

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – September 11, 2023

This week's schedule:

M – Regular Day
Tu – 2/4/6 Block
W – 1/3/5 Block
Th – Minimum Day (Back to School Night)
F – Minimum Day

Please join us this week for:

- Back to School Night - Thursday at 5:15 pm (Amphitheater)
 - POMS (Parents of Middle Schoolers) - Friday at 9 am
(Parent Conference Room)

A Message from Principal Schellenberg:

There is no better place to be than in Malibu California on the campus of Malibu Middle School!

Greetings from MMS -

I've enjoyed visiting about half of the MMS science classrooms on Friday. This was my first opportunity to present and speak directly to groups of Malibu Middle School students. Mrs. Whitehouse and I talked to students together. This has been an opportunity for me to introduce myself, and to share information about MMS, share school-wide expectations, and answer questions from students. We will be finishing up on Monday and Wednesday of this week.

This Thursday is MMS Back to School Night. This night is an important event that helps to build a strong home-school relationship early in this school year. I look forward to meeting people in person on Thursday. You will read details below. We will begin with an informal reception at the amphitheater at 5:15pm. Starting at 5:30, we will have some information sharing from various MMS groups. We will have parents dismissed to make 1st period "class" by 6:00pm.

Back to School Night is intended for parents to meet their students' teachers, learn about classroom specific information and to experience a day-in-the-life of their students' schedule. This evening is not intended to be for individual family conferences. If that is desired, please schedule a time to meet with teachers outside of Back to School Night.

Parking for Back to School Night: There are a handful of MHS events that are happening at that same time on Thursday, 9/15. It is recommended to arrive early in order to access parking and make it to the amphitheater between 5:15 - 5:30pm.

Locker update: The locker installation company will complete their work on Monday, 9/25, which is a school holiday (no school). We will be able to begin assigning lockers after the installation is complete. I know that many students are looking forward to having their lockers!

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING: Between **September 5 and September 15**, all students will complete diagnostic assessments in reading and math. These local measurements are referred to as Star Renaissance tests and will be administered for diagnostic purposes in the fall and two subsequent times throughout the year as a progress monitoring tool. These tests are short, and given within the student's current math or English class by their math or English teacher. To learn more about the assessments, [click HERE](#).

BOTTLE FILLERS: MMS has three FloWater bottle filling stations on campus. Encourage your student to bring a refillable water bottle and to drink lots of water.

MEDICATION ON CAMPUS: 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.

ASB CARDS: Parents! It's time to purchase an ASB Card for your student! This card covers all fees for dances and prom, student council events, offers a \$10 discount on parking permits and FREE ADMISSION TO ALL HOME SPORTING EVENTS! **LINK TO BUY THE CARD:** https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/malibu_high_school_o/index.php You can also buy season tickets and single tickets to our fall sports here: <https://gofan.co/app/school/CA18917>

EXPECTATIONS FOR ATTIRE/DRESS: Please don't send your child to school in clothing with marijuana dispensaries, tequila brands, beer bottles, "shortys and 40s."

This party culture and promotion of dangerous and destructive social behaviors is not consistent with our expectations of dress. For more info on our dress code, click [HERE](#). Please help us ensure your child is dressed ready for school, consistent with our expectations and in line with a learning community in a beach town.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: After School Tutoring in the library will begin from 2:45-3:45 on Monday and Wednesday with Mrs. Onesto beginning September 18th.

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

MINIMUM DAY: **September 14** is a Minimum Day with 1:35 dismissal to allow for MMS Back to School Nights. Do not arrive prior to 1:35 for pick up.

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY: Any student who missed taking their picture at Get Your Stuff Day should do so on Make Up Picture Day – **Thursday, September 14th**. Teachers will let students know when they can go get their photo taken. This is important as each student needs to receive their photo ID. If you would like to order pictures, please go to <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/> and enter in the code: EVTBZF7PQ. You need to place your order before the date of the pictures.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Malibu Middle School's Back to School Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 14**. An Informal Reception will begin at 5:15 followed by a Welcome Meeting at 5:30 in the outdoor amphitheater followed by Classroom Visits at 6:00pm.

FIRST POMS MEETING: Parents of Middle Schoolers (POMS) is a monthly meeting that gives middle school parents an opportunity to meet with the Mrs. Whitehouse and/or Mr. Schellenberg. Each meeting will have an open forum for questions and may also have a focus and/or guest speaker. The first POMS meeting is **September 15 at 9:00am** and will be held in the Parent Center. This September Meeting will include a Volunteer Training for the PTSA Sponsored Friendly Faces Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FOOD TRUCK DAY: As part of the High School Spirit Week, there will be a Food Truck Day on Wednesday, September 20th with a special extended lunch schedule. Students should bring cash if they would like to purchase any items from the trucks.

