

From the Desk of the Superintendent

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SUMMER HOOPS: Malden students in Grades 6-7-8 compete in the Mac Singleton Rec Basketball League.

Malden Public Schools Mission Statement

Malden Public Schools is a place where students are encouraged to follow their dreams and become well rounded members of our community. The Malden Public Schools prepare students to be independent thinkers and enthusiastic learners who: Work hard; Respect others; Cherish our diversity; Seek challenges; Discover and Develop their individual talents; Strive for academic excellence; and look to Demonstrate personal and social responsibility. Malden Public Schools graduates are prepared to be active participants in our economy and democracy.



Superintendent John Oteri

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

Here we are in the midst of another summer vacation break, but it is very hard to tell, considering all of the activity and learning that continues in our Malden Public Schools. During the summer months, our school buildings and other facilities are populated with many students and educators who participate in a broad, eclectic mix of programs. Math and science enrichment are one popular topic, along with other S.T.E.M.-related classwork. We collaborate with the city of Malden's summer youth employment program and the Malden YMCA in providing

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Malden High School teacher Mr. Degenkolb recently made another one of his goodwill trips to Haiti. Above, he interacts with some Haitian children at Zanmi Beni.



Malden High Teacher makes another goodwill visit to Haiti

Malden High School faculty member Paul Degenkolb, advisor to the MHS Haitian Club, made another goodwill trip to Haiti this summer, bringing donated supplies to ZanmiBeni, a children's home in the northern region of the country. *Chapo ba!* Mr. Degenkolb! **More Photos, P.3**

Malden Adventures and Academics Program helps incoming 9th graders prepare for the Malden HS experience



Malden Mayor Gary Christenson (back row, center) joined Malden Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Bob Knox (back row, center left) to welcome MHS's incoming ninth graders as part of the Malden Adventures and Academics Program (MAAP) led by Ms. Craven of Malden High School. The program is funded by the Adelaide Bayrd Foundation .



At the conclusion of the three-week MAAP program, a ceremony was held honoring the commitment and time Malden High School rising freshmen put in to acclimate to the school and prepare for the road ahead.





Above left, Christopher is the youngest resident of Zanmi Beni, a home for children in a town north of Port au Prince in Haiti. Above right, children take part in an organized craft activity. *Courtesy/Paul Degengolb*

A goodwill trip to Haiti by an MHS teacher *Mr. Dekengolb brings donations of many kinds to children's home*

Mr. Dekengolb writes: I hope you are all enjoying your summer vacation. It has been a few weeks since I returned from my latest trip to Haiti. I wanted to update the MHS community and thank you again for your generosity in the lead-up to the trip. The resultant donations to the organization I visited were a significant boost and were much appreciated. This trip, I visited Zanmi Beni, which is a children's home just north of Port-au-Prince. It is an amazing, inspiring place. The kids who live there, half of whom have developmental and or physical challenges, are wonderful. You can learn more about them here:

<http://www.friendsofzb.org/meet-the-children/>

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the city of Malden's summer youth employment program and the Malden YMCA classroom space for work readiness and other training programs. Summer camps for students and Malden citizens ranging in age from preschool to high school seniors are in full swing across the city in our school buildings, municipal parks and at Macdonald Stadium.

While it is true that "Back to School" is right around the corner, with the first day of the new 2018-19 school year on August 29, there is still plenty of vacation to enjoy with family and friends. Make the most of it! Enjoy the rest of the summer. Be safe and healthy!

—Superintendent John Oteri

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Exploring Some New Horizons

Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy students visited Malden HS & checked out some programs just before end of school year

Nedlam's Workshop, A.K.A. The Makerspace turned into a popular stop for the Linden students on their visit to Malden High School.



Mr. Bazzinotti shows some Linden students and a teacher the inside of the auto shop.

My Malden Experience

A student journalist reflects on her four years at MHS

Edit. Note: Megan Downer was a staff member of the award-winning Malden High School student newspaper 'Blue and Gold'. Her parting column as a 2018 MHS graduate was enlightening and uplifting and was published in the end-of-year edition of the 'Blue and Gold' in June. It is reprinted below

By MEGAN DOWNER

For the last four years I have been attending Malden High School with two of my best friends. We were all nervous as freshmen, we were leaving the place we were most comfortable in and going to a new school. One of our best friends had gone to a different school to pursue her own ambitions. It all felt so—for lack of a better term— weird. For quite a while people were supplying us with various prejudices about MHS. No one ever prepared us for how much of an impact it would have on our lives.

As a freshman I was bubbly but also a bit introverted, and when with my best friends I was quite outgoing. However, I learned you could strive best at MHS by simply being who you are. This community is welcoming beyond comprehension and it is easy for anyone to come here and call it their home. My freshman year I was not involved in much at the school, I was terrified of going out of my comfort zone and I kept making excuses as to why I should not get involved. Once I did become more involved, I realized the world of opportunities right in



From left to right, math teacher Kayla Scheitlin, seniors Alicia Tan, Jeannie Basile, Megan Downer, and science teacher Jessica Sullivan.

front of me just because I was a MHS student. My sophomore year I joined the field hockey team with some of my best friends. I never thought I would love the sport as much as I started to.

I learned you could strive best at MHS by simply being who you are. This community is welcoming beyond comprehension and it is easy for anyone to come here and call it their home.

I was definitely not the best player and I knew absolutely nothing about the sport except for how the stick looked due to Spencer Hastings from *Pretty Little Liars* having played the sport. Once I started playing, though, it was impossible for me to stop. My team was my family, and at the end of the day being able to relax and have fun on

on the field is what helped me most. Outside of field hockey, I also partook in some clubs but the only one I really stuck to was Literary Society, which I did with my best friend Alicia Tan. Even though this is a small group, it taught me that no matter what, there will always be someone else with the same interests as you willing to pursue them with you.

