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THE NEDLAM NEWS



Amanda Gorman delivers her fantastic poem at the 2021 Presidential Inauguration

National Youth Poet Laureate delivers breathtaking poem at 2021 Presidential Inauguration

With the eyes of the world upon her, 22-year-old Harvard graduate Amanda Gorman became the youngest person ever to speak at a Presidential Inauguration, delivering an inspiring, 7-stanza poem entitled *The Hill We Climb*. **The full text of the poem can be read inside today, on Page 5**

Welcome to the White House!

President Biden, VP Harris are sworn in as nation watches, with hopes for a better tomorrow



History was made Wednesday, January 20 at the 2021 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. when President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris were sworn in. Vice President Harris is the first woman, first Black person and person of Asian descent to hold that office.

#Black Lives Matter

Volunteers are still being sought and accepted to help with administering the PSAT Exam on Tuesday. Please contact Jenkins House Principal Mr. Payeur: jpayeur@maldenps.org

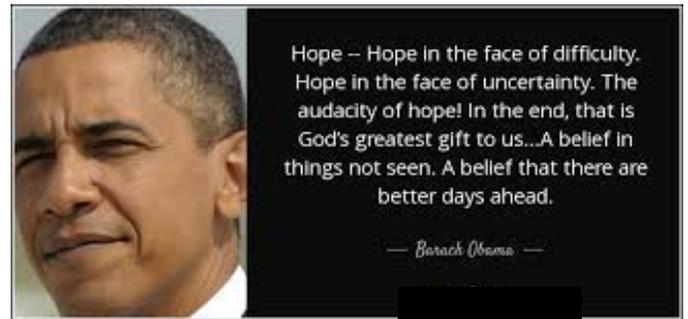
It is something we all can create and also something we all can share: We call it hope
With the change in Washington this week we can all reflect and truly look forward to what's ahead

Greetings to the Malden High School Community:

It has been a momentous month for all of us, especially since we are all immersed in education. January 2021 may have already included as many teachable moments to rival the number of lottery tickets being sold around here the past few weeks. For many months, nearly a year since the pandemic was declared, history is being made in real time, right in front of our eyes. We have plenty to talk about and discuss with our families, friends and, of course, our students, in these tumultuous and ever-changing times. It was gratifying to have still another week of historic happenings, this time events that were positive and inspiring. The 2021 Presidential Inauguration was an uplifting day, for those able to follow it on the airwaves, most of us catching up on rebroadcasts and recordings of the event. It was refreshing to hear and see all of the trappings of our American democracy on display. For the first time in US history the words, "Madam Vice President" were spoken. It seems that all the caution and concern that surrounded this inauguration melted away when those words were spoken. A distinct remembrance of our own Poetry Out Loud competitions came to me when I was simply blown away by the amazing oration of Amanda Gorman, who is not much older than our students, as she rocked the microphone and delivered her riveting poem, "The Hill We Climb". If you happened to miss it, the text of the poem is included in today's edition. The most important part of Amanda's poem, and of the whole day, for that matter, was that we all have the capacity to have a hope. We can create it within, we can express it individually, and we can share it with others. It is a great way to build and fuel positive emotions, which have been in short supply at times this past year. They are still there despite all we have been facing and we will not ever stop seeking them out. You are not alone. Have a great weekend! —*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.



Here's the Class Schedule for the Week of January 25-29

Monday, January 25	BLUE	1-2-3
Tuesday, January 26	GOLD	4-5-6 *PSAT Testing
Wednesday, January 27	BLUE	1-2-3
Thursday, January 28	GOLD	4-5-6
Friday, January 29	BLUE	1-2-3 *2nd Quarter Ends

UPCOMING @ MALDEN HS:

Tuesday, January 26— PSAT Testing @ Malden High School for Grades 10 & 11
Students who signed up

Friday, January 29— Second Quarter Grading Period ends

Monday, February 1— Third Quarter Grading Period Begins

Please share with students

“Know where to go Virtually, on your first day of Semester 2

Follow these steps access your semester schedule

1. Log in to Aspen/X2
2. Look for the green Top Tab — Click on **My Info**
3. Look on the left side Tabs — Click on **Current Schedule**
4. In the **Current Schedule** view, there are two options. The first is the matrix view with colored blocks. To view your schedule in a list, click on **<<List View**. underneath the green tabs.
5. In the **List View**, first click the word **Term**, and then on the word **Schedule**. This will put your Schedule in order by Periods (1-7) and Semesters (S1, S2)

Look carefully underneath the **Term**. Identify your S2 classes. These will begin on February 1! Be sure you know when the course meets.

