

# MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE – November 27, 2023

### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**FALL 2023 ARTS ANGELS NEWSLETTER:** The Fall 2023 Arts Angels Newsletter is now available. Click [HERE](#) to read about all the activities and projects our students have been working on!

**IRON GIRAFFE CHALLENGE:** On Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> the Malibu Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Iron Giraffe Challenge. This challenge raises money for Water for South Sudan. This non-profit brings awareness to water scarcity around the world to help those in need of clean, accessible drinking water. Please consider helping us reach our fundraising goal of \$1,500 by donating [HERE](#).

**ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB TREE LOT:** It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Support Malibu High School's Athletic Booster Club by purchasing your fresh tree, wreaths, ornaments, and MHS apparel at the annual Tree Lot. The MHS Booster Club Tree Lot is located at the Chili Cook Off Site near Webb Way and will be open November 25 - December 10. Hours are M – Th: 3 – 7 pm, F: 3 – 8 pm and Sat/Sun: 1 – 7 pm. Please share with your neighbors!

**THE SHARK FUND STILL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT:** We have \$187,00 left to raise! If you haven't donated yet, please consider making a donation today - any amount counts and will help support the vibrant academic, arts and athletics community we enjoy at our schools. If you have donated, look into the company match program with your employer. Visit [TheSharkFundMalibu.org](https://www.ralphps.com/account/communityrewards/) to donate, reach us or to find out more about this parent volunteer led fundraising organization at our schools. Also, if you haven't already, please designate Shark Fund as your charitable organization for your Ralph's Rewards Card and you'll support our schools every time you shop. Go to <https://www.ralphps.com/account/communityrewards/> and choose Shark Fund.

**CAFETERIA INFORMATION:** The breakfast and lunch cafeteria menus as well as service times can now be found under the Students Tab on our school website or by clicking here: [Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)

**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](mailto:amber.mmsyearbook@gmail.com) If you can also help out with the yearbook please let her know. Thank you!

**UPDATE EMERGENCY CONTACTS:** Please go to your *Parent Portal in Aeries* and add at least two Emergency Contacts; these contacts should only be

individuals to whom MMS staff can release your child(ren) during the school day or an emergency.

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING:** After School Math Tutoring in the library is available from 2:45-3:45 on Monday and Wednesday with Mrs. Onesto.

## THIS WEEK AT MMS:

**RESCHEDULED SSC MEETING:** The MMS School Site Council meeting originally scheduled on November 16<sup>th</sup> will take place at 3:45 pm on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Agenda and zoom link will be available here: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/230>

**WINTER CONCERT SERIES BEGINS:** Come hear the Malibu Middle and High School Orchestras at their winter concert on **Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm** in the MHS Auditorium! Our award winning orchestras will perform a wide variety of classical selections with a large number of guest artists. Admission is free. We hope to see you there!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**WINTER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES:** Save the dates!

- **December 7<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM** - Band
- **December 14<sup>th</sup> – 6 PM** - Choir

**COMMUNITY NIGHT AT THE TREE LOT:** Join the MHS Choir, students, families, city council and others at the Annual Community Night at the Tree Lot! There will be hot cocoa/tea, food trucks, performances by the choir, ornament decorating and a chance to connect with neighbors and friends. Community Night at the Tree Lot is Friday, December 1 from 5:00-8:30 at the Chili Cook-Off site.

**FINAL EXAMS/END OF GRADING PERIOD:** Final exams and culminating tasks are scheduled for Wednesday, **December 20<sup>th</sup> (Periods 1 and 4)**, **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> (Periods 2 and 5)** and **Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> (Periods 3 and 6)** with dismissal at 1:35pm all 3 days. There will not be early or late finals. All families are reminded to schedule personal trips around our school calendar and ensure students are in school daily.

**WINTER BREAK:** Malibu Middle School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed starting **Monday, December 25, 2023 through Friday, January 5, 2024.**

**SECONDARY PUPIL FREE DAY:** **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 9<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

**SALVATION ANGEL TREE PROGRAM:** The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year. Once a child or senior adult has been registered and accepted as an **Angel** their Christmas wish list is shared with donors in your community who purchase gifts of new clothing and toys. The gifts are distributed to the family to place under their family Christmas tree. For more info and to sign up: [flyer](#).

**SNOWMUCHFUN:** Get ready to chill and have a thrill at "Snow Much Fun," the biggest party in Malibu! **Friday December 1st, from 6pm to 9pm** at Malibu Pacific Church we're bringing the mountain to Malibu with tons of real snow for an epic night of sledding under the stars. This night is 100% FREE and it includes dinner! So invite a friend and let's make this one of Malibu's BIGGEST and BEST traditions. Registration: [snowinmalibu.com](http://snowinmalibu.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](http://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](#)
- **ALL BGCM Clubhouse Sites will be CLOSED Nov 22-Nov 24** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We are wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday break.
- **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:
  - Safe spaces after-school
  - Mental health services for youth, families and aging population

- Drug and alcohol prevention programming
- Innovative and inspiring opportunities for youth
- 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](http://thirdspacemalibu.org) Follow us on IG/FB: @thirdspacemalibu

- **Goals for Graduation** for grades 9th-12th. Monthly workshops to support college and career readiness. Meetings will take place on the school campus, once a month, on Monday's during lunch. Students do not have to be Club members in order to participate. The next meeting is on 12/4. To sign up, please email [violetway@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:violetway@bgcmalibu.org)
- **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](mailto: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)  
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