

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – December 25, 2023 and January 1, 2024

Have a wonderful Holiday and a 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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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!

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

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!

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.

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](#)
- **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.
- **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 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.
- **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
- **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](#)