

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, October 11, 2021

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

POMS (Parents of Middle Schoolers): Come join us for our first POMS on Friday, October 15th at 10:00 am on Zoom with Ms. Andino, Malibu Middle School Principal and Ms. Wax, Malibu Middle School Interim Counselor. POMS - Parents Of Middle Schoolers - will meet the 3rd Friday of each month (mostly) at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom, for now, to share ideas, address broad concerns, answer questions, give us suggestions, get to know other parents, talk about middle school development, clarify your thinking, share frustrations, laugh, have a casual, friendly conversation while you get to know us as well. Come for an hour each month to connect with other middle school parents and us. DATES:

- Friday, October 15 at 10:00
- Friday, November 19 at 10:00
- Friday, January 21 at 10:00
- Friday, February 18 at 10:00
- Friday, March 18 at 10:00
- Friday, April 22 at 10:00
- Friday, May 20 at 10:00

Zoom link: <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/87280310375>

FALL CSF/CJSF DRIVE – All 7th – 12th Graders, the Fall CSF/CJSF Drive is the week of October 18 - 22. Counselors will be set up at a table during lunchtime near the cafeteria every day during that week. Fill out an application (available at the table) and bring your \$5 membership fee. Qualification is based on your JUNE grades from last semester. If you have earned mostly A's and B's, counselors will check your transcript and you will be automatically approved!

PARENTING CIRCLE: Are you a parent needing support for helping your child with behavior/academic improvement, learning parenting styles that improve your relationship with your child, and being the best version of yourself around your child? The Boys & Girls Club Wellness Center is offering a weekly Parenting Circle starting October 14 (Thursdays 7-8pm) to parents with children of all ages. Email wellnessinfo@bcgmalibu.org to learn more and to register.

AERIES PORTAL: Click [HERE](#) to link to a video presentation on how students can access the Aeries Portal and check their grades:

SMMUSD PROJECT GREEN CHALLENGE: Students are encouraged to sign up and participate in this month-long sustainability challenge throughout October. Middle school students can complete daily assignments and win prizes and awards from SMMUSD. Details are available [HERE](#).

REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY: The deadline for Reflection Projects has been extended to Friday, October 15th. It is not too late to start. This year's theme, "I Will Change the World By...", and all MMS/MHS Student are encouraged to express their answer in the form of dance, film, literature, music, photography or visual arts. For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at PTA.org/Reflections/Awards.

TOTALLY TUBULAR TUESDAY: Totally Tubular Tuesday is a free lunchtime activity hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu every other Tuesday. Come play fun games like 4-Square and Dodgeball and win exciting prizes, including gift cards! No Boys & Girls Club Membership is required. Just bring your lunch and check-in with BGCM staff to enter your name for prize eligibility. Meet us at the blacktop next to the P.E. area or at the Quad area next to the Library for select activities (*). Any questions can be sent to ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org. See below for a full list of Totally Tubular Tuesday Activities:

- 10/19 - Frisbee Field Day*
- 11/2 - Arts & Crafts*
- 11/16 - Basketball Freeplay
- 11/30 - Dodgeball
- 12/14 - Arts & Crafts*

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

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:

POMS: Our first POMS meeting will be Friday, October 15th at 10:00 am via Zoom. Use this link:

- <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/82748891470>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SAFETY DRILL: Our first Safety Drill of the year will take place on Thursday, October 21st. This will be a District wide event covering Earthquake/Evacuation procedures.

NEXT PTSA MEETING: Join the Malibu Middle and High School PTSA on Thursday,

October 28th at 9am for an update on the school happenings followed by our guest speaker Arica Ohanisian who will talk about “A well-rounded approach to college funding - Because it takes more than good grades.” She will discuss how to pay for college, how much a four-year degree costs today— and what it may cost tomorrow, available options parents have when building a college funding plan, and resources you can turn to for more information and assistance.

Join the Zoom Meeting:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86885236903?pwd=bzh4dDFCSER2REZRcUxSZ1BydXZsZz09>
- Meeting ID: 868 8523 6903
- Passcode: PTSA

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:

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We are seeking volunteers for the Malibu Half Marathon & 5K! November 13-14. Email ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org
- **Run Malibu Nov 13-14. Receive 20% OFF with code BGCM21MAL20.** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu continues to partner with the Malibu Half Marathon, 5K, and Kids' Fun Run taking place Nov 13 & 14! Grab your family & head to Zuma Beach for a fantastic community event bringing together anyone who loves to walk, run, or is seeking a new challenge and a positive experience for mind & body! Be sure to purchase a 'Charity Ticket' [here](#).
- **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.

- **Totally Tubular Tuesday** is a free lunchtime activity hosted by BGCM every other Tuesday starting on 9/21. Join us to play fun games like 4-Square and Dodgeball and win exciting prizes, including gift cards! No Boys & Girls Club membership is required. Just bring your lunch and check-in with BGCM staff to enter your name for prize eligibility. For any questions, activity locations, and to receive the full list of Totally Tubular Tuesday Activities please email: ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org
- **Mental Health Q&A Hosted by BGCM Wellness Center** Weekly on Wednesdays, this informal Q & A runs during lunch. BGCM Wellness Mental Health staff will be available to students between the grassy field and tables to answer any mental health-related questions or inquiries about requesting services or support, available at no cost to students & families! Encourage your teen to text their questions to (424) 209-4907 or stop by on Wednesday to submit their questions. All questions will be kept anonymous. Staff will post the questions and answers to this link by Friday evening weekly: <https://padlet.com/peggyzherdev/MentalHealthQandA>.
- **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!](#)

SMMUSD HEALTH AND SAFETY:

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