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THE NEDLAM NEWS

**Malden High School stands in solidarity
with all who mourn George Floyd's death**



#Black Lives Matter

**It was week to give us hope.. and lift us up
We honored our Seniors to start the week and spent an inspiring day at the Malden March to end it**

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

We began the week by coming together as a school to honor our Class of 2020 seniors. We concluded it by coming together with the whole Malden community is one of the most inspiring days of my life.

Friday was also a day where I felt great pride, as much as I have ever felt as principal of Malden High School and a member of the Malden school community. How blessed we are to have such positive and forward thinking young women in our midst —Christelle Jean and Micaela Henry, both Malden High students, and their friend, Kimberly Timothee, of the Pioneer Charter School— who could come up with such an idea as the Malden March, a peaceful protest against the senseless, tragic killing of George Floyd. Then, they formulated a plan that ended up bringing over 1,500 people of all races and backgrounds to the steps of our own Jenkins Auditorium to begin the event. Simply amazing. How proud I was to see so many Malden High School students, present and past, among the marchers in this peaceful protest, as well as so many of our MHS educators, administrators and staff members joining in. Everyone walked side-by-side with other members of the community, all for one cause. Then we listened to the powerful words of all the young people who spoke at the Lincoln Commons park as the crowd swelled to nearly 2,000 as people from surrounding neighborhoods joined those who had marched. It was an experience that none us will forget, or should ever forget. It showed us what our young people can do when they are driven by a common goal and passion. It showed us, quite clearly, that yes, there is hope for the future. *See P.5*



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.



UPCOMING @ MALDEN HS:

EFFECTIVE APRIL 21 — Governor Baker has announced that all schools statewide, including the Malden Public Schools, will be closed indefinitely through the end of the 2019-2020 year 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 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.



Nearly 80 MHS staff joined the Class of 2020 ‘Rolling Rally’ Senior Grad Parade!
Smiles were in abundance (under the mask) as we visited every Senior’s home





The 'Rolling Rally' was a huge success in honoring the Senior Class of 2020

By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools

They got their missions, they fanned out and by the time they finished, a band of about 75 Malden High School educators and staff members brightened the day of over 400 members of the MHS Class of 2020.

Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. was supposed to have been the time when all of the 417 members of the Senior Class of 2020 were to have been the guests of honor at Graduation Exercises at Macdonald Stadium in Malden.

Instead, 2:00 p.m. Sunday was the time an event to make the MHS seniors guests of honor at their own front steps kicked off.

The coronavirus pandemic has wreaked havoc on the calendar of high school seniors all across the nation. Many events associated with the senior year such as Senior Prom, awards nights and Senior Nights for sports teams have all been cancelled.

At the top of the list, Graduation Day, has also been a sad casualty of the times, due to health and safety protocols to try and keep everyone out of reach of COVID-19.

Malden High principal Chris Mastrangelo, like many administrators around the state and the country, has tried to come with many different ways to try and replace **SENIORS, See Next Page**

MHS senior Shantae Jacobs (center) had her whole family out in front of her home to celebrate during the Rolling Rally Senior Class of 2020 Parade on Sunday, May 31. *Steve Freker/For the Malden Public Schools*



Seniors and their families were thrilled to be recognized during the "Rolling Rally" on Sunday, May 31. the originally planned Graduation Day. *Steve Freker Photo/For the Malden Public Schools*



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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It also showed us that we all have a lot of work ahead of us as we continue to address issues that we have already been facing in the realm of social and racial equity and justice at Malden High School. We will work consistently and effectively as we continue on the path of maintaining and strengthening a safe, fair and welcoming environment for our students and staff. We also will continue to nurture values and systems that will ensure equity and justice. We took a serious stride on this path with the virtual meeting of our entire staff on Wednesday. With over 160 MHS staff members getting together to openly discuss issues of racial and cultural equity, it had a major impact on our future as a staff and as a school. We intend to have many more frank discussions on similar topics. As our experts on racial justice, like Dr. Amante, have advised us, we must "become comfortable with being uncomfortable" in our discussions. That has already begun at Malden High School and it will continue to help us improve as a school. We must better serve our students, who look to us for guidance and mentoring. Two key products of our staff discussion are immediately coming to fruition. Included is the beginning of work by our administrative team to develop a system whereby students and staff will be able to report incidences they perceive as social and racial injustice. Also, we are now formulating a student-run, student-based survey on the culture and climate of MHS. In this manner, we can derive some hard data on our own students' perceptions, so we can address their concerns as we seek improvements. This will be an ongoing endeavor and we hope we can continue to receive input as we strive to address these issues.

What a great day it was as we began our week with the Senior Graduation Parade! Many thanks to Superintendent Oteri, Mayor Christenson, Maria Luise from the Mayor's Office, Police Chief Molis, Fire Chief Sullivan, Board of Health Director Webb and the nearly 80 MHS staff members who all worked together to make the day possible. The smiles and the excitement that we saw by the truckload on Sunday made all the efforts so worthwhile. Thanks also to Coach Freker who made up the detailed routes for each of the eight wards. I also thank all the staff who went back out a second time on Monday, and some, a third time on Tuesday! Just to make sure we drove by every senior's home. We hit over 420 single homes, most of them on Sunday. Considering the year these kids have had, they deserved it, so much. Hats off to everyone!

