

## MONDAY MESSAGE: AUGUST 10, 2020

*Dear Malibu Middle School Families,*

*Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Although we know this year will be anything but typical, we are excited and looking forward to the opportunity to continue to educate our kids at Malibu Middle School.*

*Item pick-up begins today! Please see the body of this message for more information. I look forward to greeting parents and students from a distance today and tomorrow as you arrive to pick up your items. Mrs. Ryan and our library assistant, Andrew, have spent hours over the last week organizing and preparing materials for our kids. Please be patient as you drive through the campus and collect these items.*

*I know many students/parents are anxious for more information regarding our distance learning plan. I can confidently share with you that our teams that have met over the summer have created a structured day that promotes high levels of student learning and engagement. Everything is in the final process of being approved and information will be shared soon!*

*Enjoy the last couple weeks of summer and “see” you all soon!*

*Melisa Andino*

*Principal, Malibu Middle School*

### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

REGISTRATION: Welcome to the registration process at Malibu Middle School. Thank you in advance for carefully reading the information and completing the forms linked below. Please click on the link for more information and to access the forms: [Registration](#)

IMPORTANT FORMS: COMPLETE ONLINE TODAY! Return these forms by email to [malibufirms@smmusd.org](mailto:malibufirms@smmusd.org) before 8/14/2020! These forms are interactive. You can type directly in the form fields. If you want to keep a copy of the form, it is important that you SAVE it to your desktop FIRST before filling it out. **RETURN THE FOLLOWING FORMS BY EMAIL TO [MALIBUFIRMS@SMMUSD.ORG](mailto:MALIBUFIRMS@SMMUSD.ORG)** [Student Emergency and Information Form](#) [District and School Policy Signature Pages](#)

ITEM DISTRIBUTION: Schedules will be distributed with textbooks and middle school planners starting TODAY! Due to the current safety measures in place, we are unable to hold our annual in-person Get Your Stuff Day. Textbooks, planners, and schedules will be distributed to middle schoolers on **Monday, August 10 and Tuesday, August 11**. Please click on the link for more information: [Textbook Distribution](#)

UNABLE TO ATTEND ITEM DISTRIBUTION?: If you are unable to attend the item distribution, please email Sally Anderson ([sanderson@smmusd.org](mailto:sanderson@smmusd.org)) for a draft schedule to be sent via email. Students unable to attend the textbook pickup, please email Sarah Ryan ([s.ryan@smmusd.org](mailto:s.ryan@smmusd.org)) starting August 17th to schedule textbook pick up.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Any requested schedule change must be submitted to the counselors by email on or before August 17. Please note, that counselors may or may not be able to respond to each individual schedule change request. Any schedule change that is able to occur, will be made prior to the first day of school and students will be notified by email. Textbooks will be provided based on their initial/draft schedule.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL/CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR: We are in the process of finalizing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association (SMMCTA) that includes expectations regarding various aspects of distance learning. Our school board will discuss and take action on the MOU at the August 13, 2020 meeting. One component of the MOU is professional learning and the appropriate number of days to fully train and empower our teachers with the necessary skills and tools to successfully teach remotely this fall. In addition to the previously planned three days of professional development, consideration is being given to adding two days, potentially moving the **school start date to Monday, August 24, 2020**. This will add two days to the end of the school year in June. Additionally, this summer, many of our teachers have been engaged in trainings on the various digital platforms and have participated in work groups preparing for the fall. Professional learning will continue during the school year.

DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION: We understand that families are anxious for more information regarding distance learning, expectations, potential child care, schedules and more. We are finalizing all details and will have more information for you soon.

PICTURE DAY: Picture Day will be rescheduled for a date after in person learning resumes, or during distance learning if safety measures are in place and allowed. **Date TBD**. We appreciate your understanding.

STUDENT STORE PURCHASES: Students in grades 6-8 will be provided with a middle school planner (free of charge) with textbooks/schedules at the item pick-up. All other items (PE Clothes) are available for purchase in the student store online ONLY and picked up by appointment starting August 24th. Click on the link to visit our online store: [Student Store](#)  
Questions? Email Mary Slawter at [mslawter@smmusd.org](mailto:mslawter@smmusd.org)

NUTRITION SERVICES: **Apply by September 18, 2020 for the 2020/21 School Year** for Free/Reduced Lunch Program. Please submit your 2020/21 application by September 18, 2020. For more information, visit the [Nutrition Services website](#).

