

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

**MONDAY MESSAGE: AUGUST 31, 2020**

*Dear Malibu Middle School Families,*

*We had a great opening week of school! Overall attendance was excellent and our students did very well navigating their many google classrooms and zoom links. Our teachers did a great job focusing on building community, getting to know the classes and each other, and checking in with kids social emotional well-being. As the weeks progress, you will see a shift to include more curriculum as they continue to do regular social emotional check-ins as well as community building. The highlight of my week was visiting as many classes as possible and seeing many of our kids!*

*Today, you should receive a weekly summary from each of your child's teachers. This is simply a preview of what will be happening each week in their class. You will receive these every Monday while on distance learning. Please know that these are tentative weekly summaries and are likely to change as the teachers cater to the needs of each individual class. We hope these weekly summaries will help to keep you up to date with what your child is working on in each of their classes.*

*We need your help! When students are in school, there are rules and policies they are expected to adhere to. While we are in a distance learning model, students are expected to adhere to these school policies while in their live zoom classes and in their communications to teachers/classmates via email/google classroom. Please remind your child that they will be held accountable for their actions. In order to maintain a positive learning environment for our students, please remind them of these items:*

- Zoom links should not be shared with other MMS students or students not enrolled at MMS for any reason (we are working with the district to provide enhanced security for our Zoom sessions.)*
- Student must log in to classes using their first and last name.*
- All teachers will be utilizing a waiting room. If students do not appear in the waiting room using their first and last name, they will not be let in the class and will be marked absent.*
- Students will not have the ability to rename themselves once in the classroom. It is important that prior to logging in to a zoom class, they've changed the name to first, last.*
- Teachers are able to run reports as to who logged in to their class, how long they were logged in, under what name and email, etc. We will use this information to address inappropriate behavior if needed.*

- *Students must be logging in to their classes using their school issued chromebook. Phones and other types of computers may not have all the functions to complete what the teacher has asked. Teachers spent too much time this week trying to troubleshoot problems for students not using their school issued chromebook. If your child did not receive a school issued chromebook or you are experiencing issues with the chromebook, please email [mmssupport@smmusd.org](mailto:mmssupport@smmusd.org)*
- *Put the cell phones away! It's a distraction from the classroom and although it's difficult to enforce our school cell phone policy when the students are at home, we do believe it's important for them to be away from those distractions during class time.*
- *If your child is working in a home with other students, each student needs to be logged in to their own google chromebook. No sharing devices.*
- *If possible, please help us to monitor your students behavior during live sessions. We understand that parents are navigating many challenges with kids at home doing school while also trying to work, but we appreciate your support.*

*As a reminder, schoolwide support is available on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:15-2:45. If your child is struggling or just needs a little extra clarification, this is the best time for them to get live, interactive help from their teachers.*

*Let's make it a great week!*

*Melisa Andino, Principal*

## **SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

**STUDENT ZOOM EXPECTATIONS:** As a reminder, students must log-in to Zoom using their first and last name as it appears in Illuminate. Teachers will be utilizing the waiting room feature and will not allow students to enter the class unless their First and Last name matches the teacher's roster in Illuminate. In addition, students are expected to have their camera on unless the teacher has directed otherwise. Students not following these expectations will be removed from the class session. Please contact your child's teacher if there is an extenuating circumstance preventing your child from adhering to these expectations.

**ABSENCES:** Just as in regular school, we understand that there are circumstances where students may need to be absent. To let the school know your child will be

absent, and the reason for the absence, please email our attendance clerk, Sally Anderson, at [sanderson@smmusd.org](mailto:sanderson@smmusd.org).

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING:** After school math tutoring will be available virtually starting this week after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. An English tutoring session will be added soon. Here are the links and times:

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

**LIBRARY HOURS:** The library will be open every Monday, 9-4, for students or parents to come get books or to exchange a non-working chromebook. Mrs. Ryan will also have office hours Wednesdays from 2:15-3:15 for any middle schooler or high schooler who needs help with essays, research, or with Language Arts/English homework. Her assistant, Andrew, will hold a middle school office hour on Thursdays, 2:15-3:15, for help or to just chat. Links to both zooms are on Mrs. Ryan's Google Classroom page. Please join her Google Classroom with code: 5xza3io.

