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The Nguyen Family, all natives of Vietnam, including Khiem "Kevin," Class of 2021, at right, Khang "Kenny," Class of 2018, at left, their sister, mother and father, recently celebrated the Lunar



Door Decorator!

*Recognizing 2021
Black History Month*

MHS educator Joseph Luongo took the time to recreate school tradition of decorating classroom doors in creative ways to help illustrate some themes of Black History Month. He chose to honor Black educator Mary McLeod Bethune, who advised colleges and Presidents.



#Black Lives Matter

Another busy week as we look ahead to a new month Monday

*A lot of moves made, plenty more
left to come as we say goodbye to
February and hello to March*

Greetings to the Malden High School Community:

“On the move” was a good way to describe this week as we spent it moving desks, moving dates and taking a good, hard look at our upcoming hybrid learning class schedule before deciding to make some moves there as well. Late Friday afternoon I shared with you the newest version of how our Wednesday will look in the hybrid model we will adopt beginning March 22, when our freshmen and senior students arrive in our building. The adjustment we made, restoring synchronous instruction to the plan as opposed to the original, primarily asynchronous schedule, is a good example of how sharing constructive opinions and ideas often leads to action. Decisions can demonstrate the value of these contributions when they are incorporated into the blueprint of how we will operate. This week we held a pair of productive house meetings where we shared lots of information. “A lot” is the proper way to describe the flow, back-and-forth and the volume will not be diminishing any time soon. As I said in this meeting, on behalf of our administrative team, our top priority is to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all our students, staff and their families. We intend to provide everything educators and staff need so that all they have to do is teach their students. We will stay the course in achieving this mission.

A few shoutouts for the week: Thanks to all administrators, educators and counseling staff who worked so hard and well to increase the number of students in the Pathways and BRYT programs who returned to building for in-person and hybrid learning this week.

—Congratulations to our Girls Hockey and Coed Gymnastics teams who competed safely and enthusiastically in their respective seasons this past Winter Season. The Girls Hockey season is over and they finished up at 6-7-1.

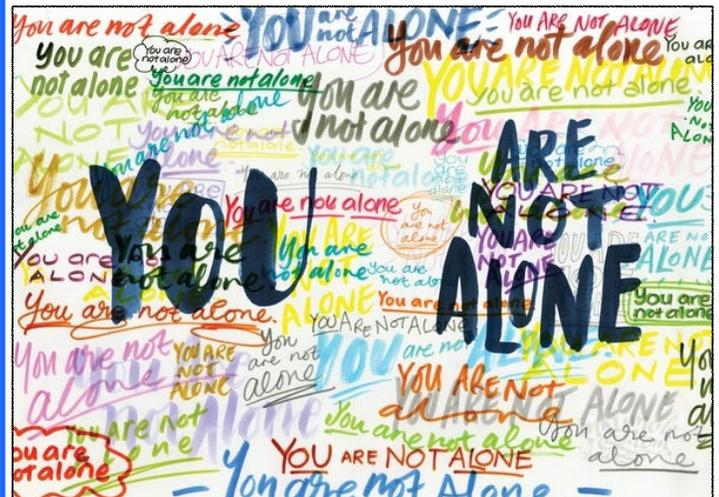
Great job, MHS Mock Trial Team and Advisor Rick Tivnan for their win over Marshfield this week!

—Well done, MHS students and those who assisted, Boyle House Principal Ms. Sibley included, for participating in Q&A meetings with the three new Superintendent finalists this week, held virtually. Great questions and interaction! Please enjoy the weekend, everyone. See you in March! You are not alone.

—*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:

Monday, March 1— Malden School Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Zoom Link available at maldenps.org

Monday, March 8— Late Entry Day. First Class begins at 9:37 a.m.