High school has been an experience that made me grow a lot as an individual and MHS has shown me that there is always a way to get through anything.

To the staff members here at MHS who I became close with, thank you for your endless support over the years. This school has an abundance of amazing staff members always willing to help any student and it never ceases to amaze me how
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AUGUST 2018				
(2 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
27*	28*	29	30	X

SEPTEMBER 2018				
(19 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
X	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

OCTOBER 2018				
(22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
X	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

NOVEMBER 2018				
(18 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6*	7	8	9
X	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	X	X
26	27	28	29	30

8/27* First Day for Teachers
 8/28* Prof Dev Day - All Grds
 8/29 First Day of School for Grades PreK, 1-12
 8/29-9/4 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
 8/31 No School

9/3 Labor Day
 9/5 First Day of School for Kindergarten

10/5 Early Dismissal PreK-12
 10/8 Columbus Day
 10/15 Late Entry Day MHS

11/5 Late Day Entry MHS
 11/6* Prof Dev Day-All Grds
 11/12 Veterans Day
 11/21 11:00 Dismissal
 11/22-23 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2018				
(15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
X	X	X	X	X
X				

JANUARY 2019				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	X	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
X	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY 2019				
(14 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	

MARCH 2019				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

12/10 Late Entry MHS
 12/21 11:00 Dismissal
 12/24-1/1 Winter Vacation

1/2 School Resumes
 1/11 Early Dismissal PreK-12
 1/7 Late Entry MHS
 1/21 Martin Luther King Day

2/4 Late Entry MHS
 2/15* Prof Dev Day-All Grds
 2/18-22 February Vacation

3/4 Late Entry MHS
 3/8 Early Dismissal PreK-12

APRIL 2019				
(17 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
29	30			

4/1 Late Entry MHS
 4/5 Early Dismissal PreK-12
 4/15-19 Spring Vacation

MAY 2019				
(22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
X	28	29	30	31

5/3 Early Dismissal PreK-12
 5/6 Late Entry MHS
 5/27 Memorial Day

JUNE 2019				
(9 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	

6/13 Last day w/o snow days - 11:00 Dismissal
 6/20 Last day w/five snow days - 11:00 Dismissal

First Day for Teachers – Monday, August 27, 2018

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

Summer's in full swing...but 'Back to School' coming up soon!



When Malden Public Schools' over 6,700 students return to classes on August 29 to kick off the 2018-2019 school year, most will be using tech-savvy devices to allow them to interact with their educators and fellow students in their academic pursuits. Above, Malden students who participate in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) are hard at work in the Linden S.T.E.A.M. library unboxing and organizing some of those devices as the new school year looms.



'Back to School' Important Dates:

- 8/27- First Day of School for Teachers**
- 8/28- Professional Development Day (all Grades)**
- 8/29- First Day of School for Students Pre-K, 1-12**
- 8/29-9/4 -Kindergarten Orientation/Screening**
- 8/31- No School**
- 9/3- LABOR DAY (No School)**
- 9/4- Classes resume Grades 1-12**
- 9/5- First Day of School for Kindergarten**

The Malden Public Schools: 'Our Diversity is Our Strength'

The Malden district is near the top as one of the most diverse in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with Malden High School rated the #1 most diverse secondary education school overall. Throughout the district, we embrace our diversity and strive to progress as one.



This beautiful scene in the lobby of the Ferryway School illustrates our district-wide theme.

A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMON LANGUAGE
USED, EXEMPLIFYING THE BELIEFS, VALUES,
STRENGTH IN RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPECT FOR
DIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNITY.

Malden Public Schools SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: *The Writers Celebration* @ Ferryway School



Summer Enrichment Coordinator Ms. Paldino, left, shows Assistant Supt. Chase the students' project work.



During a presentation on various countries around the world in the sixth grade class, Mayor Gary Christenson, right, told the students that Malden, Mass. originated from Maldon, England.



Ward One's City Councilor Peg Crowe, left, and School Committee member Michael Drummey, second from left, were on hand for the Writers Celebration held by the Summer Enrichment Program at the Ferryway School.

Goodwill in Haiti

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Overall, the experience was quite different from my previous trips to Haiti because I did not have to travel much once I landed and because Zanmi Beni is a small arm of a larger organization, Partners in Health. As a result, it is better connected to infrastructure and other organizations. While there, I stayed in a small dormitory for volunteers. The accommodations were comfortable and modern.

I wanted to share a few photos of the sights of Zanmi Beni with you. You can find them attached to this e-mail. I may do a more significant slide show and presentation in the fall in my classroom if there is interest.

Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.



Courtesy Photo/ Paul Degenkolb

My Malden Experience

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involved and supportive the staff is here at MHS. I will always remember my homeroom teacher, Kayla Scheitlin and also science teacher, Jessica Sullivan. We created our own family here and I am forever grateful for the after school laughs and pick-me-ups from everyone in that little family. To my best friends, thank you for always being there for me. I can not wait to experience this next adventure in our lives with you guys.

After four years on the newspaper staff as well, I am proud to say I will be attending Curry College in the fall to study communications. I am excited to begin this journey and I am grateful to the Malden community for shaping me into who I am today and helping me discover who I want to be.

Enjoy the rest of the summer everyone! The next edition of 'From the Desk of the Superintendent' will be a 'Back to School' edition in late August.