**GYSD AVAILABLE ONLINE:** Did you miss our virtual Get Your Stuff Day / Back to School info meeting? You can watch it online at: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p7ymy7zMGfLOsEt6nY\\_tKyVaMwyLTPVk/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p7ymy7zMGfLOsEt6nY_tKyVaMwyLTPVk/view?usp=sharing)

**CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR:** The revised district calendar can be found at: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/148>

**SMMUSD DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION:** The district is in the process of creating a Distance Learning Guide for students and parents. This information will be shared this week and available on the school websites. <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/3857>

**DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULE:** The distance learning schedule for MMS students is now on the website. Click on the link for more info: [Distance Learning Bell Schedule](#)

**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.

MEAL PICK-UP: SMMUSD will continue to provide grab-and-go breakfast and lunch when school has resumed, 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. Free, reduced and Paid meal recipients need to provide a student identification number to pick up meals. Other families may pick up breakfast for \$2.75 per person or lunch for \$4.75. 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 power 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: [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](#)

THINKING ABOUT WITHDRAWING: Parents considering withdrawing students to attend “non accredited home schools or pod school, please be mindful of state laws explained here:

[Click here](#)

#### **THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE:**

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT PLANS: Classroom focused meetings will be asynchronous, with teacher created videos available between **Wednesday, September 2nd and Friday, September 11th**. Parents may also contact the teachers by email with individual questions.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**UPCOMING HOLIDAY:** There will be no school on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day. Periods 1/3/5 normally held on Monday will be made up on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**MINDFUL MONDAYS:** Every Monday starting on September 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have “Mindful Monday” for all students to join counselors for Yoga. We will have a Yoga instructor from Yoga works and Equinox lead this hour session. Zoom link to come soon.

#### **COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

**HAVE A LIBRARY CARD?** Your card gives you access to their digital resources.

- L.A. Public Library: <https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/e-media#ebooks>
- Malibu Public Library: <https://lacountylibrary.org/back-to-school-digital-resources/>

Don't have a Library card? Apply for one digitally here:

- <https://catalog.lacountylibrary.org/custom/web/registration/index.html>

## **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, and develop important life skills. This fall, we will be offering virtual programs for teens to use as a social, developmental, and supplemental tool. Virtual programs include:

- "Power Hour" Free homework help/tutoring
- 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
- 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

### **Power Hour "Homework Help" Provided by The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu**

#### **Teen Zoom Link (Tues/Thurs 2-3PM)**

<https://bgcmalibu.zoom.us/j/96705409501?pwd=eVozNzBhL2k4bmNRVTlwOCtMMmU1dz09>

Meeting ID: 967 0540 9501

Passcode: 026892

**Brent's Club Meeting Every Thursday at 4PM** Please contact Brent's Club Director, Tyler Hawkins for Zoom info [tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org)

**Leader's In Training Meeting Every Wednesday at 2PM** Please contact Leaders In Training Director, Ethan Farr for Zoom info [ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org)

#### **School Time & After Care:**

Due to limited capacity restrictions in relation to COVID-19, we will offer on-site school care, during traditional school hours and after school care for those who qualify. We will provide academic support, outdoor sports activities and enrichment camps, and daily healthy snacks provided for students who meet free & reduced lunch guidelines. This service will be available on a first come, first serve basis, with current Club members receiving priority. Please contact the Club for enrollment forms and for qualification details.

#### **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings:**

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center will continue to operate remotely, offering virtual TeleHealth through online counseling sessions. We are excited to announce the Individual & Family Support Services program which offers family services; programs, and

resources for individuals, families, and the greater Malibu community. Services include: mental health counseling, crisis intervention, healthcare resources, workforce development, assistance for domestic abuse/violence, assistance with immigration challenges, ESL resources, and more to SMMUSD students and families. Please contact Director of Social Support Services, Peggy Zherdev [peggyzherdev@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:peggyzherdev@bgcmalibu.org) or visit [www.bgcmalibuwellness.org](http://www.bgcmalibuwellness.org) for more information on how to access these no-cost counseling services.

**For Program Enrollment/To Learn More or For Inquiries:**

Email [info@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:info@bgcmalibu.org) Call 310-457-2582

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