

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – March 18, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

MALIBU MANTA RAYS: LET THE GAMES BEGIN! We have received the game schedule for our three soccer teams and those are now posted in TeamSnap. Our first games of our inaugural season are this week: Monday, 3/18 - 5:30-6:30 Girls Soccer vs. Culver Gray at Culver City High School and Friday, 3/22 - Boys D2 Soccer vs. Beverly Vista at John Adams Middle School! If you are not registered with a team on TeamSnap, but are playing a sport - please register now or email Daryl at dadams@smmUSD.org for help. There will be a mandatory MMS Sports Parent Meeting on Wednesday, 3/20 at 9AM in the Library Classroom and via zoom: (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84082301699?pwd=MXBNRmNhUXBPeitUUkxJV0VnQks2Zz09>) to discuss logistics (travel, uniforms, etc.) and answer any questions. Please ensure a parent/caregiver joins to get important information.

A SHARK FUND THANK YOU: The Shark Fund thanks all our parents for participating in the February Donation Drive, contributing to the 3/8 staff party for our FABULOUS staff, and for showing up for the Tennis Fundraiser! Congratulations to the players and raffle winners. We wish everyone a lovely, relaxing Spring break. We'll see you in April with news about another exciting raffle and upcoming event! If you haven't donated yet, The Shark Fund is still accepting tax-deductible donations to support our vibrant academic, arts and athletics community at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/DirectDrive2023-24> or visit TheSharkFundMalibu.org for more information!

INDEPENDENT STUDY PE FOR 24-25: The ISPE applications for the 2024-2025 school year will be posted on school websites Friday, March 8. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, April 12.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL TOPPING OFF CEREMONY: Please join us Thursday, March 21st at 3:45 pm for a construction milestone – the Topping Off Ceremony. Come watch as the last steel beam is hoisted into place on our new High School building!

PROGRESS REPORTS AVAILABLE: The end of the first grading period of the spring semester was **Friday, February 23rd**. Progress reports are now available in the Aeries Parent Portal later this week. For help accessing the reports: [Student Portal](#) [Parent Portal](#)

ATTENDANCE REMINDER: Parents have expressed confusion regarding excessive absence and truancy letters sent home. More information [can be found HERE](#). California has compulsory attendance laws requiring students to attend school

daily. There are only a very small number of allowable reasons for school absence per state law. Therefore, most absences, including those verified with a note through the attendance office, are considered unexcused. After 3 unexcused absences a student is considered truant, and the SARB process is initiated. Please help to ensure your student attends school daily. Good attendance is the number one indicator of student success.

HEALTH OFFICE REMINDERS: No student is to carry in his/her possession at any time either prescription medication or over-the-counter medication. All medication must be checked in with the school nurse and administered by a school official following the written guidelines of a physician. Also, the use of crutches or any other mobility devices at school requires a written order from the physician that includes the diagnosis & length of time the device is needed.

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!

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

CJSF RECOGNITION BREAKFAST AND UNIVERSAL FIELD TRIP: The annual CSF/CJSF awards breakfast is **Monday, March 18 from 8:30-9:30**. ALL members (even if not attending the field trip) are welcome (along with family members) to attend the awards breakfast to enjoy treats and coffee. Each member will receive their certificate! Students attending Universal Studios will board the buses immediately after the breakfast at 9:30. Buses will return to campus at approximately 7 PM from the field trip.

ARTS ANGELS: Please join us for the next Arts Angels monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 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! We will be starting fresh with two middle school parents as our co-Presidents and a high school parent as VP so we need all the help we can get to make the arts happen for our students...thank you!

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The next SMMUSD school board meeting is Wednesday, March 20 (not the typically Thursday night) at 6:00pm at the district office. The agenda for the 3/20/24 regular board meeting is posted [online](#).

MALIBU SPEAKER SERIES: The next speaker in the Malibu Library Speaker Series will be child poverty advocate David Ambroz on Wednesday, March 20th at 7 PM. Get more information [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SPRING BREAK: SMMUSD will be on Spring Break from **March 25 through April 5th**. Classes will resume on Monday, April 8th.

CAMPUS CLOSED: The Malibu Middle and Malibu High campus will be **CLOSED** with no unauthorized access allowed on **Tuesday, March 26**. The campus is being used for a training exercise by the Ventura County Sheriff Office. This is a planned training exercise.

SSC MEETING: The MMS School Site Council will be meeting on **Thursday, April 18 from 3:45 – 5:00p.m.** via zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Agenda and more info [HERE](#).

NEXT POMS MEETING: Don't miss the next Parents of Middle Schoolers meeting on April 19th when we will welcome guest speaker Linh Snyder, MHS College and Career Counselor. Linh will speak about college tips and trends, entrance exams, and the best way to support your child as they transition to high school. Join us in the Parent Center at 10 am.

MEAN GIRLS: The spring, high school Musical ***Mean Girls*** will take place **April 26 at 7:00, April 27 at 7:00, and April 28 at 2:00**. Tickets will soon be available on the website. We hope you will grab some friends, family, and neighbors and join us! Let's fill the theater!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENT! Join other preservationists the second Wednesday of the month from 9a-noon 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. [Sign up here!](#) Thank you!

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU:

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.

- **BGCM Summer Camp Enrollment is LIVE! June 24-Aug 9** Visit bgcmalibu.org to learn more and enroll. BGCM is committed to providing a summer curriculum that will include a variety of activities geared towards fun, educational, and social experiences. Programs include: STEM based projects, arts & crafts, cooking/gardening, kindness, social emotional wellness, field trips, and more!
- **BGCM & Prince Street Pizza** teamed up on a pizza design contest. 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.
- **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 Join our newsletter for a chance to win a FREE Malibu Chili Cook Off bandana! 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 4/8. 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.
- **BGCM Wellness Center Parent Workshops** in partnership with SMMUSD. Join us via zoom on Thursday, March 21 @ 7PM to discuss Family Mental Well-Being. Parenting requires us to be aware of our family's mental well-being. Explore this topic and others related to living our best lives as a family. Discussion will include:

- Making sure we're doing ok as parents (is our oxygen mask on first?)
- Talking about Family Mental Well-Being from different perspectives
- Ways to practice on connection with our kids at different stages
- Destigmatizing mental health challenges as a family

RSVP here <https://bit.ly/BGCMParentWorkshops2024>

- **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/>

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