

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – February 12, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE: Mark your calendars! The Middle School Dance is coming on Friday, February 23 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Tickets go on sale February 20th.

SMMUSD CLIMATE AND CULTURE PARENT SURVEY: SMMUSD has partnered with Hanover Research to conduct a short survey to gather input from all parents about our school district's climate and culture. We encourage you to share your opinions about your experiences in SMMUSD in order to inform the decisions made by school and district administrators. Please use the following link to take the survey: [LINK](#). Survey deadline is **Thursday February 29, 2024**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW! Purchase your Malibu Middle School Yearbook now at the best price of \$35 [HERE](#). Get it now before the price goes up! You can also purchase your dedication ads – full pages, ½ page, or ¼ page.

ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-2025: Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year for new families is open! If you have friends, neighbors, colleagues with children (who live in the MMS boundary) interested in joining our Malibu Middle School community or any of our Malibu schools, please have them email the registrars, for MMMS that is Beth Soloway at bsoloway@smmusd.org. If they do not live in the MMS boundary, they must first apply for an inter-district permit which will be available soon on the school and district website.

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:

WINTER INTERIM ASSESSMENTS: Students will be taking interim assessments in their math class and English Class **February 12 - February 23**. Students must use their district Chromebook to take the test. Students should charge their school

chromebook and restart their chromebook to ensure all updates are completed prior to these dates.

WEDNESDAY WELLNESS ACTIVITY: Join us 2/14 at Support time for our next Wednesday Wellness activity. Valentine's Day is a great time to express our love to those we care for, but how often do we make sure to take care of ourselves? This month Mrs. Whitehouse will be leading an activity to support our ability to do just that! Join us for our February Wednesday Wellness activity on February 14th during Support to talk more about the topic of self-care and self-love. Please see Mrs. Whitehouse by Tuesday 2/13 to get a pass to join the fun!

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The next SMMUSD school board meeting is Thursday, February 15 at 6:00pm at the district office. The agenda for the 2/15/24 regular board meeting is posted [online](#).

ARTS ANGELS MEETING: Please join us for the next Arts Angels monthly meeting of the New Year on the third Thursday of the month - **February 15**, 2024 from 9-10a in the Parents Center - let's talk about the upcoming Mean Girls musical, more beautiful murals around the school, outstanding mock trial opportunities, 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!

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MALIBU INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC COMPETITION: Join us at 7:00pm on **Thursday, February 15th** at Pepperdine's Raitt Recital Hall for the annual Instrumental Music Festival where 12 finalists from MMS and MHS will perform.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO SCHOOL: Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

PARENT RESOURCE NETWORK MEETUP: The SMMUSD Parent Resource Network is hosting a meetup for all Malibu parents of Special Education students, or students with IEPs. Let's get together, share resources, and support one another! Malibu PRN representatives will be there to answer any questions about the IEP process and share information about upcoming events. Please join us at Malibu Pacific Church, 3324 Malibu Cyn. Rd., Thursday February 22, 6:30-7:30, upstairs in the event space. Please RSVP and direct any questions to denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com.

END OF GP4: The end of the first grading period of the spring semester is **Friday, February 23rd**. Progress reports will be available in the Aeries Parent Portal the following week. Please remember, this first grading period will only reflect a handful of assignments so ensure that you are completing all tasks asked of you on time, and to the best of your ability.

VOLUNTEER TRAININGS: Interested in volunteering on campus, during the school day in any capacity? Then you must be processed and cleared as a Level 1 volunteer which includes completing volunteer packet, TB questionnaire, and attending an in-person training. The next Parent Volunteer Training (mainly for Friendly Faces) will be in person on **Friday, March 15th** after the POMS meeting (approximately 11:00 am.) To prepare, parents can begin to complete [the volunteer packet for Level 1 volunteers here](#).

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENT: Join other preservationists 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!

1GOAL BASKETBALL: 1Goal Basketball will be holding “Saturday Morning Workouts” from 10:30 am – 12 noon for boys and girls, grades 6 – 8. Workouts will include footwork, ball handling, shooting, defense, and scrimmage. Contact Coach Sean Amos at ONEGOALBASKETBALL@gmail.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](#)

THIRDS SPACE

A PROJECT OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU

· **Third Space Valentine's Day Sip & Shop** Tuesday, Feb 13 4-6p at Third Space (23357 Pacific Coast Hwy, next to Malibu Village books) Come join us to enjoy complimentary champagne, sweet treats, fresh flower arrangements, and more while

finding the perfect gift for your valentine and giving back to community! A kid-friendly, "DIY" Valentine's Day card making station will be available. *Complimentary champagne only available for guests 21+

- **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

- **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 3/4. 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.

- **BGCM Wellness Center** will be hosting a series of parent workshops in partnership with SMMUSD starting this month. Join us via zoom on Thursday, Feb 29 @7PM to discuss how to raise confident kids that will become self-assured adults. RSVP here <https://bit.ly/BGCMParentWorkshops2024>. We'll explore topics such as:
The difference between praise and encouragement, and why it matters
What builds self-esteem and self-confidence in children
How to respond to a child's anxiety or lack of confidence
The importance of self-regulation skills

- **BGCM Wellness Center Parent Support Group Feb 1-March 14**

Join the BGCM Malibu Wellness Center, in partnership with SMMUSD, to participate in a weekly interactive series for parents. This group is designed to help navigate many of the challenges faced during different developmental stages of your teen's life. Open to parents of children of all ages. Topics include: understanding your child/teen, connecting with your child/teen, enforcing rules, talking about the tough stuff, and planning for the future. Taking place every Thursday (6 week series via zoom) Register for free <https://bit.ly/ParentGroup2024>

· **BGCM 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](#)