

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, January 17, 2022

There is no school Monday, January 17th to honor the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

COVID 19 INFORMATION:

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).

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, 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:

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:

SCHOOL HOLIDAY - MLK DAY: There is no school on **Monday, January 17th** in

honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday

SSC MEETING: The next MMS School Site Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 20th at 3:45 pm**. Zoom link and agenda will be available [HERE](#).

POMS: Our next POMS meeting is Friday, January 21st. Plan on joining us and meet the new MMS Counselor, Mrs. Whitehouse!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL: Mark your calendar! The Malibu Middle School Musical – The Lion King - will be presented February 10th – 13th.

SPIRIT WEEK: Spirit Week will take place February 14 – 18th.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

2022 STUDENT ART EXHIBIT (DEADLINE EXTENDED!): The City of Malibu Community Services Department will be organizing the 14th annual Malibu Student Art Exhibit. The City encourages young artists to showcase their work for the community. Students can submit their artwork online at 2022StudentArt.ArtCall.org/ through **January 18th**. For the guidelines and more information on how to submit artwork, visit MalibuCity.org/StudentArtExhibit.

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