

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: JANUARY 18, 2021

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.”

Martin Luther King Jr. – February 1947

There is no class today, January 18th to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

Class resumes Tuesday, with periods 2/4/6 on Tuesday and Thursday, and periods 1/3/5 on Wednesday and Friday.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

REPORT CARDS: Due to adjustments to the grading policy, teachers have been granted extra time to submit their finals grades. Reports cards will be mailed later this month. We apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience.

8TH GRADE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP: On Friday, February 26, our 8th graders will go on a virtual visit to The Holocaust Museum of Los Angeles. This is an annual field trip our 8th graders have attended for many years. Due to covid, the museum is closed for in person visits and they have created virtual experiences for schools. Mrs. Lapajne will be sending out more information through her class. For more information about the museum, visit <https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/>. Please contact our school counselor, Mrs. Nickerson at enickerson@smmusd.org if you have any questions/concerns about your child attending this virtual field trip.

POP UP BOOK CLUB FOR SMMUSD 8TH GRADERS: Read Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo and then meet during lunch on Thursday 1/28 to discuss the first half, meet the next week to discuss the 2nd half. About the book: - Novel in verse - Set in NY and Dominican Republic - After tragedy strikes, two sisters devise a plan to meet - National Book Award Winner. For more information or to reserve a print copy email Ms. Ryan – s.ryan@smmk12.org.

PICTURE PICK UP: For those families who took pictures on the previous Picture Day this fall, your orders have arrived at the school. Unfortunately, we have been unable to organize a pick up date given the Stay at Home Order and guidance from County Health with post holiday travel. We have scheduled a drive through Picture Pick Up Day for Tuesday, February 2nd between 2:00-4:00 for those of you who ordered pictures on the Fall Picture Day. If you need to pick up your pictures at an alternate time or for questions, please email taniajolly@smmusd.org.

ARTS ANGELS: Check out the Arts Angels Newsletter for December [HERE](#).

ORDER YOUR MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK FOR A LIMITED TIME EARLY BIRD PRICE: Order your Yearbooks now! There is probably a lot you'll want to forget about 2020 but remember the highlights with a 100+ page book of great MMS memories! Don't wait - order now for only \$25! Offer ends January 31st 2021 (\$40 after). Click [HERE](#) and order yours today!

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 powering 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:

MLK DAY HOLIDAY: There will be no classes on Monday, January 18th to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The schedule for the rest of the week will be as follows: Tuesday/Thursday – Periods 2 / 4 / 6 and Wednesday/Friday – Periods 1 / 3 / 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6th GRADE PARENTS' SOCIAL HOUR: On Wednesday, January 27th from 5 – 6 PM, the PTSA Hospitality Committee invites you to a Social Hour! As we embark on our second semester at Malibu Middle School, we would love to meet you all, albeit virtually, and talk about happenings at our school. This is a great opportunity to meet other 6th grade parents and find ways to get our 6th graders to connect.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87288708964?pwd=ek1azYwNEIDUnNqY04wSXlaNHJMUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 8870 8964

Passcode: 413632

We look forward to seeing you!

NEXT PTSA MEETING: Join the Malibu Middle and High School PTSA on Thursday, January 28th at 9 am for an update on the second half of our school year followed by our guest speaker Robert D. Cohen, LMFT who will speak on "Using Communication Skills to Deepen Your Relationship with Your Child." Psychotherapist Robert D Cohen, LMFT will teach how to ask questions to elicit thoughtful answers, as well as responses to broaden the conversation. Come learn communication skills to help deepen the connection between you and your child. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and role play. Click here to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86425617778?pwd=eGZQTIEveEJkdDNPZDBwYkRqYStjZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 2561 7778

Passcode: 830838

POMS MEETING: Join us for our next POMS meeting on Friday, January 29th at 10:00 am. This meeting will focus on registration for next year. All middle school parents are invited to attend but 8th grade parents particularly won't want to miss this meeting! Come learn about all Malibu High School has to offer in 9th grade. Mrs. Nickerson, Malibu Middle School counselor,

will be joined by our Malibu High School counselors, Mrs. Dahm and Ms. Samsel, to share information about classes for next year. In addition, our Malibu High School Athletic Director, Mr. Neier, will join us to share about all the sports we have to offer at Malibu High. Counselors will begin visiting class in February to help students select classes for next year, so this is an opportunity for parents to get their questions answered to help their students with selecting classes. Hope to see you then!

