

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: NOVEMBER 2, 2020

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

NAMI PRESENTATIONS: Students will be participating in the NAMI Ending the Silence Program in their History classes starting TODAY. The [Ending The Silence](#) program for schools has been specifically tailored for students to help end the shame, stigma, and silence that have surrounded the topic of mental health for too long. Each presentation sheds light on various aspects of mental illness, including why mental health is as important as physical health, and how to recognize the warning signs of a condition in yourself or others. We make sure students are aware of who they can turn to in times of crisis. The presentations are delivered by 2 separate presenters, one a trained lead presenter (usually a family member with a loved one with mental illness), the other a young adult who is living with a mental health condition. This last part of the presentation always resonates deeply with audiences, especially students, as they watch someone with lived experience demystify the process of coping gracefully with mental health challenges. Like all of NAMI's other programs and resources, the workshop is FREE. If you have questions/concerns or would like to opt-out your child, please contact Mrs. Elle Nickerson at enickerson@smmusd.org.

STUDENT WORK DAYS – NOVEMBER 12th and 13th: Similar to last Spring, we are looking at ways to provide students with additional asynchronous work time and allow opportunities for teachers to plan and grade. Per a recent addendum to the MOU, it has been decided that each school site will plan for 1 "student work day" in the Fall Semester and 3 "student work days" in the Spring Semester. In addition to a student work day, we also have a 1-discretionary minimum day to use as needed. Our MMS and MHS leadership teams met and decided to use the minimum day as an additional Student Work Day. Therefore:

- On November 12th and 13th, students will have a live check-in at 9:00 am with their period 2 teacher on Thursday and Period 1 teacher on Friday.
- After that 20-30 minute session, the remainder of the day, the teachers will assign work/tasks/assignments for students to complete (totaling 240 minutes for each day) but no additional live sessions will occur and teacher availability will be limited.
- Teachers will be using these two days to grade and/or plan and prepare for the remainder of the semester. Students should use this time to complete asynchronous work assigned by their teachers and get caught up on missing assignments while not having live sessions.
- Students will "follow" a periods 2/4/6 schedule on Thursday, 11/12 completing work from periods 2/4/6 and on Friday, 11/13 students will follow a periods 1/3/5 schedule completing work from periods 1/3/5.

ARTS ANGELS NEWSLETTER: We hope you enjoy the first Arts Angels newsletter of the 2020/2021 school year featuring our new student co-editors, Bella Howe and Nova Mostafavi. We have a recap of the middle and high school choirs incredible Virtual Cabaret 2020 Concert, must-read info about the upcoming high school play "She Kills Monsters" and so much more! Click [HERE](#) for the newsletter.

41st ANNUAL BOOKMARK CONTEST: Students in Grades K – 12 are invited to participate in the Library's 41st Annual Bookmark Contest for a chance to see their bookmark design featured at the Malibu Library! For guidelines, visit <https://lacountylibrary.org/Bookmark-Contest/>

FREE ONLINE BOOK LIBRARY: We have subscribed to SORA, a free online book library. To be able to check out books there, please follow these directions:

1. Go to <https://soraapp.com/welcome/search>
2. Type in "Santa Monica " and then Santa Monica Malibu Unified School district will pop up.
3. Click on "This is my school."
4. Enter your id number.

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

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](#)

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

MATH

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

ENGLISH

- [Wednesdays: Sarah Ryan 3-4pm](#)

LIBRARY HOURS: The library will be open **every Monday and Wednesday, 9:00-4:00** for students or parents to come get books or to exchange a non-working chromebook. Mrs. Ryan is also available by appointment (email at s.ryan@smmusd.org) and has online after school English tutoring on Wednesdays from 3-4 pm. Links to zooms are on Mrs. Ryan's Google Classroom page. Please join her Google Classroom with code: 5xza3io.

