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THE NEDLAM NEWS

Malden High School staff will introduce Remote Learning as part of district-wide move Monday

MHS staff works diligently to reconnect with students to move forward on new path of learning for next several weeks

***By Steve Freker
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Malden High School educators and administrators are forging ahead with a newly-formed path of academic progress for our students with the introduction of the Malden Public Schools Remote Learning Plan. The district's own version of remote learning begins on Monday, April 6, in concert with guidelines established by the Mass. Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Supt. Oteri and the MPS central administration spearheaded work on the detailed Remote Learning Plan, along with MHS principal Chris Mastrangelo and the K-8 principals across the district. The result is a plan suited to each academic level, with the central focus being on "a deeper dive" into core work already introduced in classwork this past school year as well as enhancements which take into consideration the overall social-emotional health of the district's student in these trying times.



CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION—While Malden High School students are all issued an individual Chromebook for use in Grades 9-12, there was a need to make available Chromebooks for use by families in the younger Grades K-8 and a distribution tent was set up Thursday & Friday at the Ferryway School. *Courtesy Photo/ Malden Public Schools*



FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH is AVAILABLE for ANY STUDENT who is a MALDEN RESIDENT @ Malden H.S. (Ferry St. lot, beside CVS) & Salemwood School from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday ... Drive-Up pickup



UPCOMING @ MALDEN HS:

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, MARCH 17 through MAY 4 — Governor Baker has announced that all schools statewide, including the Malden Public Schools, will be closed until at least Monday, May 4 due to COVID-19. No entrance to the MHS building for any activities will be allowed.



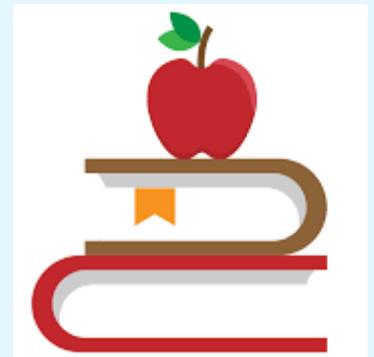
Malden High School Vision Statement

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 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.

A letter from Superintendent Oteri to all Malden educators on launch of the new Remote Learning Plan on Monday

Hello, Malden Public Schools Educators! We cannot believe that it has been three weeks since we last saw you in person - we miss you! We hope that this communication finds you safe and in good health and good spirits. Being away from the routine of school is difficult, but being away from school AND being cooped up inside in these days of social distancing is even more so!

We know that while you are establishing new routines during this "new normal," that you also share our concern about Malden's students and are eager to connect with them in the coming days and weeks. Since receiving guidance late last week about school closure, we have worked closely with stakeholders to develop a remote learning plan.



You have received a copy of this plan which details the general guidelines for learning as we move forward. On Monday, April 6th, we will launch Malden Public Schools Remote Learning. We know this leaves many of you with questions about what on earth does this remote learning look like when we wake up on Monday?

First, we ask that you thoroughly read the Malden Public Schools Remote Learning Plan; it is a long document, but many of your questions will be addressed in that document. Second, we also ask that you read DESE's guidelines on remote learning (linked in the MPS Remote Learning Plan); these guidelines are the result of collaboration among a large group of stakeholders and offer critical information about remote learning. Third, you should have received through email a highlighted number of common questions which you may review. Lastly, your teacher colleagues, curriculum directors, and building and district administration are here to help. The paradigm of school as we've known it for most of our lives is on hold, and we need to be able to make a shift in our thinking. This is a new world to us as well, and we certainly don't have all the answers, but we promise that we will work alongside you to address questions, challenges, and concerns as they arise.

Most of us are used to and enjoy the routine and structure of school, and as educators, our students and families look to us for answers. This is an unprecedented, fluid time where things change by the hour (and even minute), and the answer these days is often "I don't know yet." We see this shift to remote learning as an unexpected opportunity to try new approaches, unleash our creativity, form strong bonds with our Malden families, and find laughter and joy in this learning adventure. We are sure that Malden students and families will be so happy to hear from you that a glitch here and there will be far outshadowed by your presence! Best of luck - we will be checking in with you at the end of the week!

— Superintendent John Oteri

Let's recognize some March achievements by MHS women during 'Women's History Month'



Above, second from right, MHS junior Yohanni Costa won her second consecutive MIAA State Girls Wrestling Championship, a first in school history. Her sister, Hayemi, second from left, was the state runnerup in another weight class at the State Finals. Above, MHS Student Support Staff members Mr. Pompilus, left and Mr. Rivers, right congratulate the young women.
Steve Freker Photo/ For the Malden Public Schools

Honorable Emily Karstetter
as
First Justice
of the
Malden District Court
Friday, March 6, 2020

The Malden High School girls basketball team and coach Scott Marino were the guests of honor at the swearing in ceremony for the Honorable Emily Karstetter, as the first woman to serve as First Justice of the Malden District Court.



The 80th Junior Varieties show went off without a hitch on March 7-8, thanks to a total team effort including these young women, above, and others who handled the spotlights and sound.



The Malden High School Step Team has become a very well-known representative of our school around the city and the cultural dance ensemble never disappoints as above, they performed during the 80th Junior Varieties show. On the second show, performed Saturday, March 8, it was International Women's Day.