Friday, March 12 — Professional Development Day, Districtwide, No Classes

Here’s the Class Schedule for when we return from break 3/1 to 3/5

Monday, March 1	GOLD	4-5-6
Tuesday, March 2	BLUE	1-2-3
Wednesday, March 3	GOLD	4-5-6
Thursday, March 4	BLUE	1-2-3
Friday, March 5	GOLD	4-5-6

Here’s Some Malden HS ‘Golden Tornado Tales’....

Mock Trial Team tops Marshfield!

The Malden High School Mock Trial Team beat Marshfield in a Virtual Matchup Thursday night, but lost to Gann Academy of Waltham the week before February break, as they even off at 1-1. “Tivnan’s Tornadoes” have a must win trial against Arlington High on Tuesday, March 2. The Team: Yasmine Alayan Jason Ashworth Tales Carneiro Passos Armani Dure Christopher Josefowitch Gabriel Matnog Jacob Pettigrew Ketsaly Philome Tonijoy Pimental Ava Pizziferri Allison Quijada Menjivar Jennifer Rodrigues

Teams selected, MHS Boys & Girls Basketball open season this Saturday

Tryouts are complete, the teams are selected and the Winter Season will kick off this Saturday, March 6 for the Malden High School Boys and Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams when they match up against Greater Boston League rival Medford. Head Coach Scott Marino’s Malden Varsity Girls host Medford Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and Head Coach Don Nally’s Varsity Boys host the Mustang Boys at 1:00 p.m. The MHS JV boys will play on the road at Medford High at 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 Golden Tornado Hall of Fame, honoring the best Malden High student-athletes of all time

Nominations are now being accepted for this year’s “class” for the Malden High School Golden Tornado 2021 Hall of Fame, which honors the best MHS student-athletes of all time. All nominations/ letters/emails should be sent to: Jeanne Marquardo, MHS Athletics, 77 Salem St., Malden, MA 02148 or jmarquardo@maldenps.org



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.

Black History is American History and it takes all year to teach, not just in one month

Malden High School curated month-long, variety of interesting resources and topics which our staff and students used to celebrate Black History Month. The following is an excerpt from Edutopia on the need to teach Black History in culturally responsive ways

By Rann Miller

As Black History Month kicks off, I often reflect on my time as a student. My experience all those years ago was similar to that of most Black children today: mostly White teachers teaching Black history primarily in February. I was told of Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman, and Frederick Douglass. I heard very little of Malcolm X, the FBI's campaign against civil rights leaders, the Rainbow Coalition put together by the Black Panther Party's Fred Hampton, or Hampton's assassination. I learned about the struggles of my enslaved ancestors, but not about Gabriel Prosser, Denmark Vesey, or Nat Turner.



I was taught about the marches and firehoses in Alabama, but I had to teach myself about the acts of terrorism committed against Black people in Rosewood, Florida; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Wilmington, North Carolina.

Today, teachers continue that tradition, telling students about Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Beyoncé, and LeBron James, as well as King, Tubman, Douglass, and other inspirational figures. These folks are to be honored for their accomplishments—but we should not ignore lessons that explore the impact of racism in the Black experience. It's imperative that teachers not reinforce a milquetoast

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**LET'S SHARE
THE 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 every Friday in your Inbox and is then shared on the District website www.maldenps.org

'THE MALDEN METEOR': Malden High's own Louise May Stokes Fraser is the city's only Olympian

Note: Following is the second part of a 3-part series on one of Malden's most renowned athletes, Louise May Stokes Fraser. Part 1 appeared in last week's NEDLAM NEWS. Part 3 will be next week

By Steve Freker

It has been nearly 90 years since history was made just before the 1932 Olympic games, when a fledgling young runner put her hometown on the international map.

Malden's own Louise May Stokes, still just a teenager quite new to the world of organized athletics, was thrust into the national spotlight with her selection to the U.S. Olympics women's track and field contingent.

Stokes, then just 18, and fellow selectee Tidye Pickett of Illinois were groundbreakers and history makers.

The two teens were the first-ever Black women to be selected for a U.S. Olympic Team, in this, the VIII Olympiad. It was only the second Olympics in which women were even permitted to compete in track and field events.

