

# Malden Catholic State of the School Q&A

## GENERAL

### Will Malden Catholic remain codivisional?

MC will remain a codivisional school. Malden Catholic is one of 3 codivisional schools in the country and is committed to remaining in this format.

### Will Malden Catholic have bus transportation?

Malden Catholic is currently offering school bus transportation to many students and will continue to operate the existing lines throughout the year.

## ACADEMICS

### How many new classrooms should expect next year?

By Fall of 2021, MC will have added 9 classrooms over a 2-year period. The new classes include art spaces for music and band. This construction will allow Malden Catholic to accommodate over 800 students.

### What is the class size for the 2021-2022 school year?

Currently, Malden Catholic has between 18 and 24 students in each class. In the 2021 – 2022 school year, MC will have a similar amount, between 22 – 25 students in each class.

### Will it be mandatory for all students to be vaccinated?

Malden Catholic will follow all state and local health guidelines regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.

### Will it be mandatory for all teachers to be vaccinated?

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### Will the students do pool testing?

MC does not plan to conduct COVID-19 pool tests for students at this time.

### When is the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter?

The end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was on Friday, March 19.

### What will happen to Fifth Days when students are back to school?

We will maintain the same format for Fifth Days as we have had since the beginning of the year. Fifth days will be used for testing and student programming. On Wednesdays, the facility will also undergo a deep cleaning, which has been part of our COVID-19 protocol since the beginning of the year.

### What are the hours of the school day when students are back at school?

For the remainder of the 2020 - 2021 school year, the hours for school will be the same- 8:00 AM to 2:15 PM.

### What is the first day of school in September?

The first day of school will be September 7, 2021.

### Will Malden Catholic offer Italian classes?

Yes, MC will offer Italian classes.

### **Will there be band?**

Yes, MC will offer band next year.

### **When is the National Honor Society event? What are the details?**

On March 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> Malden Catholic will host the induction ceremony for the Brother Gilbert Chapter of the National Honor Society. Based on the current COVID-19 gathering limitations, we will induct 100 members into the NHS with two live ceremonies in the MC Auditorium, one for the Blue Cohort on March 29 and a second one for the Gold cohort on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Both of our ceremonies will be shared live on the [MC YouTube page](#) through **YouTube Live**. Once the event concludes, the students will process outside where parents can take pictures and enjoy a socially distant reception.

### **When will you release information regarding prom and Commencement details?**

We will provide detailed information regarding prom and Commencement next week.

### **Will there be finals for Seniors?**

No, Seniors will not have final exams. Seniors will have regular classes on the days that final exams were originally scheduled.

### **Will the Seniors all be together again before the end of school?**

Yes, in addition to the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement, we are planning a larger social event for Seniors.

### **When is placement testing for incoming students?**

Incoming students will take placement tests on April 14 and 15.

### **When and how will the incoming class meet before September?**

We have multiple opportunities for the incoming class to get together. If COVID-19 guidelines allow, we are hoping to host a brief "Welcome to MC" day in late May or June. This summer, MC will offer an "Ignite Your MC Experience" opportunity for incoming Grade 9 students. *Ignite Your MC Experience* will provide curriculum enrichment and the ability to meet new classmates, as well as participate in group activities. If state and local COVID-19 guidelines allow, MC will also host a traditional Grade 9 Barbeque in late August where families can get together.

### **How does a student recommend a new club?**

If a student has a suggestion for a new club, please reach out to Mr. Grocki at [grockij@maldencatholic.org](mailto:grockij@maldencatholic.org).

## **SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COUNSELING**

### **Please tell us more about AP exams.**

Malden Catholic provides exams based on the dates and times provided by the College Board. If your child is in AP courses, letters were emailed to both students and their families with details about AP Exams on March 11. Please email Mrs. Oates at [oatesc@maldencatholic.org](mailto:oatesc@maldencatholic.org) if you did not receive the AP letter.

