

From the Desk of the Superintendent

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Superintendent John Oteri

Season's
Greetings

Congratulations

**NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS!**

**Malden Pop Warner
Cheerleaders Win
National Title in Fla.**



TURKEY DAY TRIUMPH: Malden Tops Medford on Thanksgiving Day!

Malden HS Football Capt. Tyler Martineau celebrates a 28-24 win with his family and the trophy. *Courtesy/City of Malden*

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

The holiday season has officially begun and I hope that everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with their family and friends and used the brief break from school to re-energize and recharge as we prepare for the stretch run to close out the calendar year. Also, to our staff of educators, administrators and non-teaching personnel, I wanted to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for all you do for the district and for Malden's children on a daily basis. Each day you give our kids your absolute best - and we know that goes far beyond the academic realm. *See P.3*



Many students from the Malden Public Schools are members of the Malden Pop Warner Cheerleaders, who captured a National Championship last week at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Florida.

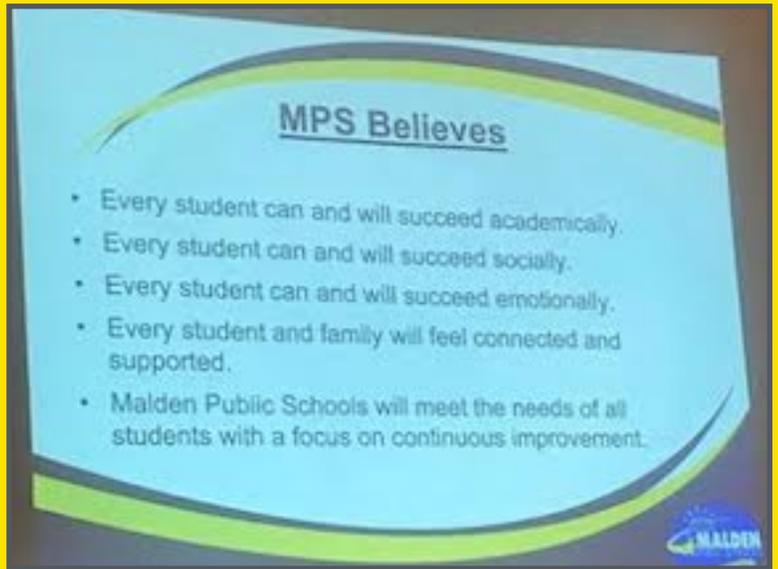
'Tis the Season: Malden Stop & Shop donates full course **Thanksgiving meals** to Malden Public Schools families



Superintendent Oteri, center, graciously accepts a generous donation of 12 full-course Thanksgiving turkey dinners from representatives of the local Stop & Shop supermarket at 99 Charles Street in Malden. Stop & Shop has made the Thanksgiving holiday brighter in the past few years with a donation of turkeys and all the fixings to a number of families in need whose children attend the Malden Public Schools. Stop & Shop is a strong and vibrant corporate partner of the Malden District and their generosity is much appreciated. *Courtesy/Malden Public*



At the November School Committee meeting Supt. Oteri is shown, at left, delivering a presentation on the latest MCAS results for the Malden Public Schools. The full results for all schools are open for inspection online at maldenps.org.



Superintendent Oteri delivers full presentation of MCAS test results

Report presented to School Committee; Full results @ maldenps.org

By STEPHEN FREKER
For the Malden Public Schools

Malden Public Schools administrators and educators have begun building a baseline to use as a gauge of how students in the District are progressing academically with the results of the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) testing for Malden students now available for review. That is the message delivered by Superintendent John Oteri at the November meeting of the Malden School Committee meeting, where he made a formal presentation of the results from testing done at each of the Malden K-8 Schools and Malden High School. The Superintendent delivered a detailed Powerpoint

presentation of the results, explaining them by using three categories: Areas of Strength; Areas of Challenge; and Next Steps. Supt. Oteri said that while he and his administrative team were encouraged and pleased with the overall results, they also realized there were many areas where improvement was needed and where resources must be applied for better outcomes. Supt. Oteri also presented a “snapshot” chart where research showed that Malden’s results, when compared to our neighboring districts: (Chelsea, Everett & Revere) fared very well, leading in many categories (ELA, Math and Science in 6,7 & 8). Some of the results showed substantially higher results in specific categories.

SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

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We are truly thankful for all you do and it is a privilege to work with such a dedicated community of professionals. I would also like to thank everyone who participated in our extremely productive and enlightening Professional Development Day earlier this month, entitled, “Malden Education Expo 2018: Celebration, Collaboration, Inspiration”. We have heard from so many of you about the success of that day. I could not agree more! The amount of pride, enthusiasm, and encouragement that was on display was truly inspiring. We saw an array of offerings that will surely help propel our students to the next level. Your work is what impacts our kids. I want to thank the coordinator of the entire event, Assistant Superintendent Chase, Educational Technology Director Natalia Santiago Brennan and all of you, presenters, facilitators and participants This was a model for others to emulate. Once again, thank you for all that you do!