It was also only the second time the Olympics were to have been hosted in the United States, this time in Los Angeles, Calif. It would be another 52 years before the Olympics would return again to the U.S., in 1984, again in L.A.



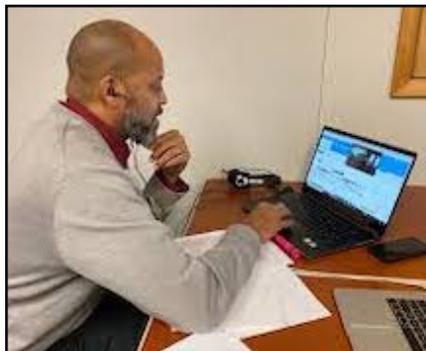
Louise May Stokes Fraser takes a moment to stand for a photo with many of the other Black members of the 1932 U.S. Olympics contingent. *Courtesy Photo*

Sadly, Stokes never got the opportunity to formally compete in an event in the Olympic Games, despite her selection to the women's not once, but twice. **See Page 7**

MHS Teacher-Parent/ Caregiver Conferences

We will be scheduling conferences for March 18 from 6:00-7:30. We will be using the Calendly format again.

There will not be afternoon conferences this time, only the 90-minute evening session. Pushing to March 18 allows for a stronger body of work for second semester teachers and it is still close enough to report card distribution from the second quarter.



PHASE 5 TIMELINE Malden High School

Monday, March 15

Staff for grades 9-12
return to the building



Monday, March 22

Students in grades 9 & 12
begin hybrid learning

Monday, April 5

Students in grades 10-11
begin hybrid learning



A HISTORICAL REMEMBRANCE: Olympic athlete with MHS roots was a history-maker as first Black Woman on Olympic roster, but race is believed to have been a factor in not getting chance to compete

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After the 1932 Games, she continued a regimen of training and competition which earned her another spot on the women's team for the 1936 Olympics, held in Berlin, Germany.

For the second time, Stokes was not afforded an opportunity to compete in an event that year.

A number of sports historians and researchers have claimed Stokes was denied the opportunity to compete because of her race. The chief evidence pointed to is that she was replaced at the last minute, both in 1932 and 1936, by white athletes in her event, the 4 X 100 women's relay.

Though both relay teams would go on to win Gold Medals as first-place finishers in each year, setting a new world record in 1932, some researchers insist Stokes and Pickett both deserved to have run in those races.

In 1936, Pickett did achieve some notoriety when she became the first Black woman to compete in the Olympics, in the hurdles event. However, fate was not with her as she broke her foot in the semifinals of her event and was forced to withdraw.

Once again, she joined her Black teammate, Stokes, in the stands to watch the American team win a second Gold Medal in the 4 X 100 relay and tie the world record of 46.9 seconds the 1932 women's team had set four years earlier.

When the news hit in 1932, residents of Malden rejoiced at the selection of Stokes to the Olympics team. She was the first-ever Malden resident to achieve such national fame, an achievement that still reigns as unique. To this day she is the only Malden athlete ever to be so honored.



Stokes Fraser is remembered with a sculpture and memorial stone in the Courtyard at Malden High School. *Steve Freker Photo*

Malden was a growing community in the early 1930s, close to 50,000 in population in total, after beginning with just over 33,000 residents at the turn of the century.

Even as a teenager, Stokes was well-known around the community for her athletic exploits in both track and field and in girls basketball for Malden High School in the early 1930s.

Stokes had brought fame to Malden on an international scale a year before her Olympic selection, having set a new world record for women in the standing broad jump event at a Boston-based, regional competition.

In late spring, Stokes joined other Olympic hopefuls, including Pickett, in track trials being held at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

For the wide-eyed Stokes, it was furthest she had ever travelled from her Malden home. What an adventure!

Dominating those trials were none other than someone regarded as one of the greatest female athletes of all time, "Babe" Didrickson, who went on to be a multiple Gold Medalist in the 1932 Olympics and then one of the most successful professional women's golfers in history.

