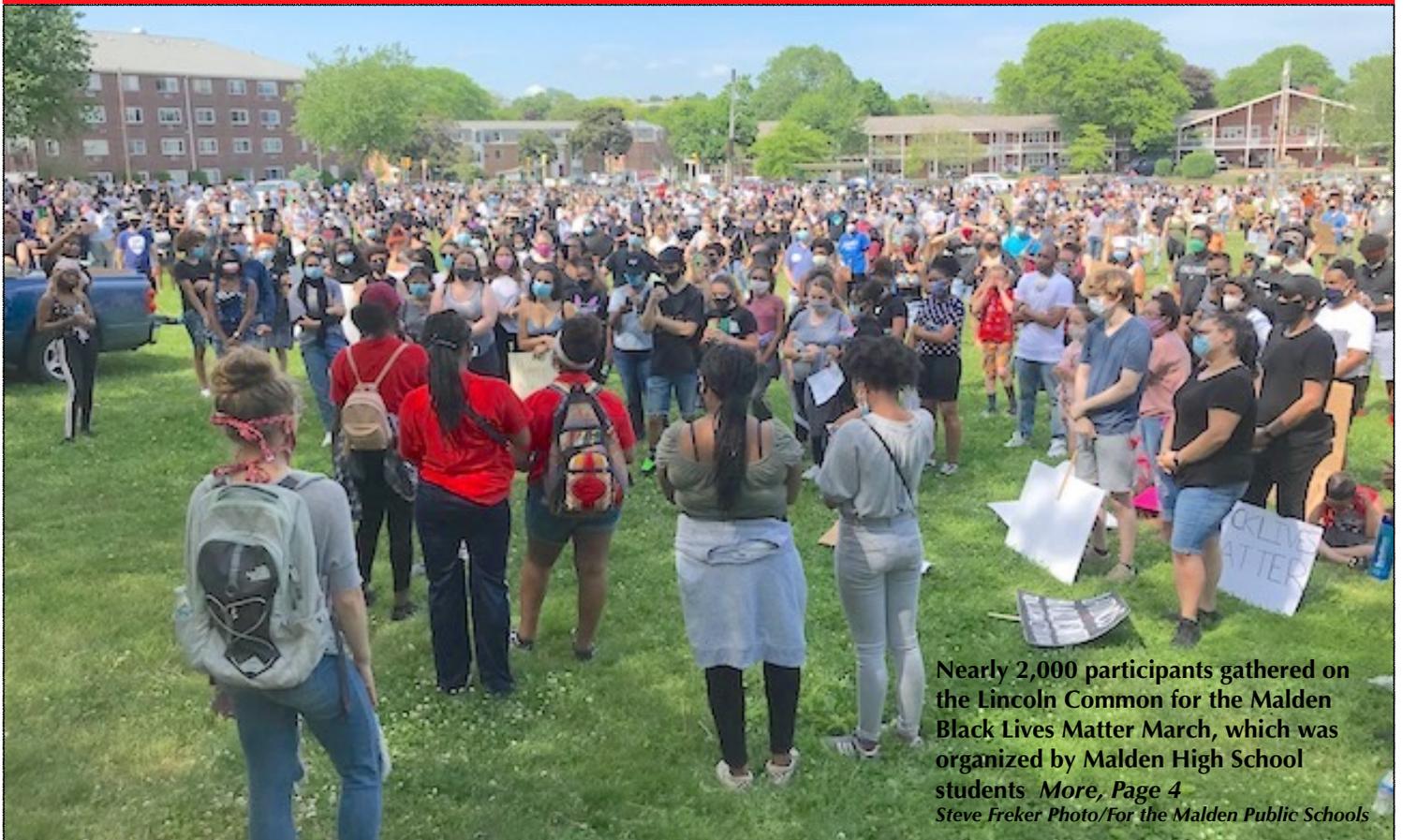




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THE NEDLAM NEWS

Malden community unites for BLM March



Nearly 2,000 participants gathered on the Lincoln Common for the Malden Black Lives Matter March, which was organized by Malden High School students *More, Page 4*
Steve Freker Photo/For the Malden Public Schools

#Black Lives Matter

Another 'hard to believe' moment for all of us: Last week of school starts Monday

