

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE: JANUARY 25, 2021

### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**CJSF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE THIS WEEK ONLY:** The CJSF Spring Membership Drive is happening January 25-29. *Refer to the MMS counselor google classroom to apply!* 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders may apply for CJSF based on their first semester grades (refer to your January report card). Complete the application, submit it, and pay your \$5 via the MHS webstore: Personalized link for MHS webstore will be sent to those who complete application to pay the fee. Your membership is only complete once you have paid your \$5. The drive ends on January 29, so apply and pay by then!!

**JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHESS CLUB:** The Lincoln Chess Club is open to all Middle Schoolers. No experience is necessary and all levels are welcome. Meetings are Tuesdays from 2:30 – 3:30 pm starting January 26<sup>th</sup>. Games will be played virtually using Chess.com. Zoom link: <HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YAB2FS2K>

**LAST CHANCE TO 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2021** (\$40 after). Click [HERE](#) and order yours today!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:s.ryan@smmk12.org).

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**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](https://bit.ly/SMMDLP). Questions? Please email: [mmssupport@smmusd.org](mailto: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](mailto: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: [mslawter@smmusd.org](mailto:mslawter@smmusd.org)

Textbooks: [s.ryan@smmusd.org](mailto:s.ryan@smmusd.org) and [acrilley@smmusd.org](mailto:acrilley@smmusd.org)

Schedule Changes: [enickerson@smmusd.org](mailto:enickerson@smmusd.org)

Copy of Schedule: [sanderson@smmusd.org](mailto:sanderson@smmusd.org)

Registration Packet: [sanderson@smmusd.org](mailto:sanderson@smmusd.org)

Enrollment: [bsoloway@smmusd.org](mailto:bsoloway@smmusd.org)

General Questions: [taniajolly@smmusd.org](mailto:taniajolly@smmusd.org)

Technical Support: [mmssupport@smmusd.org](mailto: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:

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS' SOCIAL HOUR:** On Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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>

**POSTPONED/RESCHEDULED - MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY:** We appreciate everyone's ongoing patience, support, and commitment this year. If your student was unable to come to our drive-thru picture days at the start of the school year, please make sure they come to our Make-Up Picture Day on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 3 pm. **This is the last and final opportunity for students to get photos this year to be included in the yearbook.** Students also need to take a picture for their Student ID card.

All students/families also have the option of purchasing school pictures. Click [HERE](#) for the order form. (Also available under the “What’s Happening” tab on the school website.)

Due to the current safety measures in place, Make-up Picture Day needs to occur in a drive through, contactless, and physically distanced manner. Parents are expected to remain in their vehicles at all times, unless otherwise directed by school staff. Students will exit the vehicle to have a picture taken. When walking to and from the vehicle, students are expected to wear a mask. To ensure a limited number of people on campus, please come during your designated time slot based on your grade level and last name. Families with students in multiple grade levels, may attend as a group (Example: if you have a grade 7 and 10 student, you can come as a family at either the grade 7 or 10 time.)

<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>LAST NAME ALPHA:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>
Grades 6 and 7	A-Z	11:00-12:00
Grades 8 and 9	A-Z	11:45-12:45
Grades 10 and 11	A-Z	12:45-1:30
Grade 12	A-Z	1:30-2:30
ALL grade levels unable to attend during assigned time	All grades, A-Z	2:30-3:00

**Procedures:**

Please be aware of the following:

- Do not come to school if you are sick, have been sick recently, or been in contact with someone who is sick.
- Be mindful of touching surfaces, wash your hands before and after your visit.
- Facial coverings to protect others are required.
- Students/parents are required to remain in their cars, until directed otherwise. At all other times, maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others at all times, no gathering or socializing.
- Please follow all directions from school staff. Please be patient, polite, and courteous as we work to ensure proper physical distancing.
- Enter from the main driveway between MHS and JCES site and proceed to the entrance of the high school quad near the security shed for check in. Proceed slowly through the high school quad to the designated drop off location near the new gym.

- Teachers and staff will not be on campus/available. Limited number of security and custodial staff will be on site to assist with picture day.
- Please have your order form and payment filled out/completed prior to arriving to school.

**JOIN US FOR GAME NIGHT!:** On Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:pacificpalisades@mathnasium.com) and you will be sent a zoom link for the 31st.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

**RELATIONSHIP HEALTH EDUCATION SCREENING AND PARENT ED EVENT:** On Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, parents are invited to attend a virtual screening and discussion of One Love's film "Escalation." Experience One Love's educational approach in action! During the evening, you'll get tips on how to start the conversation with the young people in your life and learn how you can get involved in our healthy relationship revolution! One Love is a national leader in relationship health education. From friendships and romantic relationships to interactions with classmates and teammates - whether in person or online - One Love educates young people on the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviors. Shuli Lotan, SMMUSD's Coordinator of Mental Health Counseling, will be available to address local resources. Click [HERE](#) to register.

**SUICIDE PREVENTION 101 WEBINAR FOR PARENTS:** On January 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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:

- **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=eVozNzBhL2k4bmNRVTlwOCtMMmU1dz09> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@bgcmalibu.org) Please be advised our phone system is currently down. **For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)**