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THE NEDLAM NEWS

MALDEN BEATS MEDFORD on THANKSGIVING!



Defense, Special Teams life Tornado squad, 12-10

Let it be written that the only item on the 2021 Thanksgiving Day football checklist more perfect than the weather was the home team's ingenuity when it was most needed. On a day when its offense was being held for ransom, Malden High's Golden Tornado squad and first-year head coach Witche Exilhomme went "All-MacGyver" on Medford, refashioning its game plan on the fly and rode a different horse to victory *Cont. Page 7*

**Spirit Week was fantastic
@ Malden High, leading
up to Thanksgiving Day!**
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#Black Lives Matter

What a fantastic holiday break it was! It all started with the tremendous Spirit Week and exciting Thanksgiving win by Tornado football team Holiday season is now in full swing; Let's all continue to look out for each other during this time of year

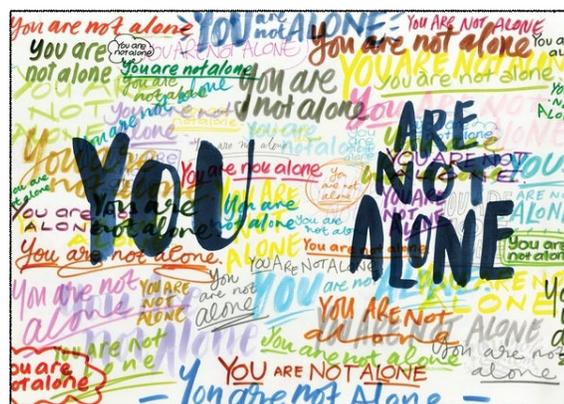
Greetings to the Malden High School Community:

It has been quite evident from the smiles (under the masks) and the energy displayed by our students and staff this past week that we all thoroughly enjoyed our Thanksgiving holiday weekend. It is always a good time to “rest and recharge” and get ready for the two and half weeks we have remaining before our longer Winter Break. We are hoping and expecting this atmosphere of goodwill and positive spirit will continue as our Second Quarter academic journey continues together.



Mr. Mastrangelo

We certainly could not have kicked off our Thanksgiving break in better fashion. First we had a tremendous Spirit Week, which had the most participation from ALL FOUR of classes that has been seen at Malden High School in quite some time! Hands down, it was easily the most participation in the Theme Day events by the members of our freshman class of 2025 — way to go, Ninth-Graders! Way to go, all of you students and staff for all that you do to make this a signature week of our entire school year. We restored still another tradition we had to forgo in the previous school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are so grateful to Mr. Marques for the yeoman’s work he does to prepare and then coordinate this great Spirit Week effort and also to all of the Class Advisors and other staff members who contributed so much. Special recognition to Ms. Horwitz, who once again was “Best of Show” at MHS on “Wacky-Tacky Day” with her exotic outfit. Thanks and congratulations to all who gave special performances including Mr. Cole and his choral group, who performed a rendition of our National Anthem; Ms. Mazza and our MHS Band, who provided musical accompaniment at the rally, and of course Ms. Philbrook and our MHS cheerleaders and Ms. Scibelli and our MHJS Step Team, who were both sensational, as usual! *See Page 4*



**‘MASKING UP’ @ MHS!
If ‘NEDLAM’ can do it...
so can all of us!
Be Safe... Be Healthy
and help protect your
classmates & teachers!**



Here's this week's schedule for December 6-10, 2021

UPCOMING @ MALDEN HS:

Monday, December 6— Late Entry- Malden High School staff Professional Development 7:45-9:35 a.m./ Classes begin at 9:37 a.m. today... Last day of Hanukkah

Thursday, December 23—Early Dismissal in Malden Public Schools District at 11:00 a.m.. Winter Break begins at the end of the school day.

Friday, December 24 to Sunday January 2— Winter Break

Saturday, December 25—To those who celebrate the day, Merry Christmas!

Saturday, January 1— Happy New Year!

Monday, January 3— Classes Resume

Monday, December 6 GOLD DAY (Late Entry)

9:40-10:40 a.m. PERIOD 7

10:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. LUNCH BLOCK (and PERIOD 5)

12:50 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Flex Block (Just one/TBA)

1:35-2:15 p.m. PERIOD 6

Tuesday, December 7 BLUE DAY

7:45-9:10 a.m. PERIOD 1

9:15-10:40 a.m. PERIOD 2

10:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. LUNCH BLOCK (and PERIOD 3)

12:50 p.m.- 2:15 p.m. PERIOD 4

Wednesday, December 8 GOLD DAY

7:45-9:10 a.m. PERIOD 5

9:15- 10:40 a.m.- FLEX BLOCK

Enrichment 9:15-9:45 a.m./ Joy 9:50-10:35 a.m.

