

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – December 9, 2024

ANNUAL TREE LOT - Get in the Holiday Spirit and Support Malibu schools! The Malibu Education Foundation invites you to the Holiday Market & Tree Lot from November 29 – December 15!

- Tree Lot: Open daily—find your perfect tree and help support Malibu schools.
- Holiday Market: Saturdays, 2–6 PM—shop unique gifts and local treasures from community vendors.

COMMUNITY NIGHT – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 5–8:30 PM

Bring the whole family for a fun-filled evening featuring:

- Performances by the MHS Choir and local live music.
- A DJ to keep the energy festive.
- Delicious food from the Creamy Boys Food Truck.
- Ugly Sweater Contest: Show off your holiday spirit for a chance to win a gift certificate to Zinqué!

Proceeds from this event directly benefit the Malibu Education Foundation, funding critical staff and programs at our four public schools. For more details, including event schedules, vendor information, and tree lot updates, visit malibueducationfoundation.org. Thank you for supporting our schools—together, we make a difference!

ATTEND Cirque du Soleil KOOZA AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS! - Special Offer for Malibu Education Foundation Friends & Family - Use this [link](#) to **save up to 20% off** select seats/dates - AND a portion of the ticket price will be donated to Malibu Education Foundation. For VIP Packages & Groups of 10+, contact Sarah.Hudson@cirquedusoleil.com for details + added savings (be sure to mention Malibu Education Foundation.)

BUS PASSES FOR SPRING SEMESTER: Attention all families who ride the bus! You should have received an email from the District regarding service for the Spring 2025 semester. These passes are first come, first served and limited to 65 passes for each route. You **MUST** submit an application along with payment either by check or online.

- The application is available [HERE](#).
- Pay online [HERE](#).

Please refer to the email from the District for more information.

CONTACTS ON FILE / EMERGENCIES: Parents, please update your Emergency Contacts. Remember, **students will only be released to the current contacts on file**. You can add family, neighbors, other students' parents – whoever you would trust to pick up your child in an emergency when you are not close by or able to come yourself right away. **Give yourself flexibility and save on frustration!** If the phones and email are out, there may be no way to let us know it is permissible for your student

to leave with someone else once the emergency has happened. Please log into your Aeries Parent Portal, Click Student Info, Click Contacts and Click ADD.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK: Does your 6th, 7th or 8th grader like photography, writing or graphic design? Come be a part of creating the MMS 24-25 yearbook! For more information email Amber Vanderbilt, parent volunteer in charge of MMS Yearbook, at amber.mmsyearbook@gmail.com or mmsyearbook@smmusd.org

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

WINTER CONCERT SERIES – TWO SHOWS THIS WEEK!: Don't miss the last two shows of our Winter Concert Series:

- Tuesday, December 10th, 7 PM – Band
- Friday, December 13th, 6 PM - Choir

PRN HOLIDAY COFFEE & COOKIES: Come join the SMMUSD Parent Resource Network of Malibu for Holiday Coffee & Cookies. Bring your favorite Holiday treat! The PRN is a community group for all parents of Special Education students, or students with IEPs. This is an opportunity to get together, have coffee, share resources, and support one another! Please join us at MMS on Wednesday, 12/11 9-10am. Please direct any questions to denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com.

CONFLICT N' COCOA! Come to Wednesday Wellness this Wednesday 12/11 during Support time and join your Counselor, Mrs. Whitehouse and Wellness Center Staff to learn more about conflict resolution while sipping cocoa. Learn strategies to manage your emotions, listen to other students' point of views and perspectives, communicate kindly and work together finding compromises and solutions to disagreements. Get a pass from Mrs. Whitehouse in the Counseling office.