Stokes and Pickett, the two 18-year-olds, despite their age and experience, did extremely well against national competition. Pickett hailed from Illinois, so she was not so much out of her element. Not so for Stokes, as due to the limited travel of Americans overall on those days, she probably would have been hard-pressed to find that state on a map.

Who knew she would be making even longer and more distant travels that were looming in her immediate future? **Continued Next Page**

The Malden community embraced Louise May Stokes' success with great pride; When she went to the 1936 Olympics, Maldonians raised the money to send her to Berlin

Cont. from Previous Page Many of the women who competed in the various Olympic trial events had the advantage of formalized training teams sponsored by corporations of the day. For instance, Didrickson, regarded as the best athlete of all those competing, was trained and supported by the nationally-known Employee Casualty & Life Co.

Stokes had only been training specifically for track and field on a semi-regular basis for just over a year at the time, with Malden track enthusiast Bill Quaine, who had formed the Oneteora Track Club in the Malden-North Shore area. Pickett had just a bit more formal training than Stokes.

Still, both persevered, performed at a high level and prevailed, as each etched their names in the history books as the first Black women to become Olympians.

In 1932, Stokes finished fourth in the 100-meter finals with a time of 12.4 seconds while Pickett was right behind her in sixth place at 12.5 seconds.

According to Smithsonian Magazine writer Matt Osgood, in a 2016 article, the method of selection for the four women who would run in the 4 X 100 Relay team for the Olympics women's team would be the top four finishers in the 100-meter event at the trials, and the fifth (Pickett) and sixth-place finisher there would be alternates.

However, the four top finishers were Ethel Harrington, Wilhemina "Billie" von Bremen, Elizabeth Wilde, Stokes, a fifth runner, Evelyn Pearl Furtsch and Pickett.

Judging from what ultimately transpired, when women's track coach George Vreeland announced the members of the 4 X 100 team who would compete the next day in Los Angeles, this all changed. It would appear there two glaring omissions: Stokes and Pickett.

Of the top three eventual selectees for the event, only one of the top five Olympic trial finishers were picked — von Bremen, who was go to be regarded as the third fastest woman in the world at the time—when she won Bronze at the 1932 Olympics at 100 meters.

Type to enter textIt really looked like an 18-year-old black woman from Malden was going to break the color barrier in an international event: The first woman of color to compete in a U.S. Olympic track and field competition.

But it was not to be for Stokes and Pickett. The quartet for the 4 X 100 Relay as announced, and the roll call did not include either one of them.

Still, a spot on the 4 X 100 Relay Team was Carew's, much to the dismay of Stokes, Pickett and all of Stokes' many friends, fellow citizens and supporters back in Malden.

Were she and Pickett denied the privilege of competing for their country because they were black? Was the color of their skin more of a factor in Coach Vreeland's decision than the pure ability of these young women?

When asked in later years, Stokes, who added Fraser to her name when she married a local cricket enthusiast, Wilfred Fraser, in 1941, was most often reticent on the matter. "I felt bad but I tried not to show it," she was quoted in a few biographical pieces, "I just tried to keep it out of my mind."

Osgood, of the Smithsonian, titled his article, Sports History Forgot About Tidy Pickett and Louise Stokes, Two Black Olympians Who Never Got Their Shot.

Pickett was more vocal about the 1932 Olympics decision. According to Osgood, Pickett literally took her bitterness to her grave believing that "prejudice, not slowness" kept her out of that competition, according to her Chicago Tribune obituary.

Stokes was beloved in Malden for earning another Olympic Team bid in 1936 and Malden residents responded by raising \$680 to pay for her transportation to the games. To gauge the generosity of locals at the time, that sum is worth \$11,172 in today's dollars! For one roundtrip ticket!

Stokes was humbled and thrilled by the gesture and vowed to do her best.

Part 3 will appear in next week's NEDLAM NEWS