

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, October 25, 2021

It's all about

HALLOWEEN!

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST – Everyone dress up in your Halloween finest and join us for a spooktacular parade during ASB's annual Halloween Costume Contest on Friday, October 29th. There will be a special bell schedule for both Middle and High School and there will be prizes for different costume categories. Don't skip on the fun!

HALLOWEEN DANCE: The Annual MS Halloween Dance Party will take place on Friday, October 29th from 6 – 8 pm. Come make your way through the Haunted House! Dance under the setting sun with a live DJ! Commemorate your look in the Photo Booth! Play games! Enjoy pizza, snacks and, of course, CANDY! Tickets will be available during lunch outside the Student Store and are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and is FREE with your ASB card! This event is for Malibu Middle School students only. Costumes are highly encouraged (but not required.) Parents should drop and pick up in the lower parking lot on Morning View Drive. Do not drive up the hill. There is no pick up/drop off in the football lot or the pool lot. Students will not be allowed to leave early unless a parent comes to the entrance of the dance to pick them up. Please plan to pick up your student promptly at 8:00 pm/

HALLOWEEN GUIDANCE: All students are encouraged to dress up on **Friday, October 29**. We encourage students to have fun and be creative. However, our expectations that students be safe, be respectful and be responsible must also be adhered to. Therefore, students must wear costumes that adhere to the dress code (Nothing defamatory, offensive, degrading, unduly revealing or inappropriate). Students are not allowed to wear masks or face coverings of any kind (IE: blue man suit). Face paint is allowed. No toy weapons or props that may be used as weapons are allowed. Students not dressed appropriately may be provided with loaner clothing, have parents bring appropriate clothing, or face other appropriate disciplinary action.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

TRAFFIC REMINDERS: Please help avoid a tragedy by driving safely in our school zone and obeying all traffic laws. Put your phone away, stay observant, and keep an eye out for our students, crossing guards, and school staff. Do not double park parking traffic lanes and do not make illegal U turns. To turn back to PCH, use the upper football field lot or pool lot for pick up, or turn around in the JCES traffic loop. DROP OFF/PICK UP LOCATIONS:

- Upper Football Field Lot: Middle School Student Pick Up and Drop Off
- Pool Lot/Middle Driveway: High School Student Pick Up and Drop Off, Middle School Alternate Pick Up
- Morning View Drive Lane: BUS DROP OFF ONLY, Alternate MHS/MMS Pick Up
- Morning View Lots: BUS PICK UP ONLY

PPBL PATHWAY - 8th Grade Parents- Are you interested in a Project Based Learning School for your child for High School? At Samohi's Personalized Project Based Learning (PPBL) pathway students create individualized learning plans through the lens of student interests, have professional industry internships to connect interests to fieldwork, and to build skills and a professional network. Students experience making prototypes and models to demonstrate learning. Students participate with Samohi friends in sports, clubs, social events, art and theater courses, languages and more! Students take SMC courses in high school and graduate with a Samohi diploma college and future ready. Join a PPBL Pathway Information Session on November 18th presented by Jessica Rishe, PPBL Principal; and Nicole Nicodemus, PPBL Assistant Principal. Learn more from currently enrolled students & their parents. Register in advance for this meeting here:

<https://smmk12.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAude-vqDliE9awqpBKz2V7ukOLp-YkvMeR>

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](#).

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:

- 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:

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

SSC MEETING: The next School Site Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28th at 3:45 pm. An agenda and zoom link will be posted on the school website prior to the meeting.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST – The Halloween Costume Contest will take place during Nutrition on Friday, October 29th. Prizes will be awarded in different categories. Don’t miss this Spooktacular! (See the special Halloween section.)

HALLOWEEN DANCE: The annual Middle School Halloween Dance will take place outdoors on Friday, October 29th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. (See the special Halloween section.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS: The Middle School musical auditions will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, November 3rd and 4th after school. You can sign up for an audition time on the choir room door. Students should prepare a monologue and solo song from a musical of their choice.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY: School will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in honor of Veteran’s Day. The bell schedule for the week of Nov. 8th is as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 8th – regular schedule
- Tuesday, Nov. 9th – 2/4/6 Block schedule
- Wednesday, Nov. 10th – 1/3/5 Block schedule
- Thursday, Nov. 11th – NO SCHOOL
- Friday, Nov. 12th – regular Friday schedule

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

EMILY SHANE FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER: Mark your calendars for the Emily Shane Foundation's Annual Fall Fundraiser - Butterfly Magic. Sunday, November 14 from 2:30 - 5 pm at Alumni Park, Pepperdine University. Covid safe and completely outdoors. Food trucks, amazing live music, a nationally acclaimed magician performing, a butterfly release, a silent auction and much more! A fun afternoon for all - and it's FREE to attend." Check out the foundation's website - emilyshane.org, for more info.

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. Sign up [here](#) or 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
- **BGCM Wellness Center presents "Parenting Circle"**, a weekly workshop starting Oct 14. Taking place every Thursday from 7-8pm via zoom. [Register Here](#). Parents with children of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join us. Parents will gain support for:
 - Ideas on how to help their behavior improve at home/school
 - Learn about parenting styles that can help improve the relationship with your child

- What it means to take care of yourself & be the best version of you around your child
- Si necesita el grupo en español, haga clic [aquí](#)
- **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!](#)

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