POMS: Our next POMS meeting will be on Friday, December 13th at 9:00 am in the Parent Conference Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FINALS WEEK: Winter Finals will take place Wednesday, December 18th through Friday, December 20th (each day is a Minimum Day.) The week's schedule is as follows:

- Monday, December 16th – Regular Schedule – Dismissal at 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 17th - Regular Schedule - Dismissal at 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 18th – Periods 1 and 4 Finals - Dismissal at 1:35 pm
- Thursday, December 19th – Periods 2 and 5 Finals - Dismissal at 1:35 pm

Friday, December 20th – Periods 3 and 6 Finals - Dismissal at 1:35 pm

FINALS SCHEDULE

Period	Time
W, TH, F	
1, 2, 3	8:40 - 10:45
Break	10:45 - 11:15
4, 5, 6	11:20 - 1:35

WINTER BREAK: Malibu Middle School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed starting **Monday, December 23, 2024 through Friday, January 3, 2025.**

SECONDARY PUPIL FREE DAY: Monday, January 6th is a staff work day for our secondary schools. While elementary school students at Webster and MES return on 1/6/23, this is a pupil free day for MMS and MHS students. MMS students return to school **Tuesday, January 7th.**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

THE SMMUSD DAC IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS: The SMMUSD Health & Safety District Advisory Committee (DAC) is looking for additional community members to apply to serve. DAC members serve a three-year term, and meetings occur once per month from 6-8 p.m. The application can be found here:

<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/304/DACappEngSP.pdf>

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

1. Malibu Ed Foundation, Holiday Market & Tree Lot:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48A8AA28A2FBC07-52804870-holiday#/>
2. MUMC, Gingerbread Houses:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BABA922A0F4C52-53412845-gingerbread>
3. LA Regional Foodbank:
https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_type=event&console_id=0338&cat_id=&filter_choice=&cal_choice=&res_choice=&res_code=&source=

Questions related to Community Service can be directed to [Kim Retts](#).

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.

BGCM Enrollment is LIVE!

Visit bgcmalibu.org to learn more and enroll. We provide Malibu families and its community members with a place for their children to be able to participate in developmental programs in a safe and nurturing environment. Members receive positive mentorship, helping them to feel supported and accepted. Our Clubhouses offer fun, educational activities, social emotional learning experiences, and more!

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. To sign up, please email

hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org

Brent's Club on Campus 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 hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org for more info.

The 41st Annual Winterfest Toy Drive is Approaching: Join us on December 14th, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm at Fred L. Williams Elementary School in Oxnard. Enjoy holiday crafts, treats, and entertainment while we help serve over 200 in-need families from the Port Hueneme school district. Donations of wrapped toys (marked with age, gender, item,) gift cards (Visa, Walmart, or Target,) or wrapped toys from Amazon are welcome! Please drop off gifts on December 4th at 30215 Morning View Dr., Malibu CA 90265, Bungalow P4. Please contact Siugen Constanza, Director of Community Affairs and Outreach at siugenconstanza@bgcmalibu.org with questions.

Holiday Drive: BGCM is collecting clothing, toys, small home appliances, and food to be distributed at our Annual Toy Drive. Please ensure that items are in good condition and not expired. 200+ in need Port Hueneme school district students will benefit from your kindness. Items can be donated at any BGCM clubhouse. If you have any questions, please reach out to Violetway@bgcmalibu.org

BGCM & Prince Street Pizza: For your next family night out, please consider supporting BGCM! BGCM & Prince Street Pizza teamed up on a pizza design contest. Order the Roasty Toasty featuring spicy marinara, smoked mozzarella, pepperoni, mushrooms, and olive oil drizzle. The specially-designed pizza is available at Prince Street Pizza (Malibu location only) **20% of the proceeds benefiting BGCM's mental health services and educational initiatives for youth.**

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/>

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:

- Safe spaces after-school
- Mental health services for youth, families and aging population
- Drug and alcohol prevention programming
- Innovative and inspiring opportunities for youth

To learn more, visit thirdspacemalibu.org or follow us on IG/FB: @thirdspacemalibu

*To contact the Club please call 310-457-1400 (Admin) or 310-241-3675 (Programs)
Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here](#)