

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – February 26, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

CSJF UNIVERSAL TRIP DEADLINE: Middle School CJSF students - this Friday, March 1st is the **HARD DEADLINE** to turn in your completed field trip forms and payment to Ms. Slawter in the Student Store for the breakfast and Universal Studios field trip. If you still have not joined CJSF and are eligible, see your counselor today! Remember, all members, even if you are not attending the field trip are welcome (along with family members) to attend the awards breakfast to enjoy treats and coffee from 8:30 – 9:30 am. Each member will receive their certificate. Again, **PERMISSION SLIPS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE MARCH 1st. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS: The MMS Athletics program is moving from "assessment mode" to "practice mode" for the Spring Sports of Boys/Girls Soccer, Co-Ed Volleyball and Track & Field! Teams will be formed for each of the Spring Sports, practice schedules are being established and notice will go out to parents from the coaches shortly. Practices will begin in March. Questions? Email Daryl Adams, Athletic Coordinator at: dadams@smmusd.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE POSTPONED: Due to all the recent closures (school, roads,) the Middle School Dance – “White Night in Hollywood” – was postponed. Hold on to your tickets and stay tuned for the new date.

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

INVEST IN EDUCATION: THE SHARK FUND'S FEBRUARY DONATION DRIVE is in its final week and is asking ALL parents to donate so The Shark Fund can continue to financially support the great efforts of ABC, Arts Angels and PTSA. While the requested donation amount was \$2,500 for every child at the start of the year, our focus is on 100% participation and any amount counts! We are currently 64% to goal thanks to donations from 44% of MHS + MHS families. **Help us get to 100% family participation and make a donation of any size today.** *ALSO, as part of the donation drive, The Shark Fund is asking every family to contribute \$50 towards the staff appreciation party on March 8th being planned by the PTSA.* Questions? Email Karin Al-Hardan at: thesharkfundorg@gmail.com. **Make a donation 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. 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:

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: JOIN US FOR THE PTSA MEETING THIS THURSDAY, 1/29 from 9-10:30 in the school library. All parents are invited for updates from the PTSA and school staff, followed by presentations from Ellen Shane, who will speak about the SEA program designed to provide a system of academic support to struggling students and Robert D. Cohen, Family Therapist who will speak about "The Secret Ingredients for Building a Higher Functioning Teen." Hospitality provided by the PTSA.

GLOBAL DAY OF UNPLUGGING: The SMMUSD school board passed a [resolution in support of the Global Day of Unplugging](#), **March 1 and 2, 2024**. Our PTA partners are supporting efforts, encouraging Parents to Wait Until 8 and sharing current research about the detrimental impact of technology and screens on our young people.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PARENT RESOURCE NETWORK MEETUP – NEW DATE: 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 March 7th, 6:30-7:30, upstairs in the event space. Please RSVP and direct any questions to denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com.

SELPA RESOURCE FAIR: The SELPA is putting on a community resource fair for all special education families in SMMUSD, CCUSD and BHUSD on **Saturday, March 9**. There will be speakers, resources for summer programs, after school programming information and so much more. See the attached flyers in English and Spanish. [click here](#) and [click here](#)

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](#).

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

JOBS AVAILABLE!: We're hiring at MMS and MHS! Library Assistant, Campus Safety, Instructional Assistant - Band, Lifeguard...<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/smmusd>

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 & Prince Street Pizza** teamed up on a pizza design contest, and the winning creation was revealed on National Pizza Day – Feb 9. The winner is the Spring Fling which features spicy marinara, smoked mozzarella, pepperoni, sausage, and olive oil drizzle. The specially-designed pizza is now available at Prince Street Pizza Malibu location only, with 20% of the proceeds benefiting BGCM's mental health services and educational initiatives for youth.

THIRDSPACE

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 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 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 & 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](#)