### **When are AP exams?**

MC is administering in person, paper and pencil AP exams during the exam administration period, and is scheduled from May 3 – 17. We strongly encourage remote students to take AP exams in person due to logistics and protocols. If that is not possible, remote students will have the option to test digitally at home. By March 24, remote students should have reached out to Mrs. Oates regarding their selection. All AP test dates are listed on the Malden Catholic school calendar at <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

### **Can a student in the Red Phase take AP exams in person?**

Yes, we encourage students to take AP exams in person. Ms. Oates has sent out a letter to all remote students and asked them to respond by March 24 how they plan to take their exams.

### **Are Grade 9 students taking AP exams?**

Grade 9 students enrolled in AP World History will take their AP exam on May 10.

### **How long do AP tests last?**

AP exams vary in length by subject, but typically they are between 3 and 4 hours long.

### **Will students from the different cohorts be together to take AP exams?**

Students will come to Malden Catholic on AP test day regardless of their cohort.

### **Will there be financial aid for students taking AP exams?**

Financial aid is only available to families for AP tests if the family qualifies for free/reduced lunch. In addition, there is a small testing fee that families are expected to pay.

### **When will students take SAT and ACT?**

Grade 11 students will sit for the ACT on April 13 and for the SAT on April 27. Please see the attached "Junior College Kick-Off" webinar for more details: <https://youtu.be/Og0Adz8P5GQ>

### **Is SAT and ACT required this year by colleges?**

Most colleges have chosen to use a test-optional approach to admissions, meaning that applicants can decide whether or not they want to submit scores.

## **ADMISSIONS**

### **How many students applied to MC?**

Approximately 500 families applied to MC this year.

### **How many girls and how many boys will be in the incoming class?**

The Class of 2025 will have a 50/50 split between the 200 enrolled girls and boys.

### **Will MC offer summer athletics and STEM camps?**

Malden Catholic will offer sports programs for students entering Grade 3 and up, as well as a variety of academic classes and camps for rising Grade 6 – 9 students. Students who are interested in becoming a STEM camp counselor should contact Mrs. Abbas at [abbas@maldencatholic.org](mailto:abbas@maldencatholic.org).

### **What is capacity for students at Malden Catholic?**

By this coming fall, MC will have added 9 classrooms over the last 2 years. This will allow Malden Catholic to accommodate over 800 students.

### **Will there be Shadow Days for middle school students?**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Malden Catholic cannot currently bring students from other schools into the building during the school day.

## **SPORTS**

### **Will crew be offered for boys and girls in the spring?**

Prior to the pandemic, Malden Catholic had planned to launch a cooperative crew team with Mystic Valley. We are currently exploring alternative ways to introduce crew to our students next year.

### **Will there be one Sports Night with awards for all seasons?**

Yes, MC will host one awards ceremony that will honor the spring athletic winners. More information will be released soon.

**Will spectators be allowed at sports?**

Currently, there are 2 spectators allowed per athlete at sporting events. This limit will remain until the end of the year.

**When is family ID open? When do spring sports begin?**

Family ID will open on or around April 1<sup>st</sup> for spring sports. Spring sports will begin on April 26.

**Will there be girls golf?**

We are considering adding girls golf to our list of 2021 - 2022 sports teams

**When are tryouts for incoming Grade 9 students?**

Tryout dates are tied to MIAA season start dates. As soon the MIAA releases fall sports dates, we will schedule tryouts. Typically, fall sports tryouts are the second week in August.

**Would MC consider adding additional JV sports teams to meet the needs of the current freshman girls who were on the freshman volleyball and basketball teams?**

We need to consider many factors when looking at adding sub-varsity teams, including need, facility space, ability for schedules, cost and other requirements. This winter, we were able to offer three levels of girl's basketball with no cuts and started a developmental third team for volleyball.

**Will MC have sports camps for students this summer (soccer, basketball, etc.)?**

Yes, information regarding summer sports camps for Malden Catholic students will be available soon on the MC website through this link: [www.maldencatholic.org/summer2021](http://www.maldencatholic.org/summer2021).

**Will MC take team pictures this year?**

Due to COVID restrictions, we were not able to take traditional team pictures this season. However, we were able to take action shots of sports throughout the year and these photos will be included in the MC yearbook.