

A message from MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

SPECIAL HOLIDAY WEEK SCHEDULING:

Tuesday, September 29th is Periods 2/4/6 Schedule
Friday, October 2nd is Periods 1/3/5/Office
Hours Schedule

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

ELAC: Please join us for our virtual ELAC meeting on October 1st at 3:00 pm. The agenda will be posted on the school website. See below for more information about ELAC. Zoom link: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/99903164575>

The English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) promotes a meaningful connection with parents of English learner students (EL) at the school site. Every school with 21 or more EL students must have a functioning ELAC.

The purpose of the ELAC is to provide guidance and advice to the principal and staff about the needs of students who are learning English as a second language. In achieving this purpose, the ELAC shall:

- 1. Assist in the development of the school-wide needs assessment.*
- 2. Assist in ways to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance.*
- 3. Advise the principal in the development of a site plan for English Learners. Submit recommendations to the school site council for consideration of inclusion in the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).*
- 4. Receive training materials and training, planned in full consultation with committee members, to assist members in carrying out their legal responsibilities.*
- 5. Elect at least one ELAC member as a DELAC Representative to the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) and up to two Alternates to the DELAC. For a total of three representatives per site: one DELAC Representative and two DELAC Alternates. Please make sure to share the dates and times of the meetings prior to voting to make sure that they can attend the meetings.*

PTSA REFLECTIONS: Calling all artists! “I Matter Because...” How would you finish this statement? How would you show your answer? This year's Reflections Art Contest is open for submissions of artistic interpretations for the theme "I Matter Because...". Through art, dance, music, acting, writing, or film – share your vision of this powerful statement. Click [here](#) for the entry form and more information.

CHOIR CABARET: The Malibu Middle and High School choirs will be presenting the first live zoom performance of the year! The Choir Cabaret will be on Friday, October 16th at 6:00PM. More information will follow about how to purchase tickets and access the zoom link.

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL 2020-2021: The School Site Council is a group of teachers, parents, students and staff who work together on long-range school improvement planning. Their goals are to ensure high academic performance of all students, implementing and monitoring the School Plan for Student Achievement and to serve as an open forum for discussion, planning and implementation regarding issues important to the Malibu Middle School community.

We are looking to fill 1 open seat for a community member and/or current parent, and 2 open seats for classroom teachers.

What is the Site Council:

The Site Council is developed under California Education Code law to:

- 1. Measure effectiveness of improvement strategies at the school.*
- 2. Seek input from school advisory committees.*
- 3. Reaffirm or revise school goals.*
- 4. Revise improvement strategies and expenditures.*
- 5. Recommend the approved School plan for Student achievement (SPSA) to the governing board.*
- 6. Monitor implementation of the SPSA.*

The law says, “The SSC shall be composed of the principal; representatives of teachers selected by teachers at the school; other school personnel selected by peers at the school; parents of pupils attending the school selected by such parents; and, in secondary schools, pupils selected by pupils attending the school.”

Parents- If you are interested in serving on the MMS School Site Council for the 2020-2021 school year, please complete this [SELF NOMINATION FORM](#) and return to Tania Jolly by email at taniajolly@smmusd.org no later than this Friday, September 25th.

Students- If you are interested in serving on the MMS School Site Council for the 2020-2021 school year, please email Principal Andino at mandino@smmusd.org

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: msslawter@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](#)

BILINGUAL COMMUNITY LIAISON IN MALIBU: Please join me in welcoming Ms. Guadalupe "Lupita" Dixon to Malibu as our Bilingual Community Liaison. She can be reached by email at ldixon@smmusd.org.

STUDENT ZOOM EXPECTATIONS: Do not share Zoom links! 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.

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.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR: The revised district calendar can be found [here](#).

SMMUSD DISTANCE LEARNING INFORMATION: See the district's Distance Learning Guide for students and parents on the school website [here](#).

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](#)

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.

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:

LOCAL HOLIDAY: There will be no school today, Monday, September 28th. Periods 1/3/5, normally held on Monday, will be made up on Friday, October 2nd.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PICTURE DAY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th: Picture Day for Malibu High School will be **Friday, October 9th** between 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Students will be assigned a time based on grade/last name. Please hold the date. [More information here](#). Order Form [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

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. 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 (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.
- **Allied Voices**, presented by SMMUSD in partnership with Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center, is a 4th-12th grade virtual workshop series designed to increase student's empathy and compassion for themselves and others. Students who participate in this 10-week program will explore racial identity development and learn what it means to be an ally. Groups are facilitated by licensed clinicians with Women of Color Therapy. Virtual weekly workshops for 9th-12th grade will be held on Wednesdays from 3-4pm and for 6th-8th grade will be held on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm. For more info & to register visit www.alliedvoicesforchange.com **Program Starts 9/28 & is available to all Santa-Monica Malibu Unified students.**

Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center continues to operate remotely using Telehealth for online counseling sessions. We encourage families to utilize **Wellness Without Walls, Building Resilience in Our Community**, a program offering individual & family support services, which 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 visit www.bgcmalibuwellness.org for more information or view our brochure [here](#).

Run Malibu & Support BGCM This years Malibu Half Marathon & 5K race is taking place virtually, and we are SO excited to continue partnering with this amazing community-driven event. Please click [here](#) to learn how you can join in & support BGCM!

All Clubhouses will be closed Monday, 9/28 in accordance with SMMUSD school calendar.

*To contact the Club please Email info@bgcmalibu.org Call 310-457-2582

For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)