from other English classes during the same period. From each period, two students were selected to advance to the Final School Competition. The students who are competing at the Final School Competition were instructed to choose a new poem from the pre-twentieth century time frame.

MHS English teacher, Yahaira Marquez checked for accuracy as each student recited their poem while another MHS English teacher, Jennifer Clapp judged each student's overall performance.

The 15 students who will be competing at the Finals on Thursday, January 31 in the Jenkins Auditorium are freshmen Ina Lu, Mayada Giha, Jing Ren, sophomores Angela Truong and Grayson Garside, juniors Rasmee Ky, Mohammed Ayyoub Belatreche, Gregory Chau, Ana Piroasca, and seniors Birukti Tsige, Paige Pimental, Sebastian Romani, Makesha Mercedat, Michelle Chan and Jenna Vanella.

Freshman Finalist, Jing Ren recited "From Blossoms" by Li-Young Lee. She expressed that the theme and symbolism really stood out to her. Ren saw it as "visual reminder of how precious life is." She explained that her "initial goal for Poetry Out Loud this year was just to get it over with," she added that "I did not plan to win the class and the period competition." Ren said she was nervous before her recitation in front of her class. However, before the period competition "[I] was calm and a bit confident because I kept reassuring myself that everything would be alright." Ren mentioned that she just wanted "to try my best," no matter the outcomes.

Senior Finalist, Birukti Tsige recited "Vagrants and Loiters" by Kwame Dawes. She expressed how she really "liked the swagger it had in the beginning of the poem," and how it shifted "in the end to a more serious tone that talked about issues ...going on today." Tsige's goal was to recite her poem to the best of her ability and "take into account pointers that my teacher, Mr. Walsh, had given me after my class performance." She explained that "I was nervous," before her recitation "but once I introduced myself and the title, it all flowed smoothly."



MHS senior Grace Dong recites Let the Light Enter for Frances Ellen Warner Harper

# Malden High Boys and Girls Track Teams top Everett in Northeastern Conf. meet

By Steve Freker

Led by some strong individual performances from a pair of underclassmen, the Malden High School boys indoor track team topped Everett, 58-28.

"It was a good showing, we got some strong efforts against some good competition," Malden coach David Londino said.

Junior Jean Gerard won two events, with a 41 feet-5 inch toss in the shotput and also came out on top in the 50 yard hurdles with a time of 7.6 seconds. Sophomore Ezra Kruckenberg won the high jump with a finish of 5 feet-10 inches. Kruckenberg also placed second in the 300 meter run at 41.3 seconds for some key points.

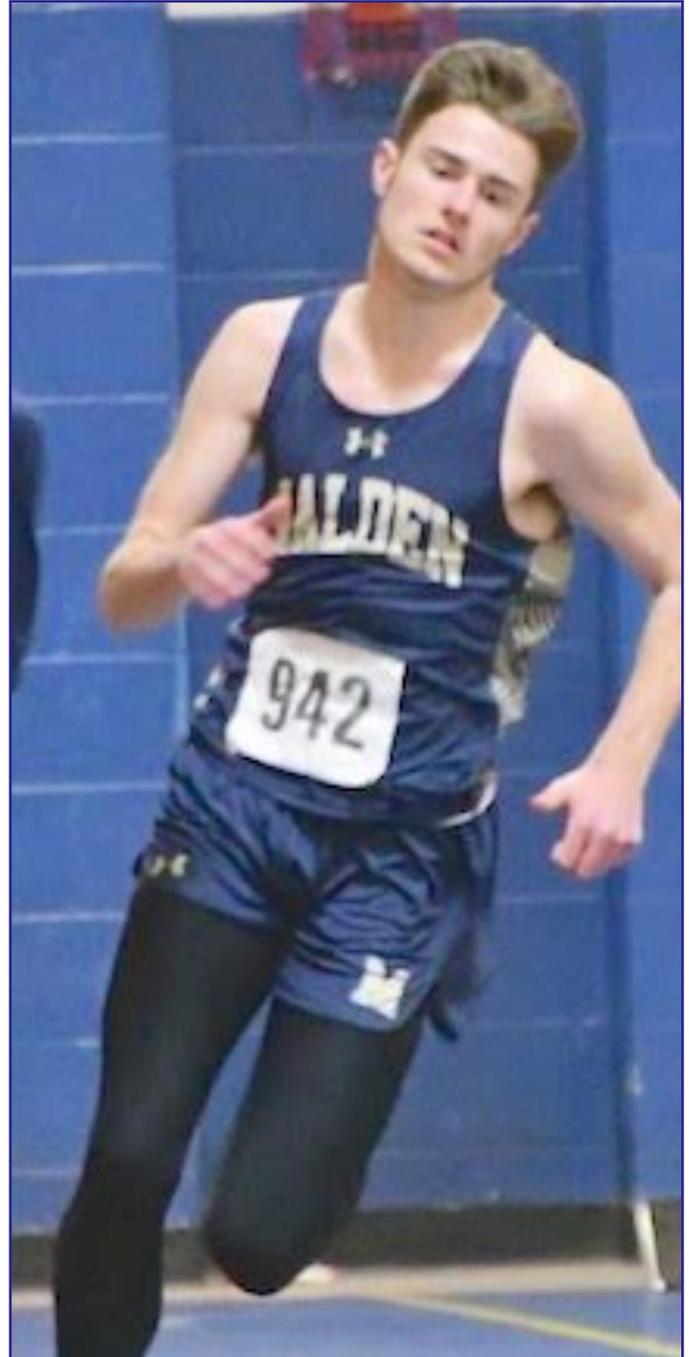
Freshman Mackenley Anasthal finished second in the high jump for Malden at 5 feet even as did sophomore Kenny Nguyen for third place. Everett's Mac Shillingford was fourth in the event in tie at five feet.

