

# MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, January 24, 2022

### COVID 19 INFORMATION:

**FREE COVID TEST KITS:** Order your free At Home Covid Test kits online here:  
<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

**DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS AND NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF:**

- You are experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms, regardless of previous test result.
- You have been in contact with a known or presumed positive case of Covid including social or family exposures, regardless of previous test result.
- You have been directed to isolate (positive case) or been directed to quarantine (exposure).

**FIVE (5)-DAY ISOLATION SCHOOL ANTIGEN TESTING PROCESS** (for COVID-positive staff and students): In order to facilitate the shortened isolation of asymptomatic COVID-positive staff and students to return to school after day five of isolation, we are providing an antigen testing hub for students and staff to access in order to get an antigen test on day five or later. Students and staff on isolation for a COVID infection must submit the antigen result from the hub testing via email to their school site nurses and await official clearance from the nurse to qualify for the shortened isolation. Antigen tests from a testing facility, medical clinic, or health care facility will also be accepted. Home tests will not be accepted.

- Malibu Elementary School (for Malibu staff and students): Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. starting Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Please do not enter the school office. Testing is in the parking lot. Registration is on-site.

**COMMUNICATION OF POSITIVE CASES:** If your child tested positive during the winter break or in the last 90 days, please ensure that your child's positive COVID results have been submitted to the MMS/MHS Health Office. You can submit by emailing the positive results to Nurse Charlene Niemi and Health Office Specialist Nidra Winger. This can impact future PCR testing, and future isolation or quarantine guidance. [niemi@smmusd.org](mailto:niemi@smmusd.org), [nwinger@smmusd.org](mailto:nwinger@smmusd.org)

**NEW 5 ISOLATION/QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS:** With all new positive cases and potential exposures, we will be implementing the 5 day isolation/quarantine period. [This](#)

[link](#) does a great job of detailing these changes. All students returning from a positive case or exposure must be cleared by the health office or administrator. All positive cases must isolate regardless of vaccination status and symptoms. The only students currently exempt from home quarantine for 5 days after an exposure are fully vaccinated (and booster if eligible) students who are asymptomatic. Return to school dates and information will be provided by health/admin staff.

**CONTACT TRACING:** In line with CDPH and LADPH guidance, we are making a change to how students/families are made aware of potential exposures (defined as within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes in 24 hour period). Previously we did extensive contact tracing through seating charts and interviews and notified all potential exposures individually and then gave individual directives about quarantining and testing based on vaccination status, symptoms, and other factors. Given the current surge, limitations on staff, and new guidance assuming most students have a milder variant, we will be moving to group-based tracing and recommendations. In this model, it is critical that you as parents understand and follow the directions as written. In group based tracing, we will notify classes or grade levels who shared the same indoor airspace for at least 15 minutes as a known positive case. Day 0 is the last date of known exposure. All potentially exposed students should test immediately and be tested again on/after day 5. We can help provide this test. Currently, any exposed student who is not fully vaccinated (and boosted if eligible) should quarantine at home and not attend school in person during this 5 day period and return on day 6.

**IS YOUR CHILD A POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO COVID-19?:** [This flowchart](#) from LADP will help you determine necessary next steps.

**IS YOUR STUDENT POSITIVE WITH COVID-19?:** LACDPH has established a help-line for individuals that have tested positive for Covid, **833-540-0473**. If you test positive and need information you may call the help-line. It opens at 8 a.m. daily.

## **SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

**MMS MUSICAL ON SALE NOW!:** The Lion King JR. – Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> is on sale now at <https://malibuhs.booktix.com/>. (See Upcoming Events for more details.)

**MALIBU MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PTSA ASSOCIATION MEETING:** Join the Malibu Middle and High School PTSA on **Thursday, January 27** th at 9am for an update on the second half of our school year followed by our guest speaker from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Tim Davis and his team will discuss warning signs of mental health conditions and how to talk to our children regarding their mental health.

- To join the Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83200942382?pwd=US9BKzZEYjhvS1krTlhaQkF5cmtYQT09>
- Meeting ID: 832 0094 2382 Passcode: PTSA

**CJSF DRIVE:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders - the spring CJSF drive will be held February 7 - February 11. Your counselor will be set up near the student store at the CSF table during lunchtime the whole week with applications. Bring your \$5 and a print-out of your 1st semester grades for eligibility. California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) is a state-wide organization of over 600 chapters. It fosters high standards of scholarship, service and citizenship on the part of students of California's public and private junior high/middle schools.

