

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – January 15, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

CONGRATULATIONS! REFLECTIONS WINNERS: Thank you to all the students who participated in this year's PTSA sponsored Reflections Arts Program, with the theme **Show Your Voice!** Students participated in various categories including Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. The winning students advanced to the district level competition. [All students recognized can be found here.](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS: Volunteer to be part of the PTSA Athletics Committee to support the launch of a Middle School Athletics program this Spring! The Athletics Pathway is being made possible through seed funding provided by Malibu City to ensure parity with Santa Monica and surrounding school districts. We are working with the district to quickly open the role of athletic coordinator to lead this effort, if you know someone who might be interested in that role, or if you would like to join the parent volunteer committee to get this off the ground, please email PTSAmalibu@gmail.com for more information.

SHARK FUND STILL NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS! Grants have been disbursed to PTSA, Arts Angels and Athletic Booster Club for the first 1/2 of the year to help support the vibrant arts, athletics and parent, student teacher communities at our schools. And we have provided the full funding to administration for the tutors and community service liaison. These funds directly support all students at Malibu Middle and Malibu High School. If you haven't done so already, please visit thesharkfundmalibu.org to make any size tax-deductible donation today. Contact TheSharkFundOrg@gmail.com with any questions.

DONATE TO SHARK FUND BY SHOPPING AT RALPH'S: Be sure to link your rewards card to Shark Fund at <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program> and Ralph's will donate every time you shop!

EMPOWERHER: THRIVING TEENS WORKSHOP: Join a space designed for self-discovery and growth, addressing topics like boosting self-esteem, nurturing positive peer relationships, mastering stress management, and developing effective coping strategies. Tailored discussions will delve into specific concerns such as school pressures, body image, and communication skills. If you are interested, send me an email at gracebindley@drerinfooster.com. Hosted By: Grace Bindley, AMFT (MHS)

Alumna) at Malibu Cure Club. Cost: \$60 per person. Dates/Times: Mondays 4:30-6pm, January 23 - March 19

YEARBOOK DEDICATION PAGES: Calling all Parents! The '23-'24 yearbook Dedication Ad pages are available!

- Full Page \$160
- 1/2 page \$110
- 1/4 page \$60

If you are interested in purchasing one or would like more information, please email Amber Vanderbilt MMS Yearbook chair at amber.mmsyearbook@gmail.com

YEARBOOK PICTURES: Attention Middle School Families! Please send any photos of middle school events and your children to our Middle School Yearbook Chair, Amber Vanderbilt, at amber.mmsyearbook@gmail.com. These can be activities from outside school. If you can also help out with the yearbook please let her know. Thank you!

CHECKING PROGRESS REPORTS/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 MMS:

NO SCHOOL: There is no school on **Monday, January 15th** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU! HELP CREATE THE VISION BOARD: Do you know the power of a vision board? Come find out and join Ms. Whitehouse and Ms. Peggy to create one. Think outside the box and set yourself up for success to manifest what you want this year that truly represents YOU! Come prepared by bringing three goals, inspirational quotes, pictures and any magazine cut outs that can help represent your goals and visions for this new year. See Ms. Whitehouse for a pass by the end of the day Tuesday 1/16 to join us Wednesday 1/17 during Support Period in the glass library room. Hope to see you there!

STAR RENAISSANCE PROGRESS MONITORING TESTING: All English and Math teachers will be administering STAR Renaissance testing between **January 16 and January 26**. Students take these short progress monitoring tests, a local district measurement, during their normal class time.

ARTS ANGELS MEETING: Please join us for first Arts Angels monthly meeting of the New Year on the third Thursday of the month on January 18 from 9:00 – 10:00 am in the Parents Center. Let's talk about more beautiful murals around the school, recording

studio possibilities, and the Dick & Arlene Van Dyke naming event coming for our very own auditorium in the next couple of months! Help us make plans...thank you!