10:40 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. LUNCH BLOCK (and PERIOD 6)

12:50 p.m.-2:15 p.m. PERIOD 7

Thursday, December 9 BLUE DAY

7:45-9:10 a.m. PERIOD 1

9:15-10:40 a.m. PERIOD 2

10:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. LUNCH BLOCK (and PERIOD 3)

12:50 p.m.- 2:15 p.m. PERIOD 4

Monday, December 6 GOLD DAY

9:40-10:40 a.m. PERIOD 7

10:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. LUNCH BLOCK (and PERIOD 5)

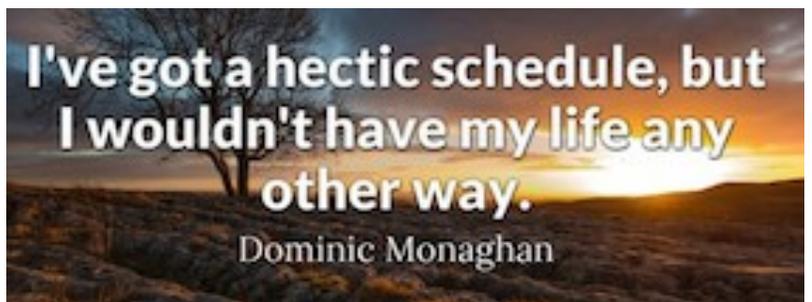
12:50 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Flex Block (Just one/TBA)

1:35-2:15 p.m. PERIOD 6



MISSION 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.





Congratulations to our Pillar Award Winners Qtr. 1

Congratulations to all of our Malden High School students who were selected as Pillar Award Winners for Quarter 1, selected from nominations received from educators, administrators & staff. They are being recognized as top students and classmates through their actions and demeanor around MHS

- Nayomi Santos**
- Christopher Rodriguez**
- Gia Alfaro**
- Samuel Da Rold**
- Laryssa De Souza**
- Aya Agoumad**
- Ariana Fuente Reyes**
- Min Kyaw**
- Bill Fang**
- Taliyah Perrin**
- Ana Ramos**
- Wesley Wei**
- Sabriel Jonathas**
- Nicolly Ferreira**
- Gilberto Ceja Ayala**
- Audrey Mukasa**
- Emily Rachel De Souza**
- Dyllan Da Silva**
- Wesderlineda St. Elot**

*To All who celebrate the holiday:
Hanukkah Best Wishes from all Malden High School staff & students*

November 28 - December 6



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 Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2022, when were the Spirit Week Champions, all of the other three classes really gave them some big time competition in the physical challenges on Spirit Day. Coach Exilhomme's MHS Football Team did a great job with a joint performance with the Cheerleaders, too! The Football Team's best was yet to come as they pulled off an exciting and satisfying win over Medford in Game #134 of the traditional Thanksgiving Day game in a 12-10 final score. A big crowd was on hand the weather was just perfect. The turkey sure tasted great last Thursday! Thanks, Coaches and Team! This week was another busy one as we got back to learning and we encourage everyone to keep the steady pace we are on and achieve as much progress as possible before we start our Winter Break on December 23. Let us all keep watching out for one another in this holiday season, as it is exciting and rewarding, while at the same time, it can be stressful and overwhelming as well for some. Let us continue to take care of each other and help keep other safe. You are not alone.
 — Mr. Mastrangelo-Principal

**MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

AUGUST 2021				
(0 Day)				
M	T	W	T	F
30*	31*			

8/30* First Day for All Staff
8/31* Prof Dev Day - All Grds

SEPTEMBER 2021				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1*	2	X
X	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

9/1* First Day of School for Grades PreK, 1-12
9/1-9/7 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
9/3 No School
9/6 Labor Day
9/8 First Day of School for Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2021				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
X	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

10/8 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
10/11 Columbus Day
10/18 Late Entry Day MHS

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

11/1 Late Day Entry MHS
11/2* Prof Dev Day-All Grds
11/11 Veterans Day
11/24 11:00 Dismissal - Thanksgiving
11/25-26 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2021				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	X
X	X	X	X	

12/6 Late Entry MHS
12/23 11:00 Dismissal
12/24-1/1 Winter Vacation

JANUARY 2022				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				X
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
X	18	19	20	21
24	31	25	26	27
		28		

