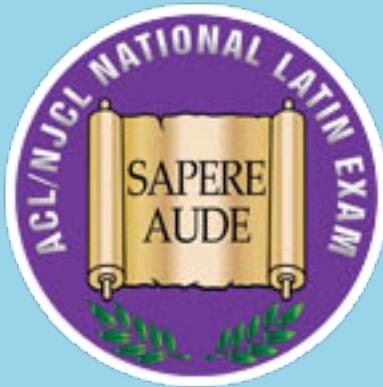




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CONGRATULATIONS! MHS Award Winners from the National Latin Exam; 28 students honored, 5 are GOLD MEDAL awardees

Ms. Fox announced at a "Virtual Awards Ceremony" earlier today that 28 Malden High students have shined by winning awards due to their superb performance in the National Latin Exam, which was taken in March. MHS principal Mr. Mastrangelo was in attendance as Five MHS students, Laura Salamao Costa, Ina Liu, Olivia Chan, Mayahuel Morse and Billy Zeng were told they were Gold Medal *Summa cum laude* winners! **More on this accomplishment, Inside on Page 6**



Week Two of our district's Remote Learning Plan is in the books! Keep up the great work, everyone!

LEARNING REMOTELY



Program
WILL go on
during
Vacation
next week!

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

Malden Public School are on April Vacation next week, 4/20 - 4/24; **Back to Remote Learning 4/27**



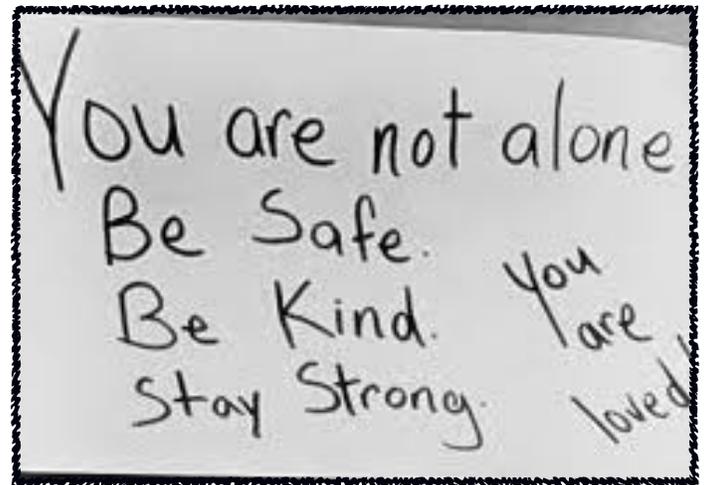
Our continuing and true commitment to our students has been of tremendous value
Take some time for yourselves and enjoy the upcoming Vacation Week!

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

This has certainly been an eventful couple of weeks. The roll out of remote learning at MHS has been incredible. I thank you for your commitment to the process and to our students. Like I said at the beginning, there will be bumps in the road and adjustments to be made. Through a combination of conversations with Administration, Teacher Leaders, Teachers, and students, it is obvious that our efforts to reach out and connect with our kids have paid great dividends. We have made contact with nearly 100 % students at MHS. Please continue to give our students the amazing support that you have been giving them. This is unfamiliar to all of us. Think about what we did. We completely changed our approach, practice, and implementation of educating 1,900 students with diverse needs. We planned and implemented this change in less than three weeks. Is it perfect? Not at all! Is it what education should look like? Absolutely not! Is it the best we can do for our students during this unsettling time in our world's history? Perhaps! Take some time to yourself and enjoy the upcoming vacation week knowing that I am eternally grateful for the way the staff at MHS jumped into action to support our students' academic and emotional needs.



Mr. Mastrangelo



Malden High School Aspirational Instructional Focus Statement

Malden High School educates an inclusive and equitable community of diverse learners whom we are preparing to be Communicators, Collaborators, Critical Thinkers, Innovative Learners, Empowered Citizens, and Persistent Individuals. As such, MHS instructional practices present authentic and relevant experiences that are intellectually engaging, student-centered, inquiry-based, cognitively complex, process-oriented, and encourage productive struggle. Furthermore, these instructional practices encourage students to pursue their interests, leverage their strengths, and explore unfamiliar concepts that prepare students for life in our ever-changing modern world.

Teaching is the highest art; before the doctor, there was a teacher.
~ Steve Perry





UPCOMING @ MALDEN HS:

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, MARCH 17 through at least 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 the MPS community

Dear Malden Public Schools Community,

Let me start with thanking everyone for your flexibility, patience and your support. It has meant a great deal over the last five weeks. These past five weeks have been unlike any in the history of Massachusetts education. We have probably used all the words to describe the pandemic. I know one thing is certain, we surely miss our students and colleagues. The myriad of videos, connecting through online, email, and phone have renewed our hope and, though physically distanced from one another, we are socially connected and supportive.