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP:** The end of the fall semester has passed. If you are concerned about your child's performance, please encourage them to take advantage of the after-school homework help and tutoring in the library. Teachers are available after school, Monday to Thursday from 3:45pm to 5:45pm in the library. Another option would be for them to use the online tutoring service "Paper." Paper provides free tutoring for all middle and high school students. Our students and teachers have access to Paper's professional tutors for help with any subject any time of day or night, 24/7. Students access Paper through Clever or can download the app and use their smmk12 credentials.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK:** The Malibu Middle School Yearbook is on sale. \$35 until 01/31/2022! <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuMid/home3/Bookstore.jsp>  
Learn about the making of and submit pictures through our Malibu Middle School Yearbook webpage <https://spark.adobe.com/page/SLLj5LBWIIYL7/>

**CHECKING REPORT CARDS: AERIES PORTAL VIDEOS (STUDENT & PARENT):**  
These videos help explain to students & parents/guardians on how to access their portals and check grades. [Student Portal](#) [Parent Portal](#)

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

**SCHEDULE:** We are on our regular weekly schedule for January 24 – 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL:** This year's Malibu Middle School musical is The Lion King JR. and will be live in the MHS auditorium on February 10th-12th at 7:00 PM and 13th at 1:00 PM. Tickets will be sold online only and can be purchased now at <https://malibuhs.booktix.com/>. Limited seating will be available per show. Proof of vaccination or negative COVID test will be required at the door. Come out and be a part of Simba's journey in the circle of life!

**SPIRIT WEEK:** Spirit Week will take place February 14 – 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NO SCHOOL:** Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** in observance of Presidents' Day.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

### THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB MALIBU (BGCM):

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 programs for teens to use as a social, developmental, and supplemental tool. Current offerings include:

- **BGCM Programs Academic Year 2021-2022 ENROLL NOW** at [BGCMALIBU.ORG](https://www.bgcmalibu.org) Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, arts & crafts, outdoor activities & more.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center** is offering a weekly parenting group. Being a parent is tough, especially if you have a teenager! This group is all about creating a safe, inclusive, non-judgmental space where parents can come together and feel heard, relate to one another, and explore helpful parenting solutions. Every Tuesday, 7-8pm, starting Feb 8. Find support & practical solutions! Join us by registering here <https://bit.ly/ParentingTeensGroup>  
Español registrarsé aquí <https://bit.ly/CriandoAdolescentes>
  - *(There is no cost associated with joining this group. Open to all district parents of teens. Parents of teens of all abilities are encouraged to join us).*
- **Mental Health Q&A** Is your teen asking you mental health-related questions? Encourage them to text their questions to (424) 209-4907 or stop by the Wellness Center during lunch to have a mental health professional answer their questions. In the meantime, here are some FAQs that could help them: <https://padlet.com/peggyzherdev/MentalHealthQandA>. We hope it sparks a conversation as you read and discuss this topic together.
- **Empowered Voices** is a social-emotional learning program delivered through a design thinking methodology and project-based learning format. Members will gain college readiness skills and use creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills to create solutions for individual or community

challenges. Program topics include: Resilience, Identity (DEI), Social Justice, and Substance prevention. Email [violetmiehle@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:violetmiehle@bgcmalibu.org)

- **Leaders in Training (MHS) & Torch Club (MMS)** is a leadership program that focuses on mentorship, community service, and personal development. This peer-led leadership group is passionate about the well-being of the environment and respect for our planet! Participants are eligible for community service learning hours and will have access to the latest opportunities for service projects, scholarship opportunities, and more. Email [ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org) for more info.
- **Brent's Club** is an incentivized social-emotional wellness program focused on racial justice, youth advocacy, drug prevention, and building peer support by connecting with other Brent's Clubs and youth from diverse communities. Email [tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org) for more info.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely and **also in-person** to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Visit <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/> to learn more or to request services for you/your child!

\*To contact the Club please call 310-457-1400 (Admin) or 310-241-3675 (Programs)  
Email [info@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:info@bgcmalibu.org) For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)