

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: NOVEMBER 23, 2020

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dear Malibu Middle School Families,

I wanted to take a moment to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! Even during a challenging time, we have so much to be thankful for.

I'm thankful for the wonderful teachers and staff at MMS, our supportive community and parents, and most of all, the amazing students I get to work with. Through the past 7 months, our kids have continued to work hard and make the best of a tough situation. I am so proud of them!

Although unable to travel this Thanksgiving to be with our extended families, I'm thankful for the family I'm surrounded by here and look forward to new Thanksgiving traditions this year.

Have a great week!

*Melisa Andino
Principal*

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

OUR LIBRARY IS ON THE MOVE! NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEXTBOOKS AND ELECTRONIC EXCHANGES: We are thrilled to announce the Malibu Middle/High School Library has started the process of moving into its home in the new Main Building! As such, the library will be closed until January. **If you need a textbook or to exchange a chromebook, 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: 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](#)

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 powering 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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE:

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – There is no school Wednesday, November 25th through Sunday, November 29th for Thanksgiving. Please enjoy this time with your family and be safe. We will “see” you Monday, November 30th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

POMS: We are holding a special POMS meeting on the first Friday of December - December 4th - at 9:00am. We have invited our presenters from National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to join us. NAMI joined our middle school classes earlier in November and hosted a wonderful program on mental health. We are excited that they are going to join us for POMS!

- Zoom link:
<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/82222348542?pwd=NUVnY0kyN1ICS0JqTFN6TE4xc2VTQT09>
- Meeting ID: 822 2234 8542
- Passcode: 813331

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL THEATER PRESENTS “SHE KILLS MONSTERS”: 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. Purchase your tickets [HERE](#).

WINTER CHOIR CONCERT: Save the date! The Winter Choir Concert will take place on Friday, December 11th, time TBD. More details soon!

WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE:

Winter Break – The last day of class for this semester is Friday, December 18th. Monday, January 4th is a Pupil Free Day (secondary schools only) so classes will resume on Tuesday, January 5th.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

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!

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:

- **Peer Support Group (Mondays at 5PM, Starting 12/7) Facilitated by BGCM Wellness Center** Virtual safe space for teens, ages 14-18, to discuss the challenges of quarantine. Zoom ID: 889-136-8539 Further questions? Email wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org
- **"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 social support & mental health counseling. Check out our **NEW [Wellness Page!](#)**
- **El Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Centro de Bienestar Presenta "Cómo superar el estrés de ser padres en la época de COVID y el aprendizaje a distancia"** un webinar virtual centrado en: El estrés y el cuerpo, Cómo esto puede resultar traumático, Cómo ayudarlo a usted y a su hijos a superarlo. 2 de diciembre a las 6pm. [Haga clic para registrarse](#). En colaboración con SMMUSD y servicios familiares de Santa Mónica. Para más

información sobre este taller por favor comuníquese con la Dra. Freda Rossi, SMMUSD Coordinadora de Participación Familiar, al frossi@smmusd.org

- **Mark Your Calendars!** Giving Tuesday is right around the corner. Consider participating in Giving Tuesday on December 1st. Click [here](#) to make a year-end tax deductible donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu. THANK YOU!

*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!](#)**