

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: March 22, 2021

Schedule this week:

Monday, Tuesday – regular schedule
Wednesday, Thursday – Distance Plus schedule ([HERE](#))
Friday – regular schedule

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear MMS/MHS Students/Families,

Key Information:

- **DATES:** Wednesday, March 24 or Thursday, March 25
- **TIMES:** 1:30pm-3:00pm (Please arrive between 1:00-1:25)
- **BELL SCHEDULE:** Click [HERE](#)
- **SIGN UP:** Sign Up Link [HERE](#) (Sign Up's Close Tuesday at 4:00pm)
- **RULES/PROCEDURES:** [PRESENTATION](#)

Distance Learning Plus activities for our middle and high school students will be held next week on Wednesday, March 24th and Thursday, March 25th. The sessions will be held from 1:30pm-3:00pm while students complete remote learning from home in the morning. See schedule [here](#). Teachers have prepared activities and students will have the opportunity to sign up for one session. The [link to the sign-up genius](#) was sent to students smmk12 accounts this morning and is also linked above. Due to social distancing, sessions are limited in the number of students who can sign up. Sign Ups will close on Tuesday, March 23 at 4:00 so teachers can prepare for their session.

Please make sure that your student only signs up for one session (either on Wednesday or Thursday) and please make sure they do not sign up unless they are 100% sure they can attend, as spaces are limited. It is important to note, that this Distance Learning Plus opportunity prior to spring break is a first step, largely to provide an optional enrichment activity on campus to meet a socialization and physical activity need. This enrichment activity is not part of the students classes and is not required. Please note, the Distance Learning Plus activities structure and model can adjust and increase after spring break. Additionally, a possible hybrid model in place of Distance Learning Plus is being explored.

There are safety/health guidelines, pick up/drop off procedures and pre-screening procedures that we will need all students and parents to follow which we have compiled in this [presentation](#). Please review the presentation and familiarize yourself with the protocols. Our teachers will review this presentation with all students during their 2nd period class on Tuesday, March 23rd.

We can't wait to see students on campus next week!

Stay together Malibu,

Melisa Andino, MMS Principal

Patrick Miller, MHS Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

ASB SPEECH DAY (8th Grade): On Tuesday, March 23rd, there will be a zoom webinar where all candidates running for ASB offices will address the student body prior to the vote taking place on Wednesday, March 24th from 12 – 4 pm.

- Topic: ASB Speech Day
- Time: Mar 23, 2021 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/87578500846?pwd=Q1B2bE03VzhLOVdQVnptNXNuQzhYdz09>
- Meeting ID: 875 7850 0846
- Passcode: 515927

LA COUNTY GUIDELINES: Parents may be interested in reviewing the most recent LA County Department of Public Health Guidelines regarding Schools found [HERE](#). While the guidelines, continue to present challenges to safely resuming additional in person instruction at the secondary level, we will continue to do our best. As an initial first step, we will be offering a 90 minute enrichment activity prior to spring break. However, with conditions changing, after spring break, as shared in Dr. Drati's letter there are ongoing discussions exploring the possibility of adding more on site instruction at the secondary level. This could include the possibility of a hybrid model where students are on campus for two full days per week and join class remotely the other days. The following words of caution from LADPH are important: *“Los Angeles County continues to experience substantial rates of COVID-19 transmission, and the danger COVID-19 poses to our community has not subsided. Vaccinations are occurring as quickly as supplies allow, but most people in our community are not vaccinated. New variants of the virus that may spread more easily or cause more severe illness are present in our county; however, their impact on our local pandemic is largely unknown. The LA County Department of*

Public Health urges businesses, entities, and residents to continue exercising caution even as certain restrictions are lifted. Just because certain activities are allowed or certain reopening protocols are revised, that does not mean that those activities are “safe”.

INDEPENDENT STUDY PHYSICAL EDUCATION (ISPE) APPLICATIONS: ISPE Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are now available on the MHS Website ([HERE.](#)) Applications are due on April 16, 2021 by 4:00 pm. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Applications may be returned three ways:

- IN PERSON – Drop off in the Administration Office (2nd Floor of the New Building. Enter off of Morning View Drive.)
- E-MAIL – e-mail your application to Athletic Director, Chris Neier at cneier@smmusd.org.
- MAIL – Mail to: ISPE Application, Malibu Middle School, 30215 Morning View Dr., Malibu 90265 (be sure to mail it with enough time to arrive before the deadline!)

NOTE: It is important to note that state requirements for ISPE for middle school have recently changed. To remain in compliance, students are now required to complete six unit areas of study along with their minutes and participation in their activity. This will require additional time and participation beyond their sport. Students will be assigned to an ISPE teacher who will assign the unit work, collect minutes, and oversee their participation in the sport. They will not have to attend a class session with the ISPE teacher, however, the teacher will invite them to a virtual “google” classroom where they will receive the units/curriculum, due dates, and updates.

UPDATED HEALTH SCREENING LINK: The Wellness Screening app has been updated. Please follow the directions linked [HERE](#) (Spanish version [HERE](#)) to download the “Beach Cities Health Screening Tool” to your mobile device. (You can also find it on the top, middle of the SMMUSD app store.) We ask that all staff, parents and students coming to campus utilize the health screening link to answer the health screening questions and show the green screen with the current date prior to entering campus. Please remember:

- Do not come to campus if you are not feeling well!
- Do not gather on campus. Maintain 6 feet of distance at all times!
- Always wear a mask when on campus!