1/3 School Resumes
1/10 Late Entry MHS
1/14 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
1/17 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 2022				
(15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
X	X	X	X	X
28				

2/4 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
2/7 Late Entry MHS
2/21-25 February Vacation

MARCH 2022				
(22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11*
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

3/7 Late Entry MHS
3/11 * Prof Dev Day-All Grds

APRIL 2022				
(16 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
X	X	X	X	X
25	26	27	28	29

4/4 Late Entry MHS
4/15 11:00 Dismissal - Good Friday
4/18-22 Spring Vacation

MAY 2022				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
X	31			

5/6 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
5/9 Late Entry MHS
5/30 Memorial Day

JUNE 2022				
(11 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
X	21	22	23	24

6/3 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
6/15 Last day w/o snow days (180 Days) - 11:00 Dismissal
6/20 Juneteenth
6/23 Last day w/five snow days -11:00 Dismissal

First Day for All Staff – Monday, August 30, 2021

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



The Malden High Senior Football Players and Cheerleaders and family and friends gather after ceremony



Command Performance on Thanksgiving Day

Malden High senior placekicker Ronald Juarez (23), shown above with senior captain Gavin West, left, his holder, nailed a 23-yard, gamewinning field goal, to go long with a PAT kick, a perfect “muddle huddle” onside kick (recovered by Malden) to start the second half, and some superb punts (51 yards average) in Malden’s 12-10 win. *Courtesy Photo/Maldonian/Jim Valente*

Malden High Football won 6th straight game on Thanksgiving Day

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with defense and special teams leading the charge.

"We had to work for this win and our team was up for the challenge, especially our seniors, they really stepped up," Coach Exilhomme said.

Malden made it a bookend victory, from the first play of the day, an electrifying, 85-yard kickoff return touchdown by sophomore back Davian McGuffie, to senior quarterback Jordan Rodriguez taking a knee in "victory formation" as the clock ran out on the last play of a 12-10 Malden win.

With the win, at sun-drenched Macdonald Stadium, before the biggest Thanksgiving crowd in years, Malden won its sixth straight Turkey Day game, 13-out-of-14, go go ahead, 68-56 in the ancient series, which began in 1889. Malden finished the season at 2-8 overall (2-4 Greater Boston League) with the win, Medford closed it out at 2-9 overall, 1-5 GBL.

It was quite fitting on a day when the longest continuous high school football rivalry was being decided by some blue collar, hardhat action on defense and special teams, that newly-elected national Teamsters President Sean O'Brien performed the official coin toss.

Malden took that tone and ran with it, using some remarkable individual performances, most notably by McGuffie, senior placekicker Ronald Juarez and senior defensive end Lyden Lewis.

Malden came into the game as an underdog, but that forecast probably changed a lot of minds quickly when McGuffie broke through a trio of Mustangs at about the Malden 35 on the right sideline and then saw all green for an 85-yard kickoff return touchdown on the game's very first play.

Juarez booted PAT for a 7-0 lead before a lot of the late-arriving crowd filing in even got a chance to take their seats.

That would be all the scoring from Malden for a long time in this game as Medford's defense zeroed in on the Tornado offensive game and locked it up for most of the day. Medford held Malden to one first down and less than 40 yards total offense in the first game and no offensive points.

The Tornado football historians are researching to find out if this year's game was the first one Malden High won in the 134-game history of the series where the Tornados did not score an offensive touchdown.



Nothing but 'The Best' right here!

Malden High senior defensive end Lyden Lewis (4) was Malden's top defensive player with a tackle for a safety, a blocked punt, a fumble recovery and a bunch of tackles AND his Dad, "Lew," at right was the Best Dressed Man on The East Coast... maybe in America!... lookin' like a million bucks on Turkey Day! Lyden is shown above with the trophy and his family after the game. *Steve Freker Photo*

Malden led 7-0 after the first quarter as both defenses held the fort for their respective teams.

Medford cut into Malden's lead early in the second quarter when penalties and two tackles for losses by Mustang defenders backed the Tornados all the way back to their own end zone. Malden freshman QB starter Aidan Brett was looking for an open man when he threw a pass to no one on the left sideline.

The referees tossed a penalty flag for intentional grounding on the play and Medford was on the board with a two-point safety and a 7-2 Malden lead with 9:21 to go in the first half.

Penalties ended up playing a major role in this game, particularly hurting Medford's chances as the Mustangs were flagged a whopping 13 times for about 150 yards in penalties, including *Cont.P.10*

The whole school took part in Spirit Week!

