



# Malden Musketeer News

Happy Valentine's Day

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### Special points of interest:

- \* Feb. 14th BVEC GBB Tournament Begins at PCA
- \* Feb. 23rd 1st Scholastic Bowl meet vs. PCA
- \* Feb. 18th— Board Meeting
- \* Feb. 16th No School— President's Day
- \* Feb. 26th P/T Conferences

## Student News and Notes

### Honor Roll Announced

Congratulations to the following students who were named to the Honor Roll;

Junior Sandoval, Emily Anderson, Phinnley Hansen, Madilyn Hildebrand, Max Morse, Joel Salazar, and Aidan Rossler.

High Honor Roll-

Brynleigh Bickett, Aurora Hernandez, Mary Kathryn Strack, Dexter Bankes, John Lower\*, Isabella Barraza, Layla Stinar, Quinnlyn Peach, Spartan Foster, and Ella Linker,

**63% of our student made Honor Roll.**

### Speech Contest

Ladd Jr. High will host the 2026 BVEC Speech Contest on March 14th. Malden students planning on participating include: Spartan, Ella, Lily, Quinn, Emily, Maddie, Max, Phinnley, and Dexter. The students have been working very hard with Ms. Dye to polish their performances.

### Summer Building Projects

The Jr. High and Elementary lockers will be replaced. The unsightly lean-to on the northwest side of the gym will be removed and replaced with a concrete pad. South interior walls will be repaired and the exterior gym will be power washed. We also plan to replace the two storage shed with one large



### Girls Basketball Season

The 8th Grade basketball team has been working hard and is in the middle of the pack in the conference standings. The very young 7th grade team is playing hard and working well as a team. It is nice to see all girls support each other.

Coach Nichols and Coach Nick Peach have been working hard to teach the girls fundamentals and some complex basketball concepts. The BVEC tournament will begin February 14th at PCA

### Paisano's Night

The Booster Club will be hosting a Paisano's Night on February 26th. Please plan to order some delicious pizza or chicken strips to support the Booster Club. Paisano's phone number is 815-915—8727.

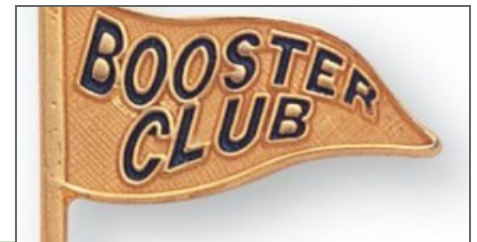
## Booster Club Information

The next Booster Club Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. We will update everyone on the spring field trips. Nominations for officers will be addressed at this meeting and then they will be installed at the April meeting. The Spring fundraiser committee will be established and/or give an update on progress for a possible Spring Fundraiser. We will also be deciding on some purchases that need to be made before the end of the school year which may include new classroom equipment, sports supplies, and other needs.

Thanks again to all that helped with the concession stand during Boys and Girls Basketball. The Booster Club would like to thank all the families that actively participate in fundraising efforts. The money raised is used for all students so we would love to see increased participation in the future. If you are interested in helping with the Booster Club, please contact an officer.

To sign up for the concession stand: check the school website for the sign up link.

**Please come to the meeting on Tuesday, February 10th. Your input and ideas are valued and needed.**



## Scholastic Bowl Season to Begin

The Scholastic Bowl Team will soon begin preparing for the upcoming season. Coach Nichols hopes to build on the strong tradition that has been built at Malden. Scholastic Bowl members will be practicing nearly every day after school. The first match is Monday, February 23rd vs. PCA. The Scholastic Bowl tournament will take place March 19th at DePue

### Teacher ease App

**Teacher ease now has an app for Apple devices. An Android app is soon to be released.**

**"The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think." ~ Bill Beattie**

## Freedom House

A presenter from Freedom House will visit the school and talk to all of our students about age appropriate safety issues. Students will be instructed on how to be aware of dangerous people and what to do when they suspect something is wrong.

## Donate Your Glasses

**The Malden Lions Club collects discarded eye glasses to be reused. Glasses can be turned into the box outside Brenda's office. Thank you for helping support the Lions Club mission to assist those who struggle with sight.**

## Cell Phone Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that no student is allowed to bring a cell phone to school, while participating in, or attending an extra curricular event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Patterson.

## Kindergarten Reg.

Kindergarten Registration will be held on Feb. 17, 18, and 19 in the Malden School Office between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Children must be 5 years old before September 1, 2026. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate. Health and dental forms will be handed out during registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office. 815-643-2436.

## Important Items to Note:

With the school year in full swing there are many activities on the horizon:

- If you were surprised by any of your students grades, please take the time to sign up for Teacher Ease which will allow you to check grades for all of your child's assignments. Contact the office for information. 643-2436
- Next Board Mtg. February 18th
- No School February 16th
- BVEC Girls BB Tournament @ PCA starting Feb. 14th
- Speech Contest– March 14th at Ladd
- Sports Photos– February 27th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences February 26th
- First Scholastic Bowl Meet with PCA. Feb. 23rd

### PHS 8th Grade Visit

Its hard to believe but it is time for the 8th graders to start thinking about next year. On February 4th, all the 8th grade students visited the school for information about their freshmen year. PHS will help students sign up for classes on Feb. 9th Students will be able to tour the school during the Freshmen Orientation this summer.

## Remind

Malden GS will use the Remind notification system for all school wide announcements. To sign up for Remind messages– please text @mgscom to the number 81010. School closures and delays will also be posted on the Malden Booster Club Facebook page.

### 5essentials Survey

Parents can complete a school survey. The survey can be found at <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/parent>

We value your opinion and use the information provided to help us make changes and improvements to our school.

## Skating

Mr. Lennon is excited about his opportunity to supervise PE skating. Skating will be on March 9th and conclude on March 20th. Thank you to the Booster Club for partially funding this program and thank you Mr. Lennon for your efforts organizing all the skate orders.

## Logan/Malden Wrestling P/T Conferences

Good Luck to our two boys who are participating on the Logan/Malden wrestling team. Aidan Rossler and Spartan Foster have been working hard to improve their skills. Coach Kurth has been working hard to provide a great learning experience for all participants.

**Malden Grade School will host Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 26th from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Elementary teachers will schedule by appointments while the Jr. High will be on a “drop in” basis. K-4 parents please look for a sign up form coming home soon.**

### There's More

See what is attached

1. Monthly Calendar
2. Scholastic Bowl Schedule
3. After-School Program Information