FIRST SSC MEETING: The School Site Council is a group of teachers, parents, students and staff who work together on long-range school improvement planning. Their goals are to ensure high academic performance of all students, implementing and monitoring the School Plan for Student Achievement and to serve as an open forum for

discussion, planning and implementation regarding issues important to the Malibu Middle community. The first SSC meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 21st at 3:45pm via zoom and is open to the public.

NO SCHOOL: There will be no school on Monday, September 25 for a local holiday. MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed.

MINIMUM DAY: September 28 is a Minimum Day with 1:35 dismissal to allow for MMS and MHS Back to School Night. Do not arrive prior to 1:35 for pick up.

END OF GRADING PERIOD: The end of grading period 1 is Friday, September 29th. Progress Reports will be available in Aeries the following week.

LIFE ROLLS ON ASSEMBLY: The PTSA is sponsoring an assembly on Thursday, October 5th with MHS alum Jessie Billauer and his Life Rolls on Foundation.

ATHLETICS

1GOAL BASKETBALL CLUB TEAM: Tryouts for the Middle School 1GOAL Basketball Club Team will be held on **September 11th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm** in the MHS Upper Gym. Practices are Mondays and Fridays at Malibu High School. Games are held at CSUN on Sundays. Coach Sean Amos focuses on fundamentals, team building, a winning culture and a competitive environment. Email ONEGOALBASKETBALL@gmail.com with any questions.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

MALIBU LIBRARY SPEAKER SERIES:

- **Deconstructing the Beatles, Wed., September 20, 7 pm, at Malibu City Hall -** The Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* is one of the most influential albums of our time. In Deconstructing Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, Beatles expert Scott Freiman looks at *Sgt. Pepper* from multiple angles, exploring the history behind the music. He conducts a multimedia, educational journey into the creative process of The Beatles performances and recording sessions. You are guaranteed to leave amazed at The Beatles' innovation in the studio and have a newfound appreciation for the talents of Lennon, McCartney, Harrison, and Starr. RSVPs required: <https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/9057040>
- **Dungeons & Dragons, Thurs., September 21, 4 - 6 pm at Malibu Library** Join us to learn and play the popular role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons.

Beginners and experts are welcome. For teens ages 13 – 17. RSVPs required:
<https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/9103046>

PARENTS NEEDED: SMMUSD Facility District Advisory Committees for Malibu (FDAC-M) is looking to fill two vacant seats on its nine-member committee. Parents of current SMMUSD students are encouraged to apply. The purpose of the FDAC is to provide the Board of Education and District staff with the community's perspective regarding the use of bond funds for school sites and construction in conformance with board-established and approved goals and priorities. Application forms are [available HERE](#). Applications are received on an ongoing basis; however, the board facility sub-committees would like to review applications beginning in September and appoint the new members at the Sept. 21, 2023 school board meeting. Visit the [FDAC webpage](#) for more information.

PTSA DIRECTORY, VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERSHIP FORM: Parents (and students) are highly encouraged to participate in our PTSA. Our PTSA is an important resource for parents seeking to stay connected with Malibu High and other parents. Go online to complete this process/form to be included in the PTSA Student/Staff Directory, to volunteer at Malibu High and to join the PTSA. PTSA related questions? Want to find out more or get involved? Please email us at PTSAmalibu@gmail.com. Please join today! Go to www.PTSAmalibu.membershiptoolkit.com

DIVE IN AND DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND! As the primary fundraising entity for Malibu Middle and High Schools, The Shark Fund financially supports the PTSA, Athletic Booster Club and Arts Angels, as well as providing funding for tutoring and the Community Service Liaison for administration. To find out more about The Shark Fund, our team, the budget and how the funds are allocated (and to donate), visit: TheSharkFundMalibu.org today.

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 Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, outdoor activities & more! [Enroll Here](#) | [Inscribirse Aquí](#)

- **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 Wednesdays during lunch. Students do not have to be Club members in order to participate. The first meeting is on 9/27. 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 Thursdays, during lunch, on the school campus. Lunch will be provided every meeting! Email tylerhawkins@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. If your teen was receiving services last academic year and you would like to them to resume, please confirm with us by emailing: wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org
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 (Admin) or 310-241-3675 (Programs)
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