

MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, September 20, 2021

Dear Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School Families,

MMS and MHS continue to be safe schools. As we have started the 21-22 school year, 99% or 99.9% of our students are respecting school, showing up each day and being respectful, responsible, and safe.

Unfortunately, we regret to inform you that this past week, we have had multiple instances of graffiti, destruction, and theft to our school buildings, in particular, the restrooms. Likely, these unacceptable actions are the result of an individual or a very small group of students. This behavior is consistent with a Tik Tok trend affecting schools across the nation. See more here: <https://mashable.com/article/tiktok-devicious-lick-trend-school>

We are writing to share this upsetting information with you and seek your and your students help in bringing this behavior to an end. We ask that you please:

- Have a conversation with your child about the importance of sharing information with school staff if they are aware of who may be doing this.
- If your child is active on social media, help monitor their use and report any videos of destruction of school property to us immediately.
- Ensure your child is not bringing any sharpie or paint marker to school and that no school items are being brought home by including a check of their backpack daily as part of your routine.
- Please contact school administration immediately if you have any actionable information.

We take this inappropriate behavior very seriously and will discipline as needed. Given the cost of the vandalism, a police report has been filed with Lost Hills Sheriff's Station.

Every time our students don't meet our expectations it is upsetting and frustrating. However, this time we are saddened that any of our students would cause destruction to our new buildings. Our entire community has spent many years and hundreds of hours helping see these new buildings completed and opened for our students. We believe that all students should have access to clean restrooms during the ongoing pandemic. Our custodians and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure restrooms are cleaned and stocked and this behavior is making this hard to do.

We hope that we can work together to make sure our students take pride in their school and treat our spaces with care and respect.

Thank you,

Melisa Andino, MMS Principal
Patrick Miller, MHS Principal

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

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Monday, September 20: Regular Periods 1-6 Day

Tuesday, September 21: BLOCK 2/4/6/S DAY

Wednesday, September 22: BLOCK 1/3/5/S DAY

Thursday, September 23: Minimum Day Schedule (MHS B2SN)

Friday, September 24: Minimum Day Schedule

Please do not arrive to pick up before 3:30 on normal dismissal days, and please do not arrive before 1:35 to pick up on early dismissal days. Your students will be in class until those times.

SMMUSD HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- [SMMUSD INFORMATION](#)
- [SMMUSD SAFETY PLAN](#)
- [DAILY HEALTH SCREENING](#)
- [TESTING REGISTRATION](#)
- [LADPH ATHLETICS PROTOCOLS](#)
- [LADPH UPDATES FOR PARENTS](#)

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

REFLECTION ART PROGRAM OPEN TO ALL MHS/MMS STUDENTS: Do you enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year's theme, "**I Will Change the World By...**," calls for your own unique interpretation through

the arts. Pick up submission guidelines and an entry form today at the Library and return by Friday, October 8th. For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at PTA.org/Reflections/Awards.

FIRST SSC MEETING: 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. The first SSC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday September 30th at 3:45pm** (this is a change from the original date of Sept. 23rd) and is open to the public. An agenda and zoom link will be posted on the school website prior to the meeting.

SORA (FREE ONLINE LIBRARY): SORA is no longer a Clever accessible application. Over the summer, the district switched to a direct Google or smmk12 login format. Students can just go to the web page for the SORA login, choose their school and log on with their smmk12 credentials. Here is the link where you log in: <https://soraapp.com/welcome>

DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND: Support Our Kids Today!: Our mission is simple: "To ensure that Malibu High School and Middle School remain two of the finest public schools in the nation through our comprehensive fundraising." There are staff, programs, and materials that are dependent on donor funds. We continue to ask all families to donate to the Shark Fund with a suggested donation of \$2,000. Robotics, Athletic Trainer, Music Coaches, Athletic Trainer, Flowater stations, College Career Programs, Library databases...that's the Shark Fund. E-Sports, Athletics Uniforms and equipment, the accompanist, theater productions...that's the Shark Fund. Assemblies, field trips, science equipment, art supplies, supplemental student and teacher supplies...that's the Shark Fund. Pretty much all aspects of the Malibu High experience is a direct result of your donations to the Shark Fund. Please join me in giving. [Donate Today to the Shark Fund](#)