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING: Our next scheduled School Site Council meeting is **January 18 at 3:45pm** via zoom. The agenda, zoom link, and more info will be posted [here](#).

POMS: Our next POMS meeting is Friday, January 19th at 10:00 am in the Parent Conference Room.

SAFETY DRILL: Our next scheduled safety drill is **January 19, 2024 at 12:10pm**. This drill will be on our lockdown/hard lockdown procedures. It will also include an age appropriate discussion on targeted violence response - a separate response protocol.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PLAN AHEAD – NO BLOCK SCHEDULE: The week of January 22nd will be a NO BLOCK week to allow for MMS to have their character education program with HumanUtopia. Monday – Thursday will be periods 1-6 days and Friday our normal Minimum Day. There is no block schedule on **January 24 or 25**.

SMC MALIBU CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE: MMS/MHS students, parents, and faculty are invited to a special event at the SMC Malibu Campus on January 26th from 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm. Instructors from SMC will be on hand to talk with students and parents and class demonstrations are planned. In addition, they will also be offering campus tours and give a general overview of life at Santa Monica College Malibu Campus. All Malibu High Students have the option of doing concurrent enrollment at SMC this Summer (Online, at Malibu campus, at main campus) for free!

CJSF DRIVE: The spring CSF drive will be held **January 29 - February 2**. Your counselors will be set up near the student store at the CJSF table during lunchtime the whole week with applications. Bring your \$5 and a print-out of your 1st semester grades for eligibility.

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL: The 2024 Malibu Middle School Musical will be Frozen JR. and the show dates are **February 8th-10th at 7:00 PM and February 11th at 1:00 PM**. Come enjoy a story of true love where two sisters experience mysteries of magic, tragedy, and a long journey to find their confidence and inner powers. The sisters, Anna and Elsa, deal with matters of friendship, family, and love with some irresistible characters along the way including Olaf the snowman, Sven the reindeer, Oaken, Pabbie and Bulda and the Hidden Folk. It is truly a magical frozen tale! Tickets and more info at www.malibums.smmusd.org

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

POINT DUME PRESERVATIONISTS MONTHLY VOLUNTEER EVENT: Join others the second Wednesday of the month at the Point Dume Preserve at Birdview & Cliffside Drive to keep the headlands poison-free. Please bring gardening gloves and be prepared to do some hand weeding with some of your wonderful neighbors from 9a-noon. [Sign Up Here.](#)

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU TEEN CENTER:

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 Membership Enrollment is LIVE.** Enroll at [BGCMALIBU.ORG](https://bgcmalibu.org) Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, outdoor activities & more! [Enroll Here](#) | [Inscribirse Aquí](#)

- **Third Space is OPEN at Malibu Village!** Third Space is a storefront, gallery and an innovation space for youth to be mentored and inspired. A project of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, made possible by many generous community contributors. A percentage of all store purchases benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu:

- o Safe spaces after-school
- o Mental health services for youth, families and aging population
- o Drug and alcohol prevention programming
- o Innovative and inspiring opportunities for youth
- o Regenerative systems and educational initiatives

Here, in our vibrant community, we value care, connection, and creativity. We offer youth, families, and visitors of all ages the chance to explore products from local, sustainable and social entrepreneurs. To learn more,

visit thirdspacemalibu.org Follow us on IG/FB: @thirdspacemalibu

- **BGCM Scholarship Opportunities:** BGCM offers scholarship opportunities tailored to support graduation goals, mental health advocacy, and fostering a positive Club environment through kindness. If your teen is interested in applying for these opportunities, kindly email Violet at violetway@bgcmalibu.org. This opportunity is open to 12th graders only.

- **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. Meetings are bi-weekly on Mondays, during lunch, on the school campus. Lunch will be provided every meeting! Email violetway@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 teen. There is currently NO WAITLIST for services. PSA: Parents! If you've missed any parent workshops, they are available on our website at <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center-resources/>

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