—*Mr. Mastrangelo, Principal*



Angela Leung and her mom are greeted

MHS Senior 'Rolling Rally'

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some of what his seniors have missed with alternatives that could lift their spirits.

"We decided if we could not have the seniors attend their Graduation Day on the day it was planned, we were going to take it to them, right to their own homes,"

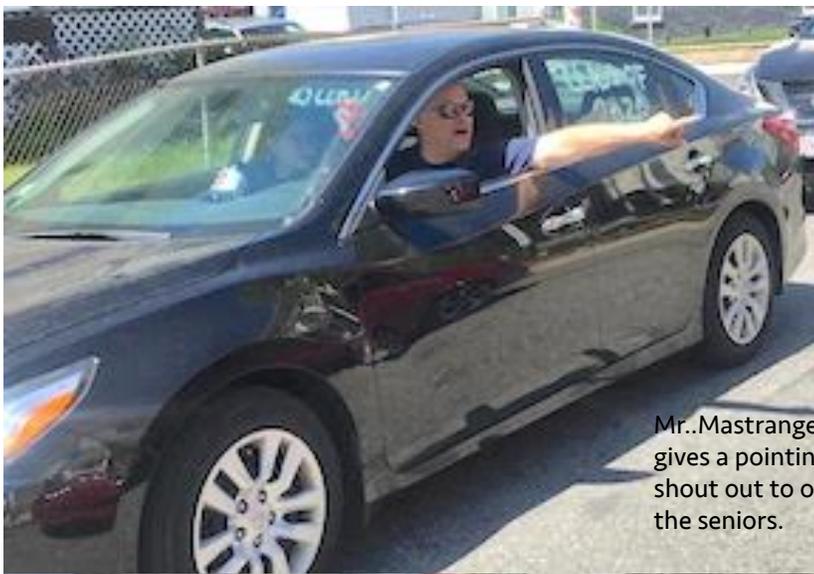
Mastrangelo explained.

That is how the Senior Graduation Parade began and on Sunday it came to fruition as eight teams of MHS administrators, educators and staff split up and took one Malden ward and went out and drove past seniors' homes, beeping their horns, their vehicles festooned with Blue and Gold balloons and streamers. *Cpt. Next Page*



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 or Walk-up/ Safe pickup

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LET'S SHARE THE
GOOD NEWS**



Mr..Mastrangelo gives a pointing shout out to one of the seniors.



Sunday. Ms. Haskell's fave canine was 'Grad Dog! Wow!'



'ROLLING RALLY' GOES RIGHT to MHS SENIORS' HOMES on ORIGINAL GRADUATION DAY *Continued from Previous Page*

Malden Superintendent John Oteri was on hand to greet the Malden Public Schools educators and thank them their participation. The Superintendent also participated by driving through several of Malden's wards.

"This is Malden High School pride at its best," Supt. Oteri told the group before the parade fanned out. "We appreciate the compassion and love you show for our students and their families and we know they are grateful as well."

The seniors were all dressed in their caps and gowns, which were distributed safely and efficiently with appropriate physical distancing on last Thursday on Holden Street, adjacent to Malden High School.

"It was the best way to do it, to stay in compliance with CDC, state and local protocols," Mastrangelo said. "Each team of eight was assigned a route and each of the seniors homes was marked on each route,

"We visited over 400 homes on Sunday and it was great to see, there were plenty of smiles behind the masks!" he added.

Mastrangelo said it was great to see the families of the students out there as well. "I don't know who was more excited, the student or their parents. They were very happy to see all their teachers and House Principals driving by." The MHS Principal said that due to some of the celebration teams' unfamiliarity with the routes, some homes were missed. Also, some seniors forgot to come out and others did not stay out in front of their homes the whole parade time slot.

"We went back out again on Monday and drove past homes and honored any seniors that wanted us back," he said. "We even went past a couple more homes on Tuesday."

Mastrangelo said he wanted to thank Mayor Gary Christenson, Supt. John Oteri, Maria Luise of the Mayor's Office, Board of Health Director Chris Webb, Malden Police Chief Kevin Molis, Fire Chief Bill Sullivan and Malden Emergency Management Director Glenn Cronin for all their assistance in helping plan this event and for providing guidance and instructions on how to conduct the citywide, eight-ward parade appropriately,

Before the Senior Rolling Rally Parade.... It was CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION (Physically Distanced) on HOLDEN ST.



Clockwise from upper left, free Class T-shirt were distributed during "Cap and Gown Day" last week. House Principals Ms. Sibley and Ms. Northrup manned the T-shirt tent for five hours! Free Class Masks were on hand, at right. Below, distanced vehicles went through the route. Decorated vehicle below left. At left, Mr. Payeur picks up a Chromebook from a senior. All PHotos by Steve Freker/ MPS

