

MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, August 23, 2021

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

HEALTH SCREENING: If you haven't already downloaded the Health Screening App, you can do it here: <https://smmusdStudentcovidscreen.lintelio.com> The "Green Screen" is required by every student, each morning at drop off.

TESTING INFORMATION: Dr. Drati recently shared information regarding the student testing program. Please refer to [that message for additional information](#). Registration for mandatory COVID-19 testing is now open for students and staff. Registration deadline is **Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 8 p.m.** We plan to start COVID-19 testing on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. For registration you will need to have handy: a photo identification, Insurance card or information, if you are insured, Email address, Cell phone. Link to Register (Malibu Medical Group): <https://hipaa.jotform.com/212325138643148> Refer to the email sent yesterday for additional information.

PARKING/PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES: Please review [Parking, Pick Up and Drop Off procedures](#). With the ongoing construction and with health screenings still being conducted, your patience and cooperation is appreciated. All middle school students should be dropped off and picked up at the upper football field lot.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Schedules were distributed to all students on the first day of school. Students wanting to request a schedule change must fill out a purple schedule change request form (available in the Administration Office.) We ask you please adhere to your first day schedule until a change has been made official. Please note: We will not honor requests for teacher or period changes.

NUTRITION SERVICES: New applications need to be completed annually (one per family). For more information, visit: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4083>

TRANSPORTATION/BUS PASSES: Renewing riders should have received a renewal application in the mail from the District Office. There are a limited number of passes that will be sold for some bus routes. Passes will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. To learn more, click [HERE](#).

LATE BUS: Due to the changes to the school schedule, there has been an adjustment to the "Late Bus" schedule. Departure time is now 5:15 pm.

AERIES: We are no longer using Illuminate as our Student Information System. Aeries is our new Student Information System. At this time, students and parents do not have the ability to create their accounts to access parent and student portals to track gradebooks and attendance. In the next couple of weeks, students will receive an email to their smmk12 account and parents will receive an email to the account we have on file to create these portal accounts. More info to come soon!

SMMK12 ACCOUNT CHALLENGES: With the shift from Illuminate to Aeries, there have been issues with students accessing their Gmail accounts. Our IT staff is working to resolve these log-in issues as quickly as possible. Any student that is returning to SMMUSD (re-enrolling) or have 2 different accounts need to contact mmssupport@smmusd.org to be assisted in getting the info corrected or resetting the password. Please include full name, student ID and grade.

LIBRARY HOURS: The school library is open from **7:30am-4:00pm, Monday-Thursday and 7:30-1:30 on Friday**. Students benefit from having a safe space on campus to study, work, read or simply relax. Mrs. Ryan, Librarian, and Mr. Crilley, Library Assistant, do a great job of creating a welcoming library full of resources. Please encourage your students to stop by to check out a book, find resource materials, etc.

AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY/TUTORING: Our after-school library/tutoring program will begin on **Wednesday, September 8th**. A credentialed teacher, often a math teacher, will be available in the library from 3:45-4:45 to provide homework help. In addition, all students continue to have access to Paper, a 24/7 online/app based tutoring service for all subject areas. Students can access Paper via Clever or by downloading the app and using their smmk12 credentials. The Boys and Girls Club also offers homework help with Pepperdine tutors and the city of Malibu library has a number of resources including online homework help. Students are also encouraged to get help/re-teaching/feedback directly from teachers during the Support Period and by appointment.

SMMUSD DISTRICT CALENDAR: The [district calendar](#) is available online. Please note start of school, end of school, and all holidays. Please plan vacations and all absences around the school/district calendar. Daily attendance at school is extremely important.

MMS EVENTS CALENDAR: We are in the process of updating our [school calendar](#) with all of the 2021-2022 school year events! These are subject to change. However, it is a great place to look!

NEW MMS BELL SCHEDULE: The 2021-22 school year will mark the start of new school hours (reflecting the later state mandated start time, SB 328). Monday through Thursday, instruction will begin at 8:40 am and end at 3:30 pm, while Friday will run from 8:40 am – 1:35 pm. See the new times on the website [HERE](#).

MMS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Visit the [MMS website](#) for additional information including Bell Schedules, Summer Reading Lists, and other helpful links.

DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND - There are staff, programs, and materials that are dependent on donor funds. We continue to ask all families to donate to the Shark Fund with a suggested donation of \$2,000. The Shark Fund funds all PTSA, Arts Angels, and Athletic Booster Club programs. Please consider giving at www.thesharkfund.org.

