



# Malden Musketeer News

Malden Grade School where  
Teamwork Leads to Individual  
Achievement

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## Summer News and Notes

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### Special points of interest:

- \* Booster Club Meeting 9/10/24.
- \* Open House: 6:30 9-10-24
- \* Labor Day– No School Sept. 2nd
- \* Sept. 17th– Picture Day
- \* Sept. 13th– 12 dismissal
- \* September 26th– Vision and Hearing Testing

August 16th marked the beginning of another school year at Malden Grade School. Everyone at Malden Grade School will work very hard to make your child's experience at school rewarding. Please rest assured that your child will be cared for and their best interests will be our focus.

As always, we would like to encourage you to talk with your child about ways they can uplift those around them. Our goal is for all of our students to look forward to coming to school which will make it much easier for them to achieve great things in the classroom.

### Welcome New Staff-Members!!!

Malden Grade School is proud to announce the arrival of four new staff members. Mr. Scott Lennon will serve as K-8 PE. He and his family reside in Walnut. Mrs. Catie Hartz will be an Administrative Assistant/Food Service Director. Mrs. Hartz also resides in Walnut with her family. Jamie Ames is the new full time Custodian and Rachel Biagioni is the new Volleyball Coach. Both Jamie and Rachel dwell in the fine village of Malden.

### Breakfast at MGS

Malden Grade School students have access to free breakfast every school day. Breakfast opens at 7:30. Please encourage your child to have a healthy breakfast either at school or home.

### K-4 Bus Riders

If your child is a bus rider, please have someone visible when your child is dropped off from school. We want to ensure that your child is safe when they arrive home. This is essential for our youngest riders. If you have any concerns about your child's experience on the bus, please contact Mr. Patterson.

## Volleyball Season is in Full Swing

The 7th and 8th Grade Volleyball teams have begun their season. The team is looking to improve each week and make a run in the tournament at the end of the year. The team is coached by Rachel Biagioni, Kendra Cain and volunteer Haley Lower.

**Open House**  
**September**  
**10th**  
**6:30-7:00**

**Counselor Available**  
MGS has again hired a guidance counselor. The counselor can help your child with a variety of situations. If you would like your child to meet with the counselor, please contact Mr. Patterson.

## Online Grading System/Parent Communication

For many years now, the teachers have been trained and use TeacherEase to allow parents to check their child's grades at any time. According to a survey conducted last year about 80% of parents utilized the service. We would like to see that increase this year.

Please feel free to let me know if there are any glitches that prevent the use of the website. The younger level teachers may have a



more difficult time reporting progress as their assessments are much different than the Junior High. We still believe the best way to communicate with teachers about your child's needs, is personal contact. We hope parents will use this tool to keep track of their student's grades in a more efficient manner. We also encourage 5th-8th grade students to set up an account so they may check their grades on a regular basis.

Signing up for this service is free and easy. If a parent contacts the school and provides an email address, that address will be put in the system and an email with a login will be sent to the parent. Please see attached sign-up form.

**SIGN UP FOR THE REMIND APP TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT MALDEN SCHOOL INFORMATION. SNOW DAYS ARE ANNOUNCED FIRST ON REMIND NOTIFICATIONS.**

## Free Breakfast and Lunch

A federal government program will allow Malden Grade School to not charge any student for hot lunch this year. Students who bring their lunch and would like milk will still need to purchase the milk. It is important to complete the lunch menu each month so we know how many lunches to order.

Malden Grade School is looking for Girls Basketball and Track Coaches. If you know someone who may be interested, please email-  
mpatterson@maldenschool.org/

*"A kind word often goes unsaid, but never goes unheard"*  
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## TeacherEase App

When you download the TeacherEase App on your phone, you will receive notifications when a graded assignment is entered by the teacher. You will also be notified the grade on that assignment. The updated overall grade will also be displayed.

## Booster Club Meeting Set

The Malden Booster Club will have their first meeting of the year on September 10th. The Booster Club raises money during the year to help provide additional materials for students and teachers. Please attend the meeting and join in helping provide the highest quality education for our students.

## Gratitude and Recognition

### Picture Day

Picture Day is September 17th. These pictures will be used for the yearbook.

Thank you to David Morse and Kyle Bickett for volunteering their time to fix the gym roof. Also, thank you to Rachel Biagioni and the Wednesday night softball crew for all their work on the softball diamond. It looks great. Thank you to the Wednesday Night Youth Group for their landscaping upkeep. Our school grounds look awesome.

## Shell Gas

Starting in September, Malden Grade School will receive a donation for any gas purchased at the designated pumps at the Princeton Shell station. The pumps are clearly marked with our school name. Please consider filling up at the Princeton Shell. Thank you to Tammy at Shell for organizing.

## After-School Program

Once again, Malden Grade School will host an After School Program from 3-6 p.m. During the afternoon, students will receive homework help, a healthy snack, and physical exercise. Teachers work with program staff to ensure students are getting the specific help each student needs. Please consider participating in the program. Informational registration packets can be picked up in the main office. **After School Program is a privilege. If students are misbehaving, they will be asked to leave.**

## Building Updates

Malden Grade School is pleased to announce major building improvements. The school upgraded the intercom and phone system. Each classroom will now have a phone. This will help increase communication among staff. There have been upgrades to the concrete sidewalks to improve safety. The roof was repaired to eliminate leaking. The softball field has seen several improvements over the summer.

## Cell Phone Policy Reminder

The Malden Grade School Board passed a cell phone policy two years ago. Students are not to bring cell phones to school or extracurricular events including field trips. Coaches/Teachers will communicate directly with parents. Please contact Mr. Patterson with any questions about the policy. Please remind your child not to bring cell phones to school or events. If your student needs their phone after school dismisses, they can turn it in to the main office and pick it up after school.

Students who attend afterschool events as spectators may bring their cell phone as long as they are under the direct supervision of their parent or guardian. Students younger than grade 5 must have a parent or guardian present at the extra curricular event.

## Budget Report

**At the August Board Meeting, the 2024-25 budget was presented to the Board. The Malden School District expects to operate close to a balanced budget. The district continues to be in a very strong financial condition. The district has received the highest financial rating from the Illinois State Board of Education. The budget is available for review in Brenda's Office.**

**Reminder: If your child is not feeling well, please be sure that they are symptom free for 24 hours before sending back to school.**



### There's More

See what is attached

1. Monthly Calendar
2. Bus Route Schedule
3. Teacher Ease Sign-Up
4. After-School Program Information