ARTS ANGELS NEWSLETTER: Read the March Newsletter from Arts Angels [HERE](#).

HELP SELECT THE MMS MASCOT: UPDATE - Thank you to the tremendous number of you who already participated! If you haven't already, let your voice be heard and take the short, three question survey.

We need your help! Malibu Middle School is currently in the process of selecting a new mascot. To start this process, all of our students will begin a research project in which

they will learn how to find a mascot that best represents our school's identity and history. One important aspect of this journey is to collect data from our community, students, and staff. Please take this [survey](#) to help us gather preliminary data regarding initial thoughts for our mascot. Keep in mind that sometime in April we will have a second survey as well. For more information about our search for the perfect mascot, please read this [article](#) that was published in The Current. Congratulations to Chloe Loquet (8th grader) for being our first Malibu Middle student to get their article published in The Current!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK: This year's yearbook will be unlike any other! Purchase a yearbook and have a record of how amazingly resilient our kids are. Yearbooks are on sale [HERE](#) and this year, unlike any other, dedication pages are open to ALL students. You get the chance to show how proud you are!

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: After school math tutoring is available virtually on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Here are the links and times:

- [Mondays: Cindy Smith \(Math\) 3-4pm](#)
- [Wednesdays: Brian Corrigan \(Math\) 3-4pm](#)
- [Thursdays: Nahla Seikali's \(Math\) 3-4pm](#)

ISSUES WITH CHROMEBOOK?: Parents or students **MUST USE THIS LINK** and complete the Chromebook Incident Report in order to request Chromebook exchange or repair, and all defective parts must be turned in. If the issue is that the device does not power on or charge, please follow the troubleshooting directions at this link: bit.ly/SMMDLP. Questions? Please email: mmssupport@smmusd.org.

OUR LIBRARY HAS MOVED! INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEXTBOOKS: We are thrilled to announce the Malibu Middle/High School Library is in the process of moving into its home in the new Main Building! **If you need a textbook, please email Sarah Ryan at s.ryan@smmusd.org to make arrangements.** We cannot wait to share our new space with you!

MALIBU MIDDLE/HIGH OFFICE HOURS - The school office is closed, except for essential activities or by appointment. We will open for limited office hours primarily to answer phone calls between 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday and 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. on Friday. Email continues to be the best way to reach our school staff during this time of distance learning. All visitors to campus must sign-in, wear a mask, and will have their temperature taken upon arrival.

Questions about:

Student Store: msslawter@smmusd.org

Textbooks: s.ryan@smmusd.org and acrilley@smmusd.org

Schedule Changes: enickerson@smmusd.org

Copy of Schedule: sanderson@smmusd.org
Registration Packet: sanderson@smmusd.org
Enrollment: bsoloway@smmusd.org
General Questions: taniajolly@smmusd.org
Technical Support: mmssupport@smmusd.org
Zoom link issues: Email the teacher directly. [Staff Directory](#)

INFORMATION: For the most up-to-date information, please visit our school website at [Malibu Middle / Homepage](#) and follow us on Twitter [@MalibuMiddle](#)

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE:

DISTANCE LEARNING PLUS ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES: On Wednesday, **March 24** or **Thursday, March 25** between 1:30pm-3:00pm (Please arrive between 1:00-1:25). To view the bell schedule, click [HERE](#).

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL/DATE CHANGE: Due to the addition of Distance Learning Plus and students returning to campus this week, the next School Site Council Meeting will take place Thursday, April 22nd at 3:00pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SPRING BREAK: Spring Break will take place from Monday, March 29th through Friday, April 9th. Classes resume Monday, April 12th.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

ADULT EDUCATION CENTER: Learn about all the different offerings available through the Adult Education Center [here](#).

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU AND THE WELLNESS CENTER:

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 virtual programs for teens to use as a social, developmental, and supplemental tool. Current virtual programs include:

- **The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center Presents "How to get Through the Stress of Parenting in the Time of COVID, Part II: How Parent Self-Care Can Be Building Blocks for Resiliency"** A virtual webinar focused on: stress and long-term health outcomes, reflective parenting techniques for greater attunement and regulation, and using parent self-care as resiliency building blocks. **March 15th @ 6pm. [Register Here](#)**. In collaboration with SMMUSD & Family Service of Santa Monica. For questions, please email Director of the Wellness Center + Social Support Services, Peggy Zherdev at peggyzherdev@bgcmalibu.org
- **Virtual Homework Help through Power Hour** offering individualized tutoring and high-yield learning activities while encouraging members to become self-directed learners. Tues/Thurs 2-3PM. <https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/96705409501?pwd=eVozNzBhL2k4bmNRVTlwOCtMMmU1dz09> Passcode: 026892
- **Leaders in Training (MHS) & Torch Club (MMS)** is an ongoing 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, & more. Email ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org for more info & Zoom 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 & Zoom info.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Wellness Center operates remotely to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Check out <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/> to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

*To contact the Club please email info@bgcmalibu.org

For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here](#)!