Challenges have been many, but we have risen and united to meet them

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

Just when you think a phrase has run its course and has not a drop of gas left in its tank, think again. We are referring to these four words, that have perhaps been employed more than any other quartet throughout the most challenging year in the history of education: "It's hard to believe...." Well, we are not finished with you just yet! Here goes: It is hard to believe that the final week of school is upon us! School ends officially next Friday, June 19 for our underclassmen. We have already opened the grade books for entries and all grades should be submitted by Wednesday, June 17. In other end-of-the-year "housekeeping" —literally — we are working on schedules for students to enter the building (for the first time since March!) next week and clean out their lockers, as well as setting up one final opportunity for our MHS educators to come into the building one more time and make sure they have all they need from their classrooms before we shut down for the summer. All summer school and other enrichment programs will be conducted online through PLATO this year, so there will be no access to the building until our expected return in the fall. I will be sending information via email on all of the above covering the last week of school. As for the re-entry of school and the start of the 2020-21 academic year in the fall, I know that all of you have many questions and there is a lot of uncertainty over the "hows," "whens" and "whys" surrounding our Re-Entry Plan. Speaking for the MHS administrative team, we hear this loud and clear and we will make every effort to keep you informed with updates and information as we receive it. We are working on the Re-Entry Plan now and will be doing so continuously throughout the coming summer months. Please continue to contact me with any specific questions and concerns. To the MHS community, thank you again for showing throughout this pandemic that we are here for our students and are committed to their safety, health and well-being. You are not alone. Let's finish strong! **Mr Mastrangelo-Principal**



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.

IT'S ON!!!

**CLASS of 2020 will
get their Graduation
Day ON the FIELD @
Macdonald Stadium!
Graduation Day will be on
Monday, August 3, 6:00 p.m.**

**By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools**

Have you heard? The Malden High School Class of 2020 has adopted a vintage tune as its Official Class Song.

It's an instrumental number and it is one of those melodies, when one hears it, it seems like it was meant just for you, a once-in-a-lifetime type song.

Maybe you have heard of it: Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance"?

Of all the traditions that were pulled out from under them during the COVID-19 pandemic, the one that undoubtedly hurt the most was the ceremony which is the culmination of their school years, Graduation Day.

As is happening at every other high school in America, Malden High principal Chris Mastrangelo and his staff have been trying to come up with alternative and additional ways to honor the MHS Class of 2020 seniors.

Witness the unique celebration held on May 31 (the original Graduation Day) where over 80 Malden teachers and staff fanned out across the city to visit each respective senior's home, wherever they lived in all eight Malden wards.

There are not many schools in America that did something like that! Mastrangelo has also been working behind the scene with city of Malden and local Board of Health officials to try and determine if it would be possible — and feasible— **See Page 5**



Malden Black Lives Matter March drew nearly 2,000; Unified the Malden community against racism

By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools

They began arriving in twos and threes about an hour before the established start time, bringing signs and water bottles, in a nod to the bright sun and summer-like temperature in the low 80s.

Just about everyone was also wearing a protective mask or had one dangling around their necks, in deference to the coronavirus pandemic.

By the time 2:00 p.m. rolled around and the young women who had organized the event began speaking, the crowd had swelled by the hundreds, with well over 1,000 on hand in front of Malden High School's Jenkins Auditorium.

Still the numbers grew, and as the Malden BLM (Black Lives Matter) Peaceful March got set to begin, an estimated 1,300-1,400 lined up stretching from the front of the high school all the way down Salem Street to Malden Square.

The massive crowd on hand was as diverse as the Malden community itself. People from many races and ages, from babies in strollers to senior citizens were on hand. All genders and those from all walks of life were participants as were city and state leaders.

Led by the organizers, who wielded megaphones from the back of slow-moving pickup truck, one of the largest – and most meaningful – displays of community activism in the city of Malden's history, got under way.

It was rather remarkable how the concept of this historic event came to fruition. The idea was conceived **See P.6**

Some of the many Malden High staff members who turned out to participate on the Malden BLM March.
Steve Freker/ For the Malden Public Schools



From left, March organizers Christelle Jean and Micaela Henry of the Malden High Black Culture Club and Kimberlee Timothree of Pioneer Charter/Everett address the growing number of Malden BLM March participants in front of the Jenkins Auditorium at MHS at the start of the event. **Steve Freker Photo/ For the Malden Public Schools**



Malden High School recognizes 'PRIDE MONTH' with unfurling of Pride Flag



2020 is 50th year of LGBTQ & Pride Traditions

June is LGBTQ Pride Month, celebrated each year to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in N.Y.C. Each year Malden High School raises the Pride Flag on its flagpole in front of our school and on June 1, Principal Mr. Mastrangelo oversaw the raising of the Pride Flag at MHS. Customarily the members of MHS Rainbow Lions Gay-Straight Alliance participate in the ceremony along with members of the school community but it was not possible this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



And Away they go!!! At 2019 Graduation Day

GRADUATION is ON!!!

