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THE NEDLAM NEWS

MHS Mock Trial Team convenes!



MHS Mock Trial Team, led by Advisor Mr. Tivnan held a socially distanced meeting outside the school main entrance on

Sharing a nice moment held with some of our MHS students

MHS History Teacher & Mock Trial advisor Mr. Tivnan shared this glimpse of life with us
Hello everyone,

Although this is not something I would normally do, I just wanted to share a positive moment I had today at MHS, after what has been for most of us a pretty tough week. After working from my classroom all week. I took the opportunity to go outside on this beautiful day and meet face-to-face with some real life Malden High *See P.5*

CENSUS 2020 is vital to education, schools *Malden residents and everyone districtwide encouraged to complete the Census to ensure full federal funding dollars*

By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools

Malden residents are being urged by Mayor Gary Christenson to complete their 2020

Census as a September 30 deadline swiftly approaches. A number of federally-funded programs that are vital to the daily lives of every Malden resident and their families *See P.5*

#Black Lives Matter



Superintendent's Update on Educators' Return to School plans for Sept. 28

To all MPS educators:

As you know, the Safe Return to Learning Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Malden Education Association was signed and ratified by both the School Committee and the MEA membership. This clearly outlined a staff return to school buildings on 9/28 pending a vote of the Joint Labor Management Committee on Health and Safety, which was also established at the request of the MEA. The committee voted to allow staff to come back, and therefore as Superintendent I intended to follow through with the procedures described in the MOA.

UPCOMING @ MALDEN HS:

Monday, SEPTEMBER 28 —

Educators who choose to do so return to school buildings to deliver instruction virtually, from their individual classrooms.

Friday, OCTOBER 9— Professional Development for MPS staff/ Early Dismissal for PreK-12 @ 11:20 a.m.

After careful consideration, I have decided to extend the option for MPS staff to choose whether to work remotely, or come into the school sites, until further notice.

—Malden Public School Superintendent Oteri

I do believe onsite work for staff is beneficial to our students and allows for collaboration, planning, sharing ideas, asking questions, and providing feedback and support while abiding by social distancing guidelines in ways that are far less likely to occur remotely.

That being said, over the past few days I have heard loud and clear from our Mayor and School Committee members that we may not be ready for a seamless transition back. After careful consideration, I have decided to extend the option for MPS staff to choose whether to work remotely, or come into the school sites, until further notice.

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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.

MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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STUDENTS/FAMILIES is

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Special Education Parents Action Committee (SEPAC) hosts rally @ MHS calling for in-person services for highest-need students



At top a socially distanced panel begins a SEPAC presentation and rally where SEPAC officers and parents called for the Malden Public Schools to provide in-person services for its highest-need PACE and Special Education students. Above, Asst. Supt. Pam MacDonald and Mayor Christenson.

School Committeeman Adam Weldai supports SEPAC at the rally.

Members of the public, assisted by Mayor's Chief of Staff Maria Luise, above, asked questions of Supt. Oteri at the SEPAC rally. All Photos/Steve Freker/MPS



The Malden High School Mock Trial Team, led by Mr. Tivnan, at right, is highly successful in their presentations and competitions, year in and year out. MHS principal Mr. Mastrangelo has said every effort will be made to have extracurricular clubs proceed this academic despite the Distance Learning Start. *Courtesy/ File Photo*

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students, the Mock Trial Team. What was supposed to be a 2 minute case material packet pickup, turned into a more than hour long socially distanced, masked up conversation with my kids, our kids. It was without a doubt the best day involving Malden High I have had since early March. I actually felt like a real teacher again. Their energy was amazing. They talked honestly and openly about this whole situation and shared how they are feeling. They literally did not want to leave. They did not want their time with their classmates, and me to come to an end. They want so much to be back in school. They want so much for us, the staff, to be back in school. They need to be back in school. I'm hoping and praying that they eventually get their wish, sooner rather than later. They deserve it.

