

# MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, September 27, 2021

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### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

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

**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](http://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](mailto:ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org). See below for a full list of Totally Tubular Tuesday Activities:

- 10/5 - P.I.G. Tournament
- 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: [malibuhspsta.membershiptoolkit.com](http://malibuhspsta.membershiptoolkit.com). Any PTSA membership-related questions, please contact Stacey Harper at [malibustacey310@gmail.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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:

**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 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm (this is a change from the original date of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>) and is open to the public. An agenda and zoom link will be posted on the school website prior to the meeting.

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org)
- **Mental Health Q&A Hosted by BGCM Wellness Center** Beginning Sept 22, and running weekly on Wednesdays, this informal Q & A will run during school lunch hours for MMS and MHS. BGCM professional Wellness staff will be present on the school campus, between the grassy field and tables, to answer any mental health-related questions or inquiries related to requesting services or support. (Available at no cost to students & families!). Encourage your child to text their questions to (424) 209-4907. Questions will be posted anonymously via this link: <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](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!](#)