Everett's Mario Sheard was second in the shotput at 39 ft.-11 in. Malden's Fabian Xu was third at 35 ft.-8 1/2 in. Malden senior Danny Duong was second in the 50 hurdles at 7.8 seconds and Everett's Justin King third at 8.1 seconds.

Everett swept the 50-yard dash with Clarence Jules and Elijah Auguste both at 5.9 seconds and Sammie Lamoth third at 6.0 seconds. Malden's Justin Zou was fourth at 6.2 seconds. Everett's Schillingford won the 300 at 40.4 and Malden's Luis Reyes Ventura was third behind Kruckenberg at 41.9 seconds. Eduardo Chaparro was fourth for Everett at 42.6 seconds.

Malden senior Mattheus Farias won the 600 meter run at 1:34.1 and it was a 1-2 finish for Malden with sophomore Brendan Santos second at 1:35.9. Everett's Jason Louis was third at 1:37.1. Malden swept 1-2-3 in the 1000 meter run with junior Yousef Lahkiky first at 2:55.1 and freshman Josue Iziharry second at 3:19.4, and junior Gerard Mauriello third at 3:23.1. Everett's Frank Caiascibetta was fourth at 3:25.9.

Malden also went 1-2-3 in the one-mile run. Omar Asoucy (4:50.4), Kevin Fuentes (5:24.0) and Aman Chhetri (5:28.0) were the top finishers. Everett's Arthur Rose (5:28.4) was fourth and Marc Ferriera (5:58.1) fifth.



Malden High sophomore Ezra Kruckenberg won the high jump and finished second in the 300 run to help spark MHS boys track past Everett.  
*Courtesy/MHS Athletics*

Malden's Chris D'Entremont won the two-mile at 11:35.2 and Everett's Mario Rivera was second at 11:51.8. Malden junior Josue Pauleus (12:14.0) was fourth and Tornado junior Tom Nguyen

## PRESTON LEADS MALDEN GIRLS TRACK PAST EVERETT

The meet was closer than the final score as Malden and Everett battled in an indoor track matchup where the Golden Tornado girls prevailed, 57-29.

The Malden High School girls won seven events, led by sophomore Makayla Preston, who displayed her versatility by winning the shotput and placing second in the 50-yard dash.

Malden girls indoor track improved to 3-2 with the win. Everett fell to 1-4 with the loss.

Malden's Preston tossed 31 ft.-4 in. to win the shotput and teammate Shataeya Smith, a senior, threw 31 ft.-3 1/2 in. for second place. Malden made it a 1-2-3 sweep when junior Ana Faiole threw 24 ft.-2 1/4 in. for third. Everett's AnnLaurie Pierre was fourth at 23 ft.-7 1/2 in. Genny Murphy won the 50-yard hurdles for Malden at 8.7 seconds. Everett's Lyanne Murphy was second at 8.6 seconds and Lourdjina Vincent of Everett third at 9.0 seconds.

Everett's Jessica Santos won the 50 dash at 6.6 seconds. Preston was second at 6.7 seconds and Malden senior Mirabelle Jean-Louis third at 6.7 seconds. Malden junior Pryanna Alper won the 300 meter run at 46.7 seconds, Everett's Victoria Chaparro was second at 49.1 seconds.

Malden's Angelina Shorr, a junior, won the 600 run at 1:58.6. Senior Jill Tramandozzi (1:59.9) and sophomore Harriet Gerochi was third at 2:06.



## Malden High School Golden Tornado Team Sports Schedule 2019

### MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Varsity Co-ed Gymnastics @ Hamilton-Wenham, Iron Rail Gymnastics, 1045am

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Varsity Coed Swimming vs. Reading, MHS Pool , 400p

Freshman Girls Basketball vs. Somerville, Beebe School, Malden, 4:00p

Freshman Boys Basketball @ Somerville, 400  
Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys Basketball @ Somerville, 530p and 700p

Junior Varsity Girls Basketball vs.

Somerville, Finn Gym @ MHS, 530p

Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Somerville, Finn Gym @ MHS, 700p

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Middle School Girls and Boys Basketball @ Swampscott, Swampscott MS, 345p and 445p

Varsity Boys and Girls Indoor Track

@Gloucester, @ Swampscott HS 400p

Varsity Girls Basketball v. Snowden, Finn Gym MHS, 6:00p

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Varsity Co-ed Swim vs. Medford, Medford HS Pool, 400p

Varsity Co-ed Gymnastics Tri-Meet v.

Medford and Gloucester @ Medford HS, 400

Varsity Co-ed Wrestling, MHS Finn Gym, 530

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Fr., JV & Vars. Boys Basketball v. Winthrop

# Dr. King's 'March on Washington' address resonates 50 years later when we look at the United States today

*Continued from Page 6* We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating for whites only. We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution) and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream (that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification", one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today. [

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain

, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together), to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. This will be the day, this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: "My country, 'tis of thee (Yeah, Yes), sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!"

And if America is to be a great nation,, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring (Yes) from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that: Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens [applause] (Let it ring, Let it ring), and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men (Yeah) and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"