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL:

FIRST PTSA GENERAL MEETING: Inviting all parents of Malibu Middle & High School to attend our 1st PTSA Meeting of the year! On Thursday, August 26th, 2021 via Zoom at 9:00am. Meet the PTSA board and get updates from both principals for the new school year. Join Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID: 875 8188 8534 Passcode: PTSA) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87581888534?pwd=ODZHQ0xwR2MxSVRFdmwzZm95UDNHUT09>

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: The SMMUSD Board of Education will hold a special board meeting on **Monday, August 23rd at 5:00pm**. The special board meeting agenda for 8/23 has been published online and will focus on the weekly required testing program.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO SCHOOL: MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day. Additionally, MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on Tuesday, September 7 and Thursday, September 16 for local holidays.

MINIMUM DAY: September 9 is a Minimum Day, students dismissed at 1:35.

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY: Students unable to attend Get Your Stuff Day, or students who enroll after August 10, will be able to take their picture for School Id's, the yearbook, and school pictures to purchase on Thursday, September 9th.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

CHILI COOK OFF TICKETS: The 39th annual Malibu Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for September 3rd-September 6th. Tickets and more information are available online at <https://bgcmalibuchilicookoff.org/>. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

BE A SOCCER REFEREE!: AYSO is a volunteer organization and a key component of a healthy league is having parents and mature teenagers volunteer as referees. Volunteering as a referee is a great way to get involved and get to know the game. If you would like to volunteer, you must take a class that covers the rules and regulations of soccer. Teenagers 12 and older are

eligible to referee. The referee training class will be held from 9am-1pm on Saturday, August 28 at St. Aidan's Church. Please email Nick Shurgot if you are interested. His email is nshurgot@mac.com. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL 2021-2022: The School Site Council is a group of teachers, parents, students and staff who work together on long-range school improvement planning. Their goals are to ensure high academic performance of all students, implementing and monitoring the School Plan for Student Achievement and to serve as an open forum for discussion, planning and implementation regarding issues important to the Malibu Middle/High community. If you are interested in serving on the School Site Council for the 2021-2022 school year, please email Ms. Andino at mandino@smmusd.org. There are two anticipated student openings and one anticipated community member/parent opening that will be filled by an election in September.

THE SHARK FUND NEEDS YOU!: The Shark Fund is our one and only fundraising board at MMS & MHS and is a great way to be involved. It's not a big-time commitment but has a tremendous and crucial impact on all our students. The Shark Fund provides funding for all our incredible arts, sports, and student and teacher programming and services that are not paid for by the district. With 100% support of and collaboration with the PTSA, Arts Angels, and Athletic Booster Club, these programs are critical to our kids' excellence now and for their futures. Please email Caren90265@gmail.com and join our 2021/22 Board.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB MALIBU (BGCM)

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu aims to provide a fun, safe, and creative environment for all Malibu youth to thrive, find support through positive mentorship, develop important life skills, and receive social and emotional support. We are currently offering programs for teens to use as a social, developmental, and supplemental tool. Current offerings include:

- **MALIBU CHILI COOK OFF IS BACK!** Happening Labor Day Weekend, Sept 3rd-6th. Tickets must be purchased online in advance only. NO tickets will be sold on site. Learn more & purchase tickets [here](#).
- **BGCM Programs Academic Year 2021-2022 ENROLL NOW** at BGCMALIBU.ORG Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, arts & crafts, outdoor activities & more.
- **Empowered Voices, A NEW Fall 2021 MHS Elective for Credit** (Grades 9th-12th). In partnership with SMMUSD, a social emotional learning course through a design thinking methodology and project based learning format. Students will gain college readiness skills and use creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills to

create solutions for individual or community challenges. Course topics include: Cultivating Self-Confidence with DEI, Responding to Crisis, Social Justice, and Community Impact. Contact Mrs. Ryan or school counselor to register. [Learn More About Empowered Voices Here](#)

- **Leaders in Training (MHS) & Torch Club (MMS)** is a leadership program that focuses on mentorship, community service, and personal development. This peer-led leadership group is passionate about the well-being of the environment and respect for our planet! Participants are eligible for community service learning hours and will have access to the latest opportunities for service projects, scholarship opportunities, and more. Email ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org for more info.
- **Brent's Club** is an incentivized social-emotional wellness program focused on racial justice, youth advocacy, drug prevention, and building peer support by connecting with other Brent's Clubs and youth from diverse communities. Email tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org for more info.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely and **also in-person** to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Visit <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/> to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

*To contact the Club please call 310-457-1400 (Admin) or 310-241-3675 (Programs)
Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)