

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – January 8, 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

TARDIES/ATTENDANCE: Please include reducing tardiness and absences as part of your New Year's resolutions! Our tardy and attendance rates are too high! School is not optional, and arriving late is not a habit for success and is disruptive to the classroom. Please, set a goal to be here and to be on time in 2024! It is extremely important to notify the attendance office of the reason for an absence on the day of the absence or immediately upon return. You can do so by phone, 310-457-6801, or by email (tmulligan@smmusd.org) or by note. Please ask your doctor, dentist, etc. for a note to provide to school upon return.

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](#)

SMMUSD DISTRICT CALENDARS: The Board of Education previously approved the District Calendars for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. These include the start and end dates for the school year as well as holidays which will allow you to plan ahead for your family travel. All calendars are available [HERE](#).

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

SECONDARY PUPIL FREE DAY: Monday, January 8th is a staff work day for our secondary schools. While elementary school students at Webster and MES return on 1/8/23, this is a pupil free day for MMS and MHS students. MMS students return to school Tuesday, January 9th.

SCHOOL RESUMES: We get back to work, and start a new semester, on **Tuesday, January 9th, 2024.**

PTSA REFLECTIONS AWARDS: Please join us in the Parent Center on **Thursday, January 11th during lunch (12:00 – 12:45 pm)** when the PTSA will host the Reflections Awards. We look forward to congratulating all our students who participated and won!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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 - Jan. 18, 2024 from 9-10am 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!

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.

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.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

REFLECTIVE PARENTING VIRTUAL GROUP: Sign up for this FREE 10 week workshop that provides middle school parents/guardians a framework to view their children's behaviors as meaningful. Contact Emily Ferro, eferro@smmusd.org for more information.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENT: Join us 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! Thank you!

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Monthly volunteer hand weeding event
signupgenius.com

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/>

*To contact the Club please call [310-457-1400](tel:310-457-1400) (Admin) or [310-241-3675](tel:310-241-3675) (Programs) Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here](#)