The Coronavirus has impacted all of our lives in ways we could not have imagined. In less than five weeks we have quickly transitioned from traditional day in a brick and mortar school, to now a remote learning model that has had our staff learning a new way of teaching and supporting students, to our families balancing working from home and playing the role of teacher in the home as they assist their children/students. We know that this situation is not perfect, but we improve each day, and work diligently toward the goal of keeping students engaged in learning in these most unusual circumstances. During this time, we know many in our Malden family have been diagnosed or may be caring for loved ones with COVID-19. Like all good families, we are here for you and will support you in any way we can.

Let me provide some updates for you. Next week begins April Vacation. I know this is not like any other April Vacation. But, we will be observing the April vacation and there will be no remote learning taking place during this week. We encourage students and families to continue to read and practice some of the skills on our MPS Engagement Resources page: www.maldenps.org. However, during April Vacation, there WILL be free breakfast and lunch for any student in Malden all next week, including Monday, April 20, from 10 AM-1 PM at Malden High School and the Salemwood School. We also want to assist any family who is eligible for the Department of Transitional Assistance services for SNAP (Supplemental *Continued on Page 7*

Malden Public Schools WILL OBSERVE April School Vacation; Students & Educators have 1-week break

The Malden School Committee unanimously voted at its meeting on Monday night, April 10 that the Malden Public Schools would retain the scheduled week of April School Vacation from Monday-Friday, April 20-24. This means that Malden Public Schools educators and students have a one-week break from the Remote Learning plan. Students are encouraged to practice learning skills on the MPS Engagement Resources Page at www.maldenps.org

When the distance was shorter... (But we will be back together soon!)



One of the last schoolwide activities held at MHS before the school was closed on March 13, was a well-attended "Open Gym" which drew over 200 students for several hours of fun! *Steve Freker*
Photo/ For the Malden Public Schools

Over 200 Students had a blast at 'Open Gym' on March 13



Members of the Malden YWCA Task Force on Teen Dating Violence invited fellow MHS students to take a Teen Dating Violence Quiz during lunches one day last month, at right. At left, the "Kobe and Gigi" door outside of Ms. Sibley's Boyle House Office. *Steve Freker*
Photos

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Quiz/ YWCA



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?

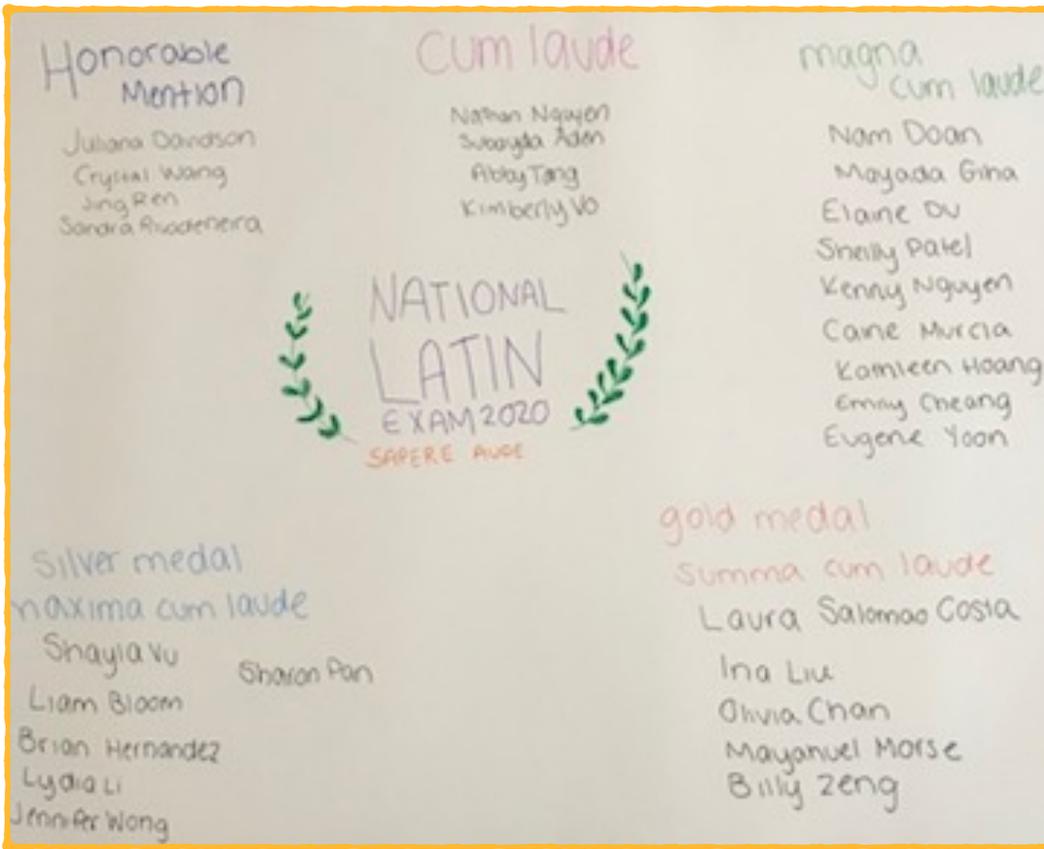
If you are low-income we encourage you to apply. If you are approved, you may also qualify for an extra SNAP payment. To apply:

- 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?

