

# MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE – December 11, 2023

### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**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](#).

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please remind your student to check the Lost and Found near the lunch area for missing water bottles, lunch boxes, and clothing items. Items will be donated at the end of the school day on Friday, December 22nd.

**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!

**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) 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:

**SUPPORT ACTIVITY/MANAGING STRESS:** Middle Schoolers: Need help with managing stress while studying for finals? It's helpful to learn to manage this early on for academic success. Ms. Peggy, from the Wellness Center, and Mrs. Whitehouse, MMS Counselor, have a fun activity planned for **December 13<sup>th</sup>** during your Support time. They will go over some strategies to help you feel better prepared for finals while

doing a fun art project. There might even be some tasty goodies involved. Please see Mrs. Whitehouse today for a pass to join them on December 13th (space is limited). Hope to see you there!

**WINTER CONCERT SERIES CONCLUDES - CHOIR:** Our MHS and MMS Winter Choir concert will be on December 14th at 6:00 PM. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome! All choir students in Malibu, including elementary students from Malibu Elementary and Webster will be performing our traditional closing song "Christmas on the Beach in Malibu." As Buddy the Elf says, "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"

**SMMUSD BOARD MEETING:** The next SMMUSD school board meeting is **Thursday, Decemebr 14 at 6:00pm** at the district office. The agenda can be found [online](#).

**POMS:** Don't miss our next POMS meeting on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Parent Center. Topics for discussion include the Final Exam schedule, study tips for Finals, and upcoming January events.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**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:

**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](mailto:eferro@smmusd.org) for more information.

## 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](#)
- **BGCM Winter Registration is Now Available.** BGCM will be open from January 2 to January 5, 2024, the Teen Center will be open from 8:30 am to 5 pm. To secure a spot for your teen, please use this link to complete the registration process. [Register Here](#) The deadline for registration is December 18. Please email Violet with any questions at [violetway@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:violetway@bgcmalibu.org)
- **ALL BGCM Clubhouse Sites will be CLOSED Dec 25-Jan 1** in observance of the upcoming holidays. We are wishing you and your families a wonderful winter break.

## THIRDS SPACE

A PROJECT OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU

- **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 initiativesHere, 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](https://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](mailto:violetway@bgcmalibu.org). This opportunity is open to 12th graders only.

- **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 1/8. 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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