Women's History Month was first celebrated in March, 1987 through a Congressional Declaration

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FAMILIES with SNAP (Food Stamps) Benefits
... COVID-19 Emergency Monthly Supplements now available

**EMERGENCY SNAP SUPPLEMENTS
FOR ALL SNAP BENEFICIARIES**

All SNAP beneficiaries who get less than the maximum benefit for their household size will automatically get a supplement up to the maximum benefit.

1 PERSON HOUSEHOLDS WILL GET \$194

2 PERSON HOUSEHOLDS WILL GET \$355

Example: John receives the minimum SNAP benefit of \$16 each month. With the COVID-19 emergency supplement John will automatically receive an additional supplement benefit of \$178/mo to bring his total benefit up to \$194

**IF YOU ALREADY RECEIVE SNAP BENEFITS YOU WILL GET
THIS ADDED BENEFIT AUTOMATICALLY**

**IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP BUT NOT ENROLLED
YOU CAN STILL APPLY.**

CALL PROJECT BREAD FOR ASSISTANCE 1-800-645-8333

**If families are NOT on SNAP...
they can APPLY for SNAP now!**

What if I do not get SNAP at the present time?

If you are low-income we encourage you to apply. If you are approved, you may also qualify for an extra SNAP payment. To apply:

- The fastest way to apply is to apply online/on your smartphone at DTAConnect.com.
- Go to Mass.gov/SNAP to print a paper SNAP application and learn where to send it.
- Call the Project Bread FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 to apply over the phone

What if I need meals for my school age children?

While schools are closed, The Malden Public Schools district is providing FREE pre-packaged breakfast and lunch school meals for children. **FREE meals may be picked up at Drive-Through locations at Malden High School in the Ferry Street/CVS parking lot OR at Salemwood School parking lot loop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Monday through Friday.** Children who get SNAP or are approved for free or reduced-price meals will get additional EBT benefits, likely in April and/or May.

MIAA resets potential start of Spring Sports season; May 4 in place with May 11 games

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High school sports season is still alive in 2020, but the fate of the season is still very much in the air.

Hundreds of spring season student-athletes, coaches, fans and parents were anxiously awaiting any updates, which officially came this week.

When Governor Charlie Baker delivered the news last week that Massachusetts schools would now remain closed until at least May 4 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it automatically pushed back a potential start of high school spring sports to that same date.

High school sports can only be played if school is officially in session, except for the two weeks before the official start of school in the fall.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Board of Directors confirmed this new start date of spring sports this past Monday, announcing that the spring season now would be on a May 4 starting date.

In somewhat of a surprise move, the MIAA Board also stated that if high school spring sports do resume on May 4, then there will also be an MIAA postseason championship held at the conclusion of the regular season. The main change the Board



made was that it extended the end-of-season date to June 27. It originally was set at June 20.

According to the MIAA, which took into consideration recommendations of its own Tournament Management Committee (TMC), the regular season would be able to start on May 4, with an abbreviated practice period of seven days and games could begin on May 11. A final setup plan for a postseason tournament is being left up the TMC at this time.

In another change, the MIAA Board also voted to allow teams that do NOT qualify for a postseason tournament to continue playing games up to the June 27 season ending date. This has not been done before in the past.

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NEWS'!**

**LET'S SHARE THE
GOOD NEWS ABOUT**

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 with any news you like to share: stories, snippets, photos, announcement of meetings, events coming... and ones held. **THE NEDLAM NEWS** appears every Friday in your Inbox and is then shared on the District website www.maldenps.org

DID YOU KNOW?

The Autism Society of the United States states that the prevalence of autism in just 10 years, the United States has risen from 1 in 125 children in 2010 to 1 in 59 in 2020

**MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

AUGUST 2019				
(2 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
26*	27*	28	29	X

8/26* First Day for Teachers
8/27* Prof Dev Day - All Grds
8/28 First Day of School for Grades PreK, 1-12
8/28-8/29 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
8/30 No School

SEPTEMBER 2019				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
X	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

9/2 Labor Day
9/3 First Day of School for Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2019				
(22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

10/11 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
10/14 Columbus Day
10/21 Late Entry Day MHS

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

11/4 Late Day Entry MHS
11/5* Prof Dev Day-All Grds
11/11 Veterans Day
11/27 11:00 Dismissal - Thanksgiving
11/28-29 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2019				
(15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
X	X	X	X	X
X	X			

12/9 Late Entry MHS
12/20 11:00 Dismissal
12/23-1/1 Winter Vacation

JANUARY 2020				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	X	X	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
X	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

1/2 School Resumes
1/6 Late Entry MHS
1/10 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
1/20 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 2020				
(15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
X	X	X	X	X
24	25	26	27	28

2/10 Late Entry MHS
2/7 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
2/17-21 February Vacation

MARCH 2020				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13*
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

3/9 Late Entry MHS
3/13 * Prof Dev Day-All Grds

APRIL 2020				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
X	X	X	X	X
27	28	29	30	

4/6 Late Entry MHS
4/10 11:00 Dismissal - Good Friday
4/20-24 Spring Vacation

MAY 2020				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
X	26	27	28	29

5/1 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
5/4 Late Entry MHS
5/25 Memorial Day

JUNE 2020				
(10 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19

6/5 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
6/12 Last day w/o snow days - 11:00 Dismissal
6/19 Last day w/five snow days - 11:00 Dismissal

First Day for Teachers – Monday, August 26, 2019

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

- Early Release PreK-12
- Late Entry Dates for High School