—Superintendent John Oteri

HOLIDAY TIME: U.S. Senator Markey meets 'The Forestdale Falcon' and some students at Malden's Tree Lighting ceremony @ the Malden Public Library



Some staff members and students from the Forestdale School joined with The Forestdale Falcon (second from left) to greet U.S. Senator Edward Markey, back row, third from left; his wife, Dr. Susan Blumenthal, far right; Malden Mayor Gary Christenson, third from right; and Santa Claus himself, center, at the annual Malden Tree Lighting, held on the lawn of the Malden Public Library. *Courtesy/U.S. Senator Markey*

***Happy Holidays and Best
Wishes for a Wonderful New Year***

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 statewide. We continue to dedicate ourselves to becoming more culturally proficient and understanding of our students background. Throughout the district, we embrace our diversity and strive to progress as one!



The Malden High School Speech & Debate Team did a great job in their first competition of the school year, which they hosted at MHS. *Courtesy/MHS Speech and Debate Team*

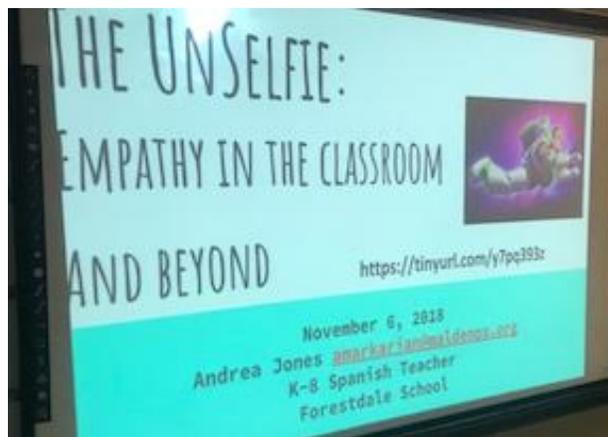
Malden Public Schools Mission Statement

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.



MALDEN EDUCATION EXPO 2018

The Malden Public Schools, for the first time, coordinated a District-wide Professional Development Day under one roof on November 6. Also unique to the day was that dozens of MPS educators took the reins and delivered presentations on topics of academia and MPS educators got to choose which topics they would sit in for presentations. Hats off to Assistant Superintendent Chase who was the chief planner and strategist.



MPS EDUCATION EXPO: Celebration, Collaboration, Inspiration: Clockwise, from lower left, 1) Supt. Oteri kicked off the citywide Professional Development Day by addressing those in attendance. 2) Ferryway School Principal Abdel Sepelveda talks with some colleagues at lunch. He was also a presenter that day. 3) City of Malden Recovery Resource Specialist Paul Hammersley contributed to a session on the Dangers of Vaping in Schools. 4) Assistant Supt. Chase and Educational Tech & IT Director Brennan talk before the start of the day. 5) Forestdale educator Andrea Jones begins her presentation. 6) "The Unselfie" was Ms. Jones presentation. *All Photos by Steve Freker/Malden Public Schools*

Thanksgiving Team Dinner

Malden HS Football & Cheerleader Seniors guests @ John Brewers along with Supt. Oteri, Mayor Christenson & Principal Mastrangelo



The Malden High School Football Team and Cheerleader seniors and captains were the guests of honor at an annual pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon graciously hosted by John Brewer's Tavern, and owners Bill and Sue Honeycutt, located on Highland Avenue, Malden. Also in attendance were Supt. Oteri, Mayor Christenson, Director of Athletics Charlie Conefrey, Malden High Principal Mastrangelo and the football and cheerleading coaches. The Medford High players and coaches were also guests that day. *Steve Freker Photo/Malden Public Schools*



On hand for the annual Thanksgiving lunch at John Brewer's Tavern included, above, from left Malden Director of Athletics Charlie Conefrey, Supt. Oteri and Malden High Principal Chris Mastrangelo. At right, from left Malden co-captains Raushad Moore and Tyler Martineau and the Medford football captains. **Steve Freker Photos/MPS**





Season's Greetings from the Malden HS Alumni Association

The Malden High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) hosted its annual Holiday Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 24, following the Parade at Anthony's. It is the organization's largest fundraiser and provides funding for the substantial number of annual scholarships the MHSAA provides for Malden High School students and other activities. Attendees included Mayor and School Committee Chairman Gary Christenson, state Rep. Steve Ultrino, D-Malden, School Committee members Robert McCarthy Jr., Leonard Iovino and John Froio, and members of the MHSAA Board. Also in attendance, shown above, were Malden City Councilors Winslow, Crowe and Murphy.

Courtesy Photo/City of Malden

FRANK STELLA DONATION: Supt. Oteri joined U.S. Sen. Markey, Mayor Christenson, Rep. Ultrino and others for the unveiling of some new artwork donations by noted artist and Malden native Frank Stella to the Malden Public Library. There are several other quite valuable Stella paintings already at the Library.