Take the CENSUS 2020! It is vital for key educational system funding *Cont. from Page One*

directly on Census information when it comes to distribution of funds to individual states.

Included are grants and funding for schools, roads and highway construction and also:
 — essential health care programs such as Medicare and Medicaid;
 — food security programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and the National School Lunch Program
 — housing assistance, including the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
 — higher education, including the Federal Pell Grant Program
 — Head Start for preschoolers and federal Special Education grants to states

The Census data also has long-term implications, as population and demographic information is used by the federal government for the next decade, or, until the next census, to determine the allocation of funds.

To take the census visit: my2020census.gov.

"It is imperative that we count every Malden resident as crucial resources for our community and families are at stake," Mayor Christenson said. "Time is of the essence."

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GOOD NEWS
ABOUT MHS!**

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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

Check out the newly-revised 2020-21 MPS Calendar

MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2020				
(0 Day)				
M	T	W	T	F
31*				

8/31* First Day for Teachers

SEPTEMBER 2020				
(11 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	1*	2*	3*	X
X	8*	9*	10*	11*
14*	15*	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

9/1-15* Prof Dev Days - All Grds
9/4 No School
9/7 Labor Day
9/16* First Day of School for Grades PreK, 1-12
9/17-18 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
9/21 First Day of School for Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2020				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
X	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

10/9 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
10/12 Columbus Day
10/19 Late Entry Day MHS

NOVEMBER 2020				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3*	4	5	6
9	10	X	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	X	X
30				

11/2 Late Day Entry MHS
11/3* Prof Dev Day-All Grds
11/11 Veterans Day
11/25 11:00 Dismissal - Thanksgiving
11/26-27 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2020				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	X	X
X	X	X	X	

12/7 Late Entry MHS
12/23 11:00 Dismissal
12/24-1/1 Winter Vacation

JANUARY 2021				
(19 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				X
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
X	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

1/4 School Resumes
1/11 Late Entry MHS
1/15 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
1/18 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 2021				
(14 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

2/5 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
2/8 Late Entry MHS
2/12 * Prof Dev Day-All Grds
2/15-19 February Vacation

MARCH 2021				
(22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12*
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

3/8 Late Entry MHS
3/12 * Prof Dev Day-All Grds

APRIL 2021				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
X	X	X	X	X
26	27	28	29	30

4/2 11:00 Dismissal - Good Friday
4/5 Late Entry MHS
4/19-23 Spring Vacation

MAY 2021				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
X				

5/7 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
5/10 Late Entry MHS
5/31 Memorial Day

JUNE 2021				
(12 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17*	X
21	22	23	24	25

6/4 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
6/16 Last day w/o snow days (170 Days) - 11:00 Dismissal
6/17 * Prof Dev Day-All Grds
6/18 Juneteenth (No School)
6/25 Last day w/five snow days -11:00 Dismissal

First Day for Teachers – Monday, August 31, 2020

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

Malden High students can pick up free Breakfast & Lunch @ ANY SCHOOL in the city, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

ATTENTION MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: The Free Breakfast and Lunch Program for all will continue now that school has begun, but students may now pick up meals at ANY SCHOOL in the city (including MHS) except the Early Learning Center. from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Both meals may be picked up at once and an adult may pick up meals for multiple kids and families. On Fridays, additional meals may be picked up for the weekend days as well.



Students may now go to the school closest to their home for free Breakfast and Lunch: MHS, Beebe, Ferryway, Forestdale, Linden or Salemwood schools, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Superintendent Oteri provides an update on MPS educators' return to school planning

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In extending this option I want to take the opportunity to review the work that has been done and will continue to be done in order to get our facilities ready for eventual full student return. I want to strongly emphasize our district's commitment to bringing in our high needs special education students and staff, as previously negotiated, on October 13th. This group greatly needs in-person learning as soon as possible. That has been and continues to be a major priority of our School Committee and district leadership.

I look forward to our continued work together in service of the students of the Malden Public Schools.

Sincerely,
John Oteri
Superintendent of Schools

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Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. — Malcolm X