- Zoom link: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/82748891470>

MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY: For new students and any student who missed Picture Day, Make-Up Picture Day will be held on Friday, January 29th from 1 pm – 4 pm. This will be a drive through event. Please wear your mask! Details/Timing [HERE](#). Order form for purchasing pictures [HERE](#).

JOIN US FOR GAME NIGHT!: On Sunday, January 31st from 6 – 7:30 pm, the Malibu Middle/High PTSA along with Mathnasium is organizing a fun game night for all our middle schoolers and their families (think math themed Jeopardy and Who Wants to Be a Millionaire). Join us online through Zoom for rewards, giveaways, and games for the whole family.

When: January 31, 2021 6-7:30pm

RSVP: Email pacificpalisades@mathnasium.com and you will be sent a zoom link for the 31st.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

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

2021 VIRTUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT: The City of Malibu Community Services Department and the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission invite local students to participate in the **2021 Virtual Student Art Exhibit**, taking place from February 1 through February 28 at MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit. In the past, the City has showcased artwork created by young artists from Malibu schools and local art studios at the Malibu City Hall art gallery. Due to gathering restrictions, the City will display student's artwork through an online gallery platform. Additionally, the virtual exhibition will feature performance art by students in grades TK to 12. Parents may submit their child's work at MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit or StudentArtExhibit.ArtCall.org from **January 4 to January 22**. Submissions must include an application, a JPEG photograph of the artwork, or a PDF of literary work. Students who plan to submit a film should contact Adrianna Fiori at AFiori@MalibuCity.org.

SUICIDE PREVENTION 101 WEBINAR FOR PARENTS: On January 27th from 5 – 6 PM, join this free webinar and Facebook Live event which will provide information about suicide prevention for parents, including warning signs for suicide, how to have a conversation with their teen, actions to take if their teen is having suicidal thoughts, and resources. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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:

- **Social Justice Initiative**, last week to enroll! A NEW project-based learning curriculum, where students will create solution-based proposals for current real-world social injustices related to Policing, Education, Homelessness, and the Environment. Students will have the opportunity to create proposals, which will be pitched to a local representative at the state level. Students will gain the ability to customize their portfolios, strengthen their resume and college applications, and build their own website! Teens will utilize creative problem solving for real-world issues. For grades 9th-12th. Contact Mrs. Ryan or email info@bgcmalibu.org to enroll.
- **Teen Support Group Facilitated by BGCM Wellness Center (Mondays at 5PM)** Drop-in virtual support group offering a safe space for teens, ages 14-18, to discuss the challenges of quarantine. Zoom ID: 889-136-8539
- **"Power Hour" Free Homework Help/Tutoring Zoom Link (Tues/Thurs 2-3PM)** <https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/96705409501?pwd=eVozNzBhL2k4bmNRVTlwOCtM MmU1dz09> Passcode: 026892
- **Brent's Club** is an incentivized drug and alcohol prevention Club through weekly meetings, activities, challenges, and virtual "socials" to help teens live a healthy lifestyle. Email tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org for more info & Zoom info.
- **Leaders in Training (MHS) & Torch Club (MMS)** meet virtually to give students the opportunity to have fun, gain leadership skills, and serve the community while also gaining community service hours. Email ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org for more info & Zoom info.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings:** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Check out our NEW [Wellness Page](#) to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

*To contact the Club please email info@bgcmalibu.org Please be advised our phone system is currently down. For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)