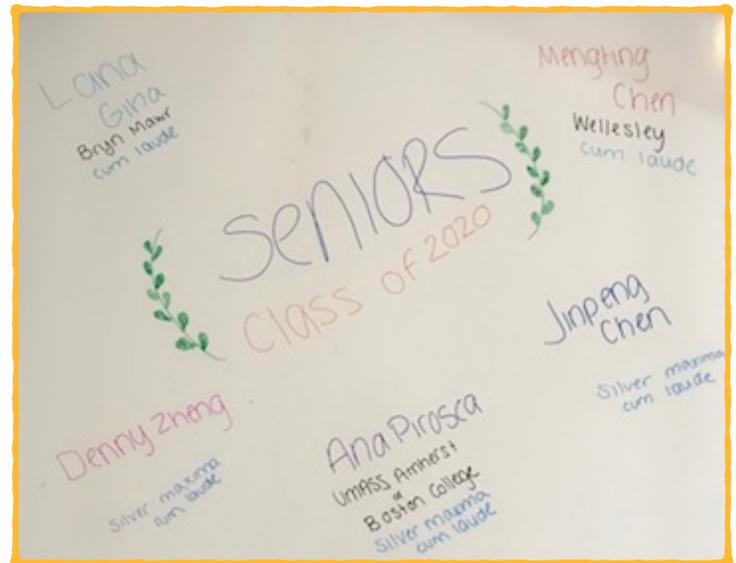
While schools are closed, The Malden Public Schools district is providing FREE pre-packaged breakfast and lunch school meals for children. **FREE meals may be picked up at Drive-Through locations at Malden High School in the Ferry Street/CVS parking lot OR at Salemwood School parking lot loop from 10 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.

CONGRATULATIONS! To our 28 Malden High awardees from the National Latin Exam



Five Malden High School seniors are now in the running for a chance at one of 16 National Latin Exam award scholarships that will be presented to Gold Medal Winners. Ms. Fox, who teaches Latin at MHS announced all the awardees at a "Virtual Ceremony" on Friday morning. Some 28 MHS Latin students were honored in total, including six Silver Medal winners (*Maxima cum laude*): Shayla Yu, Sharon Pan, Liam Bloom, Lydia Li, Brian Hernandez and Jennifer Wong. At left, a listing of all the award winners was shown at Friday's ceremony.

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



MHS seniors who were National Latin Exam honorees are shown above.

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



A Letter to the Malden Public Schools Community: Supt. Oteri provides some information & updates on many issues

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Nutrition Assistance Program). If you already qualified for a free or reduced lunch, you are automatically eligible for SNAP. If your economic situation has changed, you should contact the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) to see if you are eligible for benefits. Please contact the DTA at: www.mass.gov/vg/selfservice or call 1-877-382-2363.

If you need further food assistance the following resources are helpful:

Bread of Life: <http://www.breadoflifemalden.org/our-programs>,

Malden YMCA: https://www.ymcamalden.org/docs/YMCA_COVID_Popup.pdf

As you may be aware, late last week Education Commissioner Riley cancelled the MCAS testing for 2020. There is more good news on the MCAS front. Fortunately, our seniors have taken all the retests in Math and ELA and now are just awaiting the results so that they, too, will be eligible for graduation. Speaking of graduation, we will be looking at ways to hold a graduation for our seniors if May 31 is not an option. Certainly our seniors deserve some form of a graduation. We will be in touch as we receive additional guidance from the state.

We are also continuing to assess how our Remote Learning Plan is working. To that end, we have attached a survey (<https://maldenps.org/familysurveys/>). Supplying answers will give us a better sense of how to serve our families and how to provide technology going forward. We strive, like the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does, to make our remote learning as accessible and equitable as possible. Please take a few moments to complete the survey which is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Haitian-Creole, Vietnamese, Arabic and Amharic .

Lastly, we will continue to provide you with updates as they become available. As of now, we are scheduled to come back to school on Monday, May 4. At this point, that



FREE Breakfast & Lunch Program Distribution will continue next week, M-F April 20-24, during the April School Vacation period.

that does not seem realistic. The Governor will be addressing the school closure in the coming days. If the school closure is extended, we surely will let you know.

We recognize the strain and stress Coronavirus has had on our families and our staff. It has turned our previously stable and predictable world, upside down. We all have been tested in ways we never could have expected. We will come out of this stronger because we are all in this together. We are Malden and we are Strong!

On behalf of the Malden Public Schools, please stay safe and healthy,

John Oteri
Superintendent of Schools
Malden Public Schools