ISSUES WITH CHROMEBOOK? NEED A HOTSPOT?: If you are having issues with your district provided chromebook, please email: mmssupport@smmusd.org and s.ryan@smmusd.org. If the issue is that the device does not power on or charge, please follow the troubleshooting directions at this link: bit.ly/SMMDLP. District Staff will be in contact with you by email/over the phone for troubleshooting. Additional in-person support will be available as-needed. If your family is need of a district provided hotspot for connectivity issues, please email: mmssupport@smmusd.org as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE:

END OF GRADING PERIOD 2: The end of the Grading Period is **Friday, November 6th**. Progress reports will be mailed home the following week. We have noticed that students' poor grades are largely a result of missing work. Without the normal support of the classroom setting, students should develop ways to keep track of assignments and due dates and ensure assignments are completed and submitted for credit.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- Wednesday, November 11th – there will be no school in honor of Veteran's Day. Periods 1/3/5, normally held on Wednesday, will be made up on Friday, November 13th.
- Thanksgiving Holiday – Wednesday, November 25th – Sunday, November 29th (return to school Monday, November 30th)

ELAC: Please join us for our next ELAC meeting on November 12th at 6:00 p.m. Agenda and zoom link will be available [here](#).

SSC: Please join us for our next School Site Council meeting on November 12th at 3:00 p.m. Agenda and zoom link will be available [here](#).

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL THEATER: Save the date! Friday and Saturday, December 4th and 5th the Malibu High School Theater Department will be presenting *She Kills Monsters*, live-streamed and followed by a Q&A. Tickets go on sale soon!

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

MALIBU WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Save the date - Wednesday, November 16th – for the Malibu Women's Club Holiday Boutique 2020. This is a fundraising event for MWC.

- Location: 24624 Blue Dane Lane, Malibu
- Time: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- RSVP to linda.euler@gmail.com

BUTTERFLY MAGIC FUNDRAISER - SAVE THE DATE! - Announcing “Butterfly Magic” - A Virtual Fundraiser presented by The Emily Shane Foundation:

- An Entertaining Evening for All
- Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020
- Time: 6:30 - 7:15 pm PST
- Featuring celebrity guests, musical performances (including a grammy award winner!), a magic show and more!
- A Virtual Art Gallery presenting children's or student's butterfly themed art (our foundation's symbol is a butterfly) will be exhibited at Butterfly Magic. Please encourage your child to submit their creation! Please send a photograph of the art to: info@emilyshane.org and include the child's first name, age and or/grade and name of their school or area where they live.

Ticket information to come! Mark your calendar!

SUBSCRIBE TO THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER: Malibu High School's student newspaper *The Current* has gone digital! Subscribe to receive our weekly newsletter and read articles written by the students, for the students. Use this [link](#) to subscribe!

MEAL PICK UP: SMMUSD has resumed providing grab-and-go breakfast and lunch Monday - Friday, excluding holidays. Service is from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at four schools: Santa Monica High School, McKinley Elementary, Will Rogers Learning Community in Santa Monica and Webster Elementary in Malibu. **This service is free for all students through the end of the semester.**

Adults may purchase breakfast for \$2.75 or lunch for \$4.25. For more information, visit the [Nutrition Services website](#).

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:

- **"Power Hour" Free Homework Help/Tutoring (Tues/Thurs 2-3PM) Zoom**
Link <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 for more information & 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 information & Zoom info.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center continues to operate remotely to provide social support & mental health counseling. We are supporting: SMMUSD students, families, faculty/staff, seniors, labor workforce, and the community at large. Servicios disponibles en español. *All services are offered at no-cost! Call 310-457-6801 ext 74141 Email wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org*
- **Run Malibu Virtual** THERE'S STILL TIME! This year's Malibu Half Marathon & 5K race is taking place virtually. Please click [here](#) to learn how you can join in & support BGCM! The virtual race takes place Nov 7-8, be sure to join the BGCM team, [sign up](#) now!

*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!](#)**