Courtesy/City of Malden



Unified Basketball Team celebrates a terrific first season with an award banquet @ MHS



Malden High School first-ever Unified Basketball celebrated their Inaugural Season with coaches and parents at an awards banquet in The Gallery at MHS attended by Supt. Oteri and Director of Athletics Mr. Conefrey, left.

Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. In Unified Sports, teams are made up of people of similar age and ability. This year, the Malden Public Schools, through its Athletics Department and Director Charlie Conefrey, initiated a new Unified Basketball Team. It was a huge success with many participants and some exciting games. Supt. Oteri called it a “major highlight of the school year.”



Sean Kilbride is congratulated by Supt. Oteri and Director of Athletics Mr. Conefrey after receiving the team sportsmanship award. All Photos/Steve Freker/MPS



Supt. Oteri was on hand to offer congratulations on a fine season.

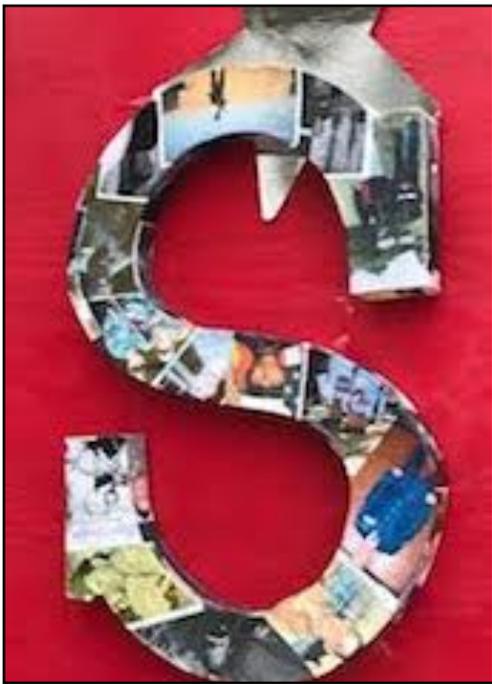
Congratulations to 179 new American citizens sworn in at a ceremony hosted by our city & the Malden Public Schools



Superintendent Oteri and Mayor Christenson, shown above, at left, both delivered remarks at the recent swearing in ceremony for 179 new American citizens, who took their Oath of Citizenry and swore allegiance to the United States. The event was hosted by the city of Malden and the Malden Public Schools in the Jenkins Auditorium at Malden High School. Supt. Oteri addressed the audience and congratulated them in three different languages. He also spoke of his own heritage, which involved immigration to the U.S. by members of his own family, who became American citizens. Over 50 countries were represented among the new citizens at the inspiring ceremony. *Photos by Steve Freker/Malden Public Schools*

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.**



Forestdale K-8 School 'HEROES' Float is winner in annual Parade of Holiday Traditions contest

The Forestdale K-8 School's "HEROES" float was named the winner in the "Honoring Our Veterans" theme contest among the five Malden K-8 schools. The intricate detail work put into the float can be seen by the closeup, above left, where each letter of the large "HEROES" assemblage on the float included photos of veterans who have ties to the Forestdale School. **Steve Freker Photos/Malden Public Schools**



Congratulations to Forestdale School for its victory in the float contest. Above, staff & students carry the school flag in front of their float. At right, Principal Concannon, the Forestdale Falcon and some canine friends pose for a quick photo in front of the parade reviewing stand.

Malden Parade of Holiday Traditions



Students & staff from the Salemwood School honored our veterans.



The Beebe School float, above, centered on honoring all of heroes, including veterans as well as police and fire department first responders. *Steve Freker*



Malden High students like senior Danny Duong, second from right, who have already enlisted to serve in the military after graduation were given spots of honor to march in the parade.





Above, the “Snoopy”-themed Ferryway School float. At right, Supt. Oteri served as Master of Ceremonies at the Holiday Parade. Below, “Tall “Paul” the Aleppo clown. *Steve Freker Photos/MPS*



Some Malden HS cheerleaders and other student-athletes took part in the parade. *Steve Freker Photos/Malden Public Schools*



Above, the Malden High football team, coaches, Mayor Christenson and Principal Mastrangelo display the trophy signifying their 28-24 win over Medford in the 131st Thanksgiving meeting.



Justin Nortelus scores the game winning TD!!

GOLDEN TORNADOES

Fundraiser

Thursday, January 17, 2019
at Kowloon

Comedy
LIVE

6:00-6:30 - Cocktails
6:30-7:30 - Food Served
7:30-8:30 - Comedy Hour
8:30-10:00 - Our Time
Ticket Price \$45.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MALDEN HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM on their 28-24 Thanksgiving Day victory over Medford in the 131st meeting of the Second-Longest Continuous High School Football Game in America! The team hung on despite near-record cold and pulled out the exciting victory.