

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: DECEMBER 14, 2020

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

REGULAR CLASS SCHEDULE FOR FINALS WEEK: Even though this is “Finals Week,” we are on the regular class schedule all week:

- Monday, Wednesday – Periods 1 / 3 / 5
- Tuesday, Thursday – Periods 2 / 4 / 6
- Friday – All classes

HELP CREATE THE YEARBOOK AND WIN A PRIZE! MMS PHOTO CONTESTS:

- HALLOWEEN: Didn't get a chance to go Trick or Treating this year? Here's your chance to win a ton of candy from Malibu's amazing candy store Sweet Bu! The winner bags a \$40 credit to the store! Enter your Halloween photo – a creepy costume, spooky scene, or happy Halloween snap for your chance to win. Photos will be added to the yearbook for a “Spooktacular” record of Halloween 2020. Send all photos to taniajolly@smmusd.org by **December 18, 2020**. Happy Snapping!
- WINTER HOLIDAYS: We're creating a Happy Holidays spread for the yearbook and need your help! Make sure to keep your cameras at hand and snap those festive moments. The winner gets a \$20 gift card from Starbucks! Email your entries to taniajolly@smmusd.org by **January 8th**. Happy Holidays!

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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASS COMPETITION CONTINUES– WIN A NO HOMEWORK DAY!!!

- Tuesday, December 15 - Crazy Hair day during your 4th period Class!!
- Wednesday, December 16 – Due date for Photo Contest, Gingerbread House Challenge
Students will earn points towards their grade level overall point total by participating in the events listed above. Encourage them to participate and have some fun with this. Winners announced Dec 18th! Winning grade will have a no homework day! More information on each contest can be found in the google grade level classroom.

HELP THE SHARK FUND WHILE SHOPPING! Donate to The Shark Fund instantly while doing your holiday shopping with Amazon!!! It's FREE to you & gives much needed money to support important programs at Malibu Middle & High Schools very simply!!!

- Just sign in to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)
- From your desktop, go to Your Account and select the option to Change your Charity or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page. Select Malibu High School's Shark Fund (You can also hover over the Supporting notice in the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the Change link next to the name of the charity you're currently supporting.)
- It's also not too late to make your tax deductible donation before the year end - go to [thesharkfund.org](https://www.thesharkfund.org).
- We so appreciate all the families who have generously donated already we are over halfway to our goal help us reach our goal of \$240,000!

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](#)

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!

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 and Thursdays: Brian Corrigan 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 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 in 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:

FINAL EXAMS: We have decided to keep our schedule consistent **the week of 12/14-12/18**. Students will meet with periods 1/3/5 on Mon and Wed, 2/4/6 on Tues and Thurs and short periods with all classes on Friday. This structure allows teachers who simply choose to keep teaching to do so or allows varying time blocks for presentations, completion of projects, tasks, short assessments or longer assessments as the teacher determines best for their course.

Teachers will communicate specific expectations for each class, but the bell schedule will remain consistent as far as students are concerned.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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:

SMMUSD OPENS APPLICATION PROCESS TO APPOINT NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER: The SMMUSD Board of Education is accepting applications to fill the vacancy left by Oscar de la Torre, who was elected to City Council in the November election. Following eligibility reviews, interviews and deliberations, board members will appoint one of the applicants during a public meeting on Jan 14, 2021. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 17. Information on applying can be found at [HERE](#).

PERSONNEL COMMISSIONER RECRUITMENT: Mrs. Maria Stewart, Vice-Chair of the Personnel Commission, announced that she would not be seeking reappointment to the Personnel Commission at the November 10 Personnel Commission meeting. Beginning November 13, 2020, the Office of the Personnel Commission began accepting applications for Personnel Commissioner. The application period will close on January 4, 2021. Please feel welcome to refer interested parties to www.smmusd.org/jobs to learn more about the opportunity and submit an application. Any questions may be directed to the Director of Classified Personnel, Josh Kahn, at jkahn@smmusd.org.

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** 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 build their own website! Teens will utilize creative problem solving for real-world issues. Email info@bgcmalibu.org to enroll. (For Grades 9th-12th)

- **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 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.
- **Happy Holidays!** Learn more about BGCM's ongoing efforts throughout this pandemic & how you can make a difference by giving back this holiday season, [HERE!](#) THANK YOU!
- **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!](#)

*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!](#)**