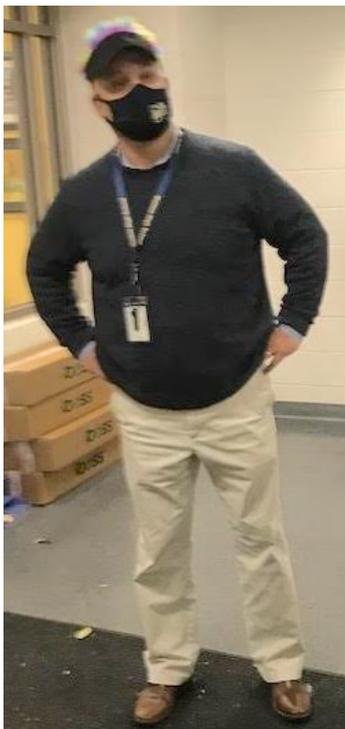
"GO, GO POWER RANGERS!"



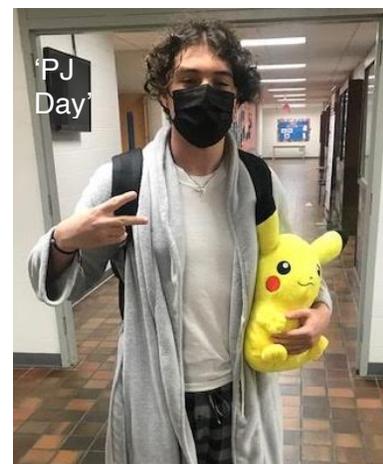
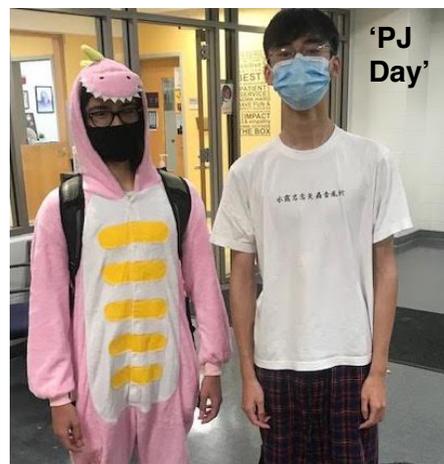
'The Ringleader,' Mr. Marques says: 'Gobble, Gobble!'



Hair today!



At left MHS Principal Mr. Mastrangelo threw on the hair and visor combo for Wacky Tacky Day. during Spirit Week. Above, Ronaldo, TonyG, Yoji, JustinO. Vivian and the rest of the crew are close to "Morphin Time!". At right, "Head Gobbler" Mr. Marques readies an announcement on Wacky Tacky Day. *All Photos/Steve Freker*





Clockwise from left, we see you JJ! Sami takes a bow. Coach Witche is hyped! Supt. Noriega-Murphy & Assistant Supt. Doherty happy for MHS win and junior Zach Pan has trophy time. All Photos/S.Freker



Championship trophy was on display all week in Main Office Lobby... seen by hundreds!!



Co-captains Gavin West, left, and Ethan Heon get trophy time



Captain and QB Jordan Rodriguez with mom Renee and Dad Jamie

That Golden Tornado vibe on display all during Spirit Week... with a big splash on SPIRIT DAY!

