

# MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE – February 19, 2024

**School is closed Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day**

### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS:** Middle School Athletics is here and Spring Sports Registration has started! Visit [PTSAmalibu.membershiptoolkit.com](https://PTSAmalibu.membershiptoolkit.com) for information and links to Sports registrations: [Boys Soccer](#), [Girls Soccer](#), [Volleyball](#) (co-ed) and [Track & Field](#) (co-ed). Season is March - May, team assessments are on Wednesday, 2/21 and Thursday, 2/22 from 3-5 (students just need to attend one day). Questions? email [PTSAmalibu@gmail.com](mailto:PTSAmalibu@gmail.com)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE:** Mark your calendars! The Middle School Dance – “White Night in Hollywood” - is coming on Friday, February 23 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Tickets go on sale February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**OPEN HOUSE – CHANGE OF DATE:** Please mark your calendar – MMS Open House will now take place on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (instead of May 9<sup>th</sup>.) Details to follow.

**THE SHARK FUND** is asking for parents to donate towards the February Donation Drive, to help raise the remaining \$158,931 to reach the funding goals, every contribution counts, and together, we can make a significant difference for our schools. The requested donation amount was \$2,500 for every child at the start of the year, but every amount counts - we are currently at 40% family participation. ALSO, as part of the donation drive, we are asking every family to contribute \$50 towards the staff appreciation party on March 8th. Donate to the February Donation Drive here: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/ShowTheLoveMalibu>

**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](mailto: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](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: AERIS 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:

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

**WINTER INTERIM ASSESSMENTS:** Students will be taking interim assessments in their math class and English Class **now through 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.

**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](mailto:denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com).

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**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MINDFULNESS - SOUND BATH:** On Thursday, **February 29**, as part of the Malibu PTSA Mindfulness Education Program, join us during Support Period for a rejuvenating and soothing Sound Bath experience! During the session, students will be treated to a mini sound bath where they can immerse themselves in the relaxing vibrations of various instruments. Students will experience the art of meditation and each student who participates will receive Mala Beads as a gift to take home with them. Also, students will learn about these specialty instruments, and even have an opportunity to try them out for themselves! The Sound Bath will be led by Stephanie Lekkos who is a sound healer who provides services at the Four Seasons, Amend Mental Health Treatment Facility, and Malibu Gives Charity. Middle School students need to sign up with Mrs. Whitehouse by 2/28. Space is limited!

**PTSA GENERAL MEETING:** The next general PTSA meeting is **Thursday, February 29 at 9:00** in the Library Classroom. The change in location is a result of the Parent Center being used as an Election Center.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>** after the POMS meeting (approximately 11:00 am.) To prepare, parents can begin to complete [the volunteer packet for Level 1 volunteers here](#).

## COMMUNITY 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](#)

# 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:

- 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](https://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](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.

· **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)  
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