FY- Full Year. These classes will continue until the end of the year

S1- Semester 1 classes will end in late January

S2- Semester 2 classes will begin in late January

*****If you cannot access your Aspen X2 account, please contact your Guidance Counselor to access the Aspen X2 “PASSWORD Reset Form”***



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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LET'S SHARE
THE GOOD
NEWS
ABOUT MHS!**

**BREAKING NEWS! WELCOME to the World
Eli-EI Pompilus ! Born today, 1-22-21**



**Congratulations to MHS Student Support Staff
Elisee Pompilus and his wife on the birth of
the First, a son, Eli-EI Pompilus !!**

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**

PSAT TEST will be administered this Tuesday

About 150 Malden High School students have registered to take the optional PSAT Test. The PSAT Test may only be administered in-person so provisions have been made to hold the test in classrooms in the Brunelli, Jenkins and Boyle House buildings. There is still a need for staff Volunteers to help in the process on Tuesday and if you would like to help please contact Mr. Payeur, Jenkins House Principal: jpateur@maldenps.org

'The Hill We Climb' by Amanda Gorman

Dr. Biden, Madam Vice President, Mr. Emhoff, Americans, and the world.

When day comes, we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never ending shade?

The loss we carry, a sea.

We must wade.

We've braved the belly of the beast.

We've learned that quiet isn't always peace.

And the norms and notions of what just is, isn't always justice.

And yet the dawn is ours before we knew it.

Somehow we do it.

Somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken, but simply unfinished.

We, the successors of a country and the time where a skinny Black girl descended from slaves and raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president only to find herself reciting for one.

And yes, we are far from polished, far from pristine, but that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect.

We are striving to forge our union with purpose.

To compose a country, committed to all cultures, colors, characters, and conditions of man.

And so we lift our gaze, not to what stands between us, but what stands before us

We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside.

We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.

We seek harm to none and harmony for all.

Let the globe, if nothing else say, this is true.

That even as we grieved, we grew.

That even as we hurt, we hoped.

That even as we tired, we tried.

That we'll forever be tied together victorious.

Not because we will never again know defeat, but because we will never again sow division.

Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and no one shall make them afraid

If we're to live up to our own time, then victory won't lie in the blade, but in all the bridges we've made.

That is the promise to glade the hill we climb.

If only we dare it's because being American is more than a pride we inherit.

It's the past we step into and how we repair it.

We've seen a force that would shatter our nation, rather than share it.

Would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy.

And this effort very nearly succeeded, but while democracy can be periodically delayed, it can never be permanently defeated in this truth.

In this faith we trust for while we have our eyes on the future, history has its eyes on us.

This is the era of just redemption.

We feared it in its inception.

We did not feel prepared to be the heirs of of such a terrifying hour, but within it, we found the power to author a new chapter.

To offer hope and laughter to ourselves.

So while once we asked, how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?

Now we assert how could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?

We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall be a country that is bruised.

But whole benevolence, but bold, fierce, and free.

We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation. Our blunders become their burdens, but one thing is certain.

If we merged mercy with might, and might with

We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our

right, then love becomes our legacy, and change our children's birthright.

So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left.

With every breath, my bronze pounded chest.

We will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.

We will rise from the gold limbed hills of the West.

We will rise from the wind swept to Northeast where our forefathers first realized the revolution.

We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the middle Western States.

We will arise from the sun baked South.

We will rebuild, reconciled and recover and every known nook over our nation.

And every corner called our country.

Our people diverse and beautiful will emerge, battered and beautiful.

When day comes, we step out of the shade of flame and unafraid, the new dawn balloons, as we free it.

For there was always light.

If only we're brave enough to see it.

If only we're brave enough to be it.

Malden Public Schools 2020-2021 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 Reads announces its book selection for 2021

'Born a Crime' is an autobiographical look from TV host Trevor Noah; Examines themes of racial equity and social justice

By Steve Freker

It has been a busy month for Malden Reads, the community organization that promotes literacy for all the city's residents, with the announcement of its 2021 book selection, "Born a Crime," an autobiographical take on some key issues by well-known comedian Trevor Noah.

Malden Reads members have already been active in promoting their 2021 selection, appearing, virtually, at the Malden School Committee meeting at its regular meeting January 11 and also at Tuesday night's Malden City Council meeting.

At both municipal meeting stops, members of the Malden Reads, led by longtime co-facilitators Anne D'Urso-Rose and Jodie Zalk, introduced the 2021 selection and explained the rollout of activities the group has planned to accompany "Born a Crime" this year, as the themes of racial and social justice are examined.

Malden Reads provided personal copies of the book selection to all of the members of the School Committee and City Council and invited them to participate in and support the slate of activities being provided for the local community on conjunction with the new book. Over 400 copies are coming to Malden High as well.

A former New York Times #1 bestseller, "Born a Crime" was first published in 2016. According to a review by Booklist, Noah's writing is "a substantial collection of staggering personal essays . . . Incisive, funny, and vivid, these true tales are anchored to his portrait of his courageous, rebellious, and religious mother who defied racially restrictive laws to secure an education and a career for herself—and to have a child with a white Swiss/German even though sex between whites and blacks was illegal in South Africa.

" [Trevor Noah's] electrifying memoir sparkles with funny stories . . . and his candid and compassionate essays deepen our perception of the complexities of race, gender, and class," according to the review.



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