JOIN THE MMS/MHS PTSA: The Malibu Middle and Malibu High School PTSA provides invaluable classroom support and helps fund much needed academic-related programs. All parents and students are welcomed and encouraged to become PTSA members. Go to: malibuhptsamembershiptoolkit.com. Any PTSA membership-related questions, please contact Stacey Harper at malibustacey310@gmail.com

AERIES: We are no longer using Illuminate as our Student Information System. Aeries is our new Student Information System. At this time, students and parents do not have the ability to create their accounts to access parent and student portals to track gradebooks and attendance. By mid-September, students will receive an email to their smmk12 account and parents will receive an email to the account we have on file to create these portal accounts. More info to come soon!

VISITORS: The gates around campus are locked during the school day. All visitors during the school day must check in in the attendance office by entering our new AB buildings Main Entrance (Near Triangle Point). Due to screening/traffic, please do not attempt to park and resolve office business during pick up and drop off times.

LIBRARY HOURS: The school library is open from 7:30am-4:00pm, Monday-Thursday and 7:30-3:00 on Friday. Students benefit from having a safe space on campus to study, work, read or simply relax. Mrs. Ryan, Librarian, and Mr. Crilley, Library Assistant, do a great job of creating a welcoming library full of resources. Please encourage your students to stop by to check out a book, find resource materials, etc.

AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY/TUTORING: Our after-school library/tutoring program will begin on Wednesday, September 8th. A credentialed teacher, often a math teacher, will be available in the library from 3:45-4:45 to provide homework help. In addition, all students continue to have access to Paper, a 24/7 online/app based tutoring service for all subject areas. Students can access Paper via Clever or by downloading the app and using their smmk12 credentials. The Boys and Girls Club also offers homework help with Pepperdine tutors and the city of Malibu library has a number of resources including online homework help. Students are also encouraged to get help/re-teaching/feedback directly from teachers during the Support Period and by appointment.

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU MIDDLE:

MINIMUM DAY: Thursday, September 23 is a Minimum Day, students dismissed at 1:35.

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME: The Malibu High homecoming football game and activities will be Friday night, 9/24. All Malibu schools' families and friends are invited to come! More info to come soon from ASB!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

END OF GRADING PERIOD 1: The end of the first grading period is **Friday, October 1st**. Progress reports will be mailed home the following week. These progress reports are intended to be just that, progress reports. Please keep in mind that being the first grading period, there are fewer assignments, so one poor grade or one poor missing assignment can have more of

an overall impact than it will at the end of the semester. Use this first 6 week period to check in with your student. Are they staying organized, are they giving their best effort, have they understood each teacher/class expectations? But also keep in mind, there are still 12 weeks left to go/improve in the fall semester. In high school, the only grade that matters is the grade on the transcript at the end of the semester.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

HAVE A LIBRARY CARD? Don't have a Library card? Apply for one digitally here: <https://catalog.lacountylibrary.org/custom/web/registration/index.html>

Your card gives you access to their digital resources.

LA County Library Homework Resources: <https://lacountylibrary.org/homework/>

LA County Library Resources for Parents & Students: <https://lacountylibrary.org/parents-students/>

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.
- Empowered Voices, **A NEW Fall 2021 MHS Elective for Credit** (Grades 9th-12th). In partnership with SMMUSD, a social emotional learning course through a design thinking methodology and project based learning format. Students will gain college readiness skills and use creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills to create solutions for individual or community challenges. Course topics include: Cultivating Self-Confidence with DEI, Responding to Crisis, Social Justice, and Community Impact. Contact Mrs. Ryan or school counselor to register. [Learn More About Empowered Voices Here](#)
- 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!](#)*