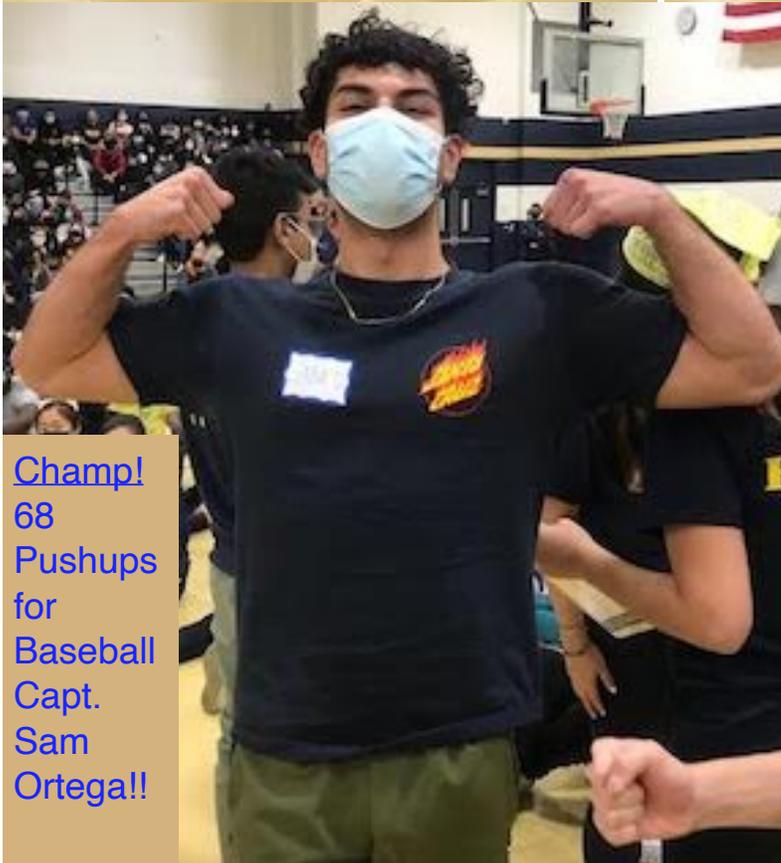


Kyle and Kenny doing work for the juniors

Coach Dan keeping it fair



Yoji and Kingston are up front for Srs.



Champ!
68
Pushups
for
Baseball
Capt.
Sam
Ortega!!



Senior Pyramid!



Rising to the Occasion

Malden High sophomore Davian McGuffie, right, leaps up high with Malden offensive coordinator Anthony Pappagallo, left, to celebrate Davian's 85-yard kickoff return touchdown on the Thanksgiving Day game's very first play! *Courtesy/Maldonian/Jim Valente*

In a strange outcome, neither Malden NOR Medford broke 100 yards in total offense!

On a Day when offense was absent, defense ruled for Malden HS

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brutal four 15-yard personal foul/unsportsmanlike conduct penalties on the day.

Malden also got six penalties in the first half, but cleaned it up with only one penalty flag in the second half.

Malden's absent offense continued in the second quarter with no first downs, but the Tornado defense was front-and-center, continuing to stalemate with Medford's attack.

The Mustangs finally broke through and got on the board again with a drive that started on its own 45 with less than two minutes to go. This time it was a costly Malden penalty which kept the Medford drive alive when a Tornado defender hit the QB Terranova when he was sliding after going down.

The Mustangs then were handed a first-and-goal from the Malden 7 and under a minute to play. With only 9 seconds to play on the next to the last play of the first half, Medford scored a dagger touchdown when quarterback Terranova kept the ball for an 8-yard touchdown run. Nazaire scored the 2-point conversion running in behind right tackle for the 10-7 Medford lead at halftime.

Malden shed no tears at halftime, put on the hardhat and went right to work in the second half, as Davian McGuffie came up huge for the second time in the game, recovering an onside kick by Juarez with the whole team running out of the "muddle huddle" formation.

Nine plays later, the game was tied when Juarez (on his second try after an inopportune penalty by Medford) nailed a 23-yard field goal to tie the game at 10-10.

Juarez, who hit a 27-yarder in Malden's 29-0 win in 2019, is believed to be the only player in Malden High history to kick field goals in two Malden Thanksgiving wins.

Malden's defense was huge in the second half, giving Medford next to nothing and holding the Mustangs to just two first downs and a paltry 36 yards total offense in the entire second half.

Malden came up with two interceptions of Terranova passes, one in the second quarter and one in the third, which stopped Medford drives.

On Medford's last drive of the second half Lewis tackled Terranova in the end zone for a two-point safety and a 12-10 lead after three quarters, the eventual final score.

There was no scoring by either team in the fourth quarter as the two defenses ruled.

Congratulations to 'Shake, Shake' & Coach: Brunelli House Principal Mr. Charles on their 2021 'Over the Hill League' Soccer Playoff Title!

At right, Mr. Charles, fourth from left, celebrates the championship with his teammates.



PREGAME BREAKFAST @ DOCKSIDE in Malden

Above, Dockside of Malden owner Jack Urbaczaewski center and Peter Caso, left, welcomed Malden High Head Football Coach Witche Exilhomme, right and his players to the restaurant at 7:00 a.m. Thanksgiving morning for a pregame breakfast sendoff! Thanks a lot, Dockside!



Spirit Day
Scenes
2021...Good
Time had by
ALL, for sure!



'Guest Free Throw Shooter' Mr. M.... It's up...SWISH!



Mr. Mastrangelo stepped in and helped the Senior Class win the Free Throw Shot Competition when he stepped in above left, took a shot, then at right saw his "Swish" and then went about his business!! Notice the commentary, point and then fist up, signifying the swish from the MHS senior team member.

**Congratulations
to the MHS
Class of '22 for
a Spirit Week
Championship!
...Thanks to
National Honor
Society, too!**



