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Superintendent Oteri's Statement on Events in Washington D.C.

Dear Malden School Community,

The events that unfolded yesterday at our nation's Capitol were more than disturbing and disheartening. They threatened the very existence of our democracy, our civility and our humanity. This shameful day was one of the darkest days in our nation's history.

We are a country that invites civil discord and discussion, not hatred and violence.

Yesterday those two despicable values were on full display, while the President watched and encouraged this to happen. These are not American values and these are not Malden values. Our Massachusetts delegation promptly renounced this and called to hold those responsible accountable for their actions.

As educators we may not have all the answers as to why or how this happened. However, we surely can and will work with our students and families to have healthy, culturally competent, and supportive dialogues and discussions around yesterday's events.

John Oteri
Superintendent of Malden Public Schools

**#Black Lives
Matter**

Remembering Jaden

Class of 2020 graduate taken from us way too soon

Please continue to keep MHS Class of 2020 graduate Jaden Brito-White and his family in your thoughts. Many students and staff have reached out to his family with expressions of support and love. Many also attended the vigil the night after he was taken from us on the night of December 29. Jaden Brito-White, class of 2020, was taken away far too early. He was a great kid and a hard working, respectful, and talented young man.

He was good-natured, quick with a smile and had the gift of laughter. Our

Principal, Mr. Mastrangelo, said of

Jaden, "He was all that we hope for in our students at MHS. I am sad for his loss. I am sad for his family. I am sad for his friends. This was senseless. I ask that you keep Jaden in your thoughts and prayers. There were hundreds of people there to offer their support for Jaden's family at the vigil. In the most tragic of times Malden High School students, past and present, were there for Jaden's family and each other."

Visitation for Jaden will be on Monday, January 11 at the Weir-MacCuish Funeral Home, 144 Salem St., Malden, MA from 4:00-8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on January 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Committal will be private.

There is a Go Fund Me page to help defray the cost of his services.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-celebrate-his-life-and-legacy>





Here's the Class Schedule for the Week of January 11-15

Monday, January 11 GOLD (Late Entry)

Tuesday, January 12 BLUE 1-2-3

Wednesday, January 13 GOLD 4-5-6

Thursday, January 14 BLUE 1-2-3

Friday, January 15 GOLD 4-5-6

UPCOMING @ MALDEN HS:

Monday, January 11— Late Entry, First Class at 9:37 a.m.

Monday, January 18 — NO SCHOOL, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 19 — High Needs Students and Staff return to MHS for In-Person Learning

MCAS-PSAT

Information Update

As many may already know, MCAS testing scheduled for 11th graders in January has been postponed. The test will still be held, but it will only be for 12th graders and adult test takers that need to pass for graduation. All 12th graders that are eligible to take the MCAS will be contacted.



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.



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All Malden Public Schools students eligible for extended Pandemic-EBT Card Benefits

By Steve Freker

There was some good news this week for thousands of Massachusetts families, including all Malden families struggling with the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. Many local families with school-aged children will be among the first in the nation to receive extra financial assistance to combat food insecurity.

State officials have announced that federal funding has been approved to continue the Pandemic-EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) program through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

In Malden,, for instance, all families who have public school students in their households are eligible for Pandemic-EBT funds for the 2020-21 school year to help buy food. The funds that will be dispensed through the state-run program, using federal funds, are restricted to food purchases.

The primary determining factor is if students are attending schools who benefit from the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the School Breakfast Program (SBP).

How much families receive? Families of students in a fully remote learning situation will get \$117.20 per month.

Students in a hybrid learning situation will get \$58.60 per month. Students attending school either half-day or fully in person are not eligible for P-EBT. Massachusetts received federal

P-EBY Benefits, Page 7

FORESTDALE, BEEBE, FERRYWAY, SALEMWOOD, LINDEN, AND
MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL
FREE BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER PROGRAM
EVERY WEEKDAY FROM 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Please Note:

The free breakfast, lunch and dinner program is now available to all Malden students at Beebe, Ferryway, Forestdale, Linden, Salemwood schools as well as Malden High School, each week day, Monday through Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students or other family members can pick up their food at any of these locations which is most convenient for them.

FREE TO ALL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN OF MALDEN, EVEN IF
THEY DO NOT ATTEND MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#WearBlueDay... January 11

**JANUARY IS
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
PREVENTION
MONTH**

SAVE
THE
DATE

BLUE CAMPAIGN

GBL Announces New Athletic Season Calendar

By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools

The Greater Boston League announced Wednesday it would push back the start of the Winter Sports season to February 1 and also adjust the following two seasons, "Fall 2" and Spring Sports to later starts as well.