ISSUES WITH CHROMEBOOK?: If you are having issues with your district provided chromebook, please email: [mmssupport@smmusd.org](mailto:mmssupport@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](https://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.

NEED A HOTSPOT?: If your family is need of a district provided hotspot for connectivity issues, please email: [mmssupport@smmusd.org](mailto:mmssupport@smmusd.org). Please enter your request as soon as possible.

CAMPUS CLOSED: While the school campus is closed to students and visitors, please know that the best way to get your questions answered is by email and not by phone or in person. Here is a quick reference list of email addresses. We are working on plans to offer limited in-person office hours. This information will be shared soon!

Questions about:

- Student Store: [msslawter@smmusd.org](mailto:msslawter@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)

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:**

**TEXTBOOK AND SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION:** We are excited to welcome our students to the 2020-2021 school year! Due to the current safety measures in place, we are unable to hold our annual in-person Get Your Stuff Day. Textbooks, planners, and schedules will be distributed to middle schoolers on **Monday, August 10 and Tuesday, August 11**. Please click on the link for more information: [Textbook Distribution](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**VIRTUAL GYSD/PARENT INFO MEETINGS:** Due to the current safety measures in place, we are unable to hold our annual in-person Get Your Stuff Day. We have planned a virtual informational Zoom meeting for parents to hear all about the great programs and partnerships we have at Malibu Middle School on **Wednesday, August 19th at 9:00am**. This meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the website if you are unable to attend. Please click on the link for more information: [Virtual Get Your Stuff Day](#)

GRADE 6/NEW PARENT ORIENTATION: After virtual GYSD on **Wednesday, August 19th at 10:00-10:30**, we invite parents of 6th graders to remain on and hear about what to expect as a 6th Grader at MMS, meet the 6th grade teachers and counselor, how to stay involved at MMS, and an academic preview of courses for 6th grade. This meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the website if you are unable to attend.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PROCEDURES: Pending school board approval at the August 13th meeting, the first day of school is **Monday, August 24th**. Students should follow the schedule as provided on the item distribution day unless they have received an email from their counselor with any changes. Students should log into their student gmail account for instructions from their individual teachers.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ZOOM HELP-LINE: School administrators and counselors will be available from 8:00 am-9:00 am to assist any student or parent requiring help on the first day of school. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91744619791>

FIRST PTSA MEETING: Grab your coffee and join us virtually, **Thursday August 27th at 9:00am**, to discuss the new school year and how we as the PTSA can work together to successfully navigate through uncharted waters. We will commence our meeting with a quick introduction of the PTSA board followed by the principal's update on the school year. Our speaker for the morning is Darlynn Childress who will discuss "Parenting in a Pandemic". She will provide us with strategies for staying calm, managing stress & creating a peaceful home-even in the midst of distance learning and pandemic parenting. A former middle and high school teacher and a mother of two sons, a trained parent educator, and life coach, she is also a gifted storyteller who gives presentations & parenting workshops throughout Southern California and offers private coaching nationwide. You can learn more about her at <http://www.darylnchildress.com>. Where: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2289050295?pwd=N1ZkZVJlVXRtaS9tN1ZlY0ZYQUtmdz09> Meeting ID: 228 905 0295, Passcode: PTSA.

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: This year, we are looking forward to the opening of the super structure that will house offices, 3 science labs for middle school, 4 classrooms, the library, College and Career Center, and Multimedia spaces.. Unfortunately, due to some delays this building is now scheduled to open in January for the spring semester. We also continue with planning and construction as we now shift to the design of a new high school building that will be built on the Cabrillo campus in the near future. Click on the link for more information: [Construction Update](#)

WELLNESS CENTER: As we know, the combined challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, social unrest due to racial injustice, social distancing measures and returning to distance learning can cause added stress for students and families. Teachers will be providing opportunities for social and emotional learning through distance learning class time as a way to build community and strengthen social and emotional wellness, and virtual support/counseling groups will be offered through school sites on various wellness topics. Individual mental health counseling support

continues to be available for SMMUSD students through partnerships with community agencies as well as school social work interns at many of our sites. If you feel your child is in need of additional emotional support, contact counselor to get more information about how to get referred and connected to the Wellness Center.