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to try and hold some version of a traditional, outdoor graduation ceremony later this summer.

Cue the "Pomp and Circumstance! It's back on. "It's official! Malden High School's Class of 2020 seniors will have the graduation ceremony they've been dreaming about," Mastrangelo said.

On Tuesday, Mastrangelo announced to staff members and to the seniors, by email, that the Class of 2020 will be the guests of honor at an outdoor graduation ceremony on Monday, August 3, at 6:00 p.m.

The traditional event will be held at Macdonald Stadium, 21 Pearl St., Malden.

"We are very excited about this *See 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

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

MHS Black Culture Club officers organized and led the tremendously successful Black Lives Matter March which united the city

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and then brought to reality through the efforts of three young women of color who had already been involved in promoting the ideals of racial and social justice and equity.

Christelle Jean and Micaela Henry, both members of the junior Class of 2021 and officers in Malden High School's Black Culture Club and their friend, Kimberly Timothee, an Everett resident who attends the Pioneer Charter School, worked on putting the event together with the club advisor, Kristy Magras, an MHS staff member, and others.

The organizers met with members of the Malden High School staff, including principal Chris Mastrangelo, as well as Malden Police Chief Kevin Molis and other city of Malden personnel to come up with a plan to hold the peaceful march in accordance with all safety and health protocol in effect with the pandemic.

The march went off without a hitch from the high school on Salem Street, turned right on Holden Street, and then left of Eastern Avenue/Route 60. A supportive number of Malden police officers were on hand to stop and redirect traffic, ensuring that all the marchers were safe at all times.

The march turned right at Bryant Street and then ended at the intersection with Cross Street and the Lincoln Commons, which is Malden's largest expanse of passive recreational greenspace.

By then, the crowd of marchers and onlookers had grown even larger. A speaking segment followed and the numbers continued to grow, close to or

Malden High School Black Culture Club officer Micaela Henry leads a kneel down in the memory of George Floyd. *Steve Freker Photo*



surpassing an estimated 2,000 people as those from the surrounding neighborhood and others from around the community joined in.

"We are here seeking justice and peace for the black community. We have waited far too long to receive it and the time is now for us to fight for what is right," said Micaela Henry.

She led a kneel down, moment of silence in honor of the late George Floyd, who was killed in Minnesota recently, sparking a nationwide series of protests in hundreds of cities and communities. One Minnesota police officer has been charged with the murder of George Floyd in that incident, and three others face charges in connection the murder charge.

Over a dozen speakers, including some performing slam poetry and others relating spoken rap lyrics relating to the day's themes appeared at the microphone.

When one of the largest displays of social activism in Malden's history began to break up, around 4:30 p.m., the organizers and all those who participated could feel proud to have contributed to a cause which is the reason for protests and demonstrations all over the country. On this day, the Malden community united and showed that its residents are willing to work together for change in the pursuit of racial and social justice.

MHS CLASS of 2020 SENIORS WILL HAVE GRADUATION DAY: Planned for Monday, August 3 @ Macdonald Stadium, 6:00 p.m.

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and so are our seniors and their families," Mastrangelo said. "They have had so much taken away from them in the way of traditions and events.

"It's just fantastic that we are going to be able to provide a true going away gift to our seniors with this traditional graduation ceremony," the MHS principal added.

Mastrangelo said specific details of the planned graduation ceremony will appropriate physical distancing and the implementation of any other measures deemed fit at that time by the city, Board of Health and the CDC.

"We will have far fewer people on the field and we will be strictly limiting attendance in the stands," Mastrangelo said, pointing to safety and health regulations. "It will look different, but it will be authentic and for that we are all grateful."

Mastrangelo said thanks were in order for Mayor Gary Christenson, Supt. John Oteri, Mayoral Special Assistant Maria Luise, Board of Health Director Chris Webb and Malden Police Captain Glenn Cronin of the Malden Emergency Management Agency, all of whom were involved in discussions about hosting this event.

"We're just very happy for our seniors, this is something they really wanted," Mastrangelo said.

Malden Black Lives Matters March



Some scenes from the Malden Black Lives Matter March, which was conceived and organized by members of the MHS Black Culture Club. Above, also, are MHS staff members, including top right, and both photos, second from top. *Photos by Steve Freker. For MPS*