In doing so, according to a statement Wednesday released by league President Chris Mastrangelo, the Malden High principal, stressed that no sports are planned to be canceled.

A variety of reasons were cited for the move, including a primary one, due to health and safety reasons precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has hit the GBL communities especially hard in a lot of ways.

There is one change of note in that the indoor and outdoor boys and girls track seasons will be combined into one track season, outdoors, planned to run from May 27 to July 3.

The Greater Boston League, reconstituted last year, includes Everett, Malden, Medford, Revere and Somerville, with three new members joining officially in the fall of this year: Chelsea, Lynn Classical and Lynn English.

"We are pleased we are able to accommodate all the teams and have something to offer our GBL student-athletes if all goes well," Malden High's Mastrangelo said.

"It's been almost a full year since our GBL student-athletes have competed. They deserve a chance to practice, play and compete if it's safe to do so," Malden High Athletic Director Charlie Conefrey, who is also GBL Commissioner, said. "Many hours and a lot of work has gone into this plan."

Following is the text of the GBL's statement released on Wednesday:

As we continue to navigate these unsettled times in our history, the Greater Boston League has consistently adjusted to meet the needs of our students. In the Fall we voted to participate in the Fall II season because that was best

for our kids. As we head into the winter season we are preparing to adjust once more, to meet the needs of our students.

During this pandemic there have been many reports, backed by data, that point to the abnormally high number of positive Covid-19 cases in urban areas. Sadly, many of the GBL schools have been affected by this. We continue to see our numbers rise. Due to this, a number of our schools are still in fully remote learning models. In addition, some of our cities have limited access to municipal buildings, including schools. Others have put a stop to athletic competitions, at all levels.

With this in mind and guided by our core value of equity for all, the GBL Principals and Athletic Directors have voted unanimously to postpone all interscholastic athletic competitions, other than Girls Hockey and Gymnastics, until March 1st. Winter sports pre-season conditioning opportunities will begin on February 1st. All athletic related activities including interscholastic play are dependent on both School Committee and local Department of Health approval. Additionally, the GBL plans on having all three seasons of athletics. Our hope is that the data around increased positive tests will have begun to reverse and we will be able to provide a safe opportunity for our student-athletes to compete. It is also our hope that cities within our league (Chelsea, Everett, Lynn and Revere) which have been some of the hardest hit in the state, will be able to engage and join as we move forward.

We will be researching and organizing ways in which our student-athletes can participate in pre-season workouts to physically prepare for interscholastic competitions after a one year layoff. The pre-season conditioning programs will be done with the guidance of our Athletic

Trainers. Lastly, a tremendous amount of work will be done by all GBL stakeholders over the next few weeks in the restructuring of all three athletic seasons. Please be patient as we will have answers to all your questions very soon.

2021 GBL Athletic Season Calendar

January 11th - Winter Season for Gymnastics, Girls Ice Hockey.

February 1 – February 26: Winter pre-season (The league Athletic Trainers will design this program and provide the oversight) - Boys/Girls Basketball, Swimming (Boys Ice Hockey).

* Gymnastics and Girls Ice Hockey are in interscholastic play (Medford, Malden, Somerville).

March 1t – April 10: Winter season Interscholastic Competition- Boys/Girls Basketball, Swimming, Boys Ice Hockey

Fall 2 Preseason Conditioning - Girls Volleyball, Football, Field Hockey, Boys/Girls Soccer, Golf (The league ATs will design this program and provide the oversight)

April 12 – May 15h: "Fall 2" Season - Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Soccer, Golf, Cross Country, Football, Field Hockey

May 17 – July 3 Spring Season - Baseball, Softball, B/G Tennis, B/G LAX, Outdoor Track, Crew, Boys Volleyball



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

ALL MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR EXTENDED P-EBT CARD FUNDS

Continued from Page 5 approval to issue Pandemic EBT benefits - more commonly known as P-EBT - through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. The Bay State is the first in the nation to receive approval for the federal dollars.

"COVID-19 has exacerbated food insecurity, especially for children who receive nutrition support in school settings. The program was launched in Massachusetts in April to help low-income families across the state cover the cost of missed school meals while their children learn remotely. It was extended in September to support students starting the school year remotely.

In Massachusetts, about half of all families - more than 500,000 students - qualify for free or reduced-priced breakfast and lunch. Parents and guardians who already receive benefits will get their P-EBT benefits on their existing EBT card. Families who do not receive benefits from the Department of Transitional Assistance, but received a P-EBT card this year, will get their P-EBT benefits on their existing P-EBT card.

Newly eligible students will receive their P-EBT benefits on their existing card if their families already receive benefits or will be mailed a P-EBT card if they do not.

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ABOUT MHS!**

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