

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

No School Monday, September 2nd
Labor Day Holiday

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

PARKING/PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES: As we all work to ensure student safety and to keep traffic moving, please remember some of these helpful tips:

- Do not arrive before 2:45 pm for student pick up.
- Always pull as far forward as possible and continue to pull forward as space is made available.
- Your student will walk to you. If the car can move, keep moving.

One major change due to the construction on campus will be that Middle School and High School will be dropping off and picking up in the Upper football lot and from the front of school. There is ***NO student drop off or pick up from the pool parking lot.*** Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during construction.

SMMUSD DISTRICT CALENDAR: The district calendar is available online. Please note the start of school, end of school, and all holidays. Please plan vacations and all absences around the school/district calendar. Daily attendance at school is extremely important. <https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/148/cal2425.pdf>

MMS EVENTS CALENDAR: We are in the process of updating our school calendar with all of the 2024-2025 school year events! These are subject to change. However, it is a great place to look! [See the events on the website, click HERE.](#)

LIBRARY HOURS: The school library is open from 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Thursday and 8:00-3:00 on Friday. After School Tutoring in the library will begin in the library Mon-Thu 3:45-4:45 after Labor Day. Students benefit from having a safe space on campus to study, work, read or simply relax. Mrs. Ryan, Librarian, and Ms. Ledoux, Library Assistant, do a great job of creating a welcoming library full of resources. Please encourage your students to stop by to check out a book, find resource materials, etc.

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

NO SCHOOL: MMS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, September 2nd** for Labor Day. Additionally, there will be no school on October 3rd for a local holiday.

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS COMMITTEE: Interested in being a part of the Malibu Middle School Sports Program? Join the MMS Athletic Committee!

- **WHAT:** Monthly meetings on the first Friday of each month (except for January.) Hear from Athletic Coordinator, Coach Daryl Adams, Committee Member Head Heather Gardner, Principal Greg Schellenberg and Malibu Education Foundation President Karin Al-Hardan.
- **WHEN:** 8:45 am – 10 am, Friday, September 6th (and every first Friday on the month thereafter except January.)
- **WHERE:** MMS Parent Center
- **QUESTIONS:** Email Heather Gardner – heather@heathergardner.com with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MINIMUM DAYS: **September 12 and September 26** are Minimum Days with 1:35 dismissal to allow for MMS and MHS Back to School Nights. Do not arrive prior to 1:35 for pick up.

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY: Students unable to attend Get Your Stuff Day, or students who enrolled after August 15, will be able to take their picture for School ID's, the yearbook, and school pictures to purchase on **Thursday, September 12th**.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Malibu Middle School's Back to School Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 12**. 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/VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Parents of Middle Schoolers (POMS) is a monthly meeting that gives middle school parents an opportunity to meet with Mrs. Whitehouse (MMS counselor) and/or Principal 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 13th 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 immediately following.

PRN COFFEE & DONUTS: The SMMUSD Parent Resource Network of Malibu is hosting a back-to-school meetup for all parents of Special Education students, or students with IEPs. Let's get together, have coffee, share resources, and support one another! Malibu PRN representatives will be there to answer any questions about the Special Ed program, and the IEP process. The PRN meetups, held once a month, are a great way to meet parents who may share your experiences. Please join us in the MMS Library Multimedia Room (Glass Classroom) Wednesday, September 11th, 9 – 10 am. Please direct any questions to denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com.

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 School community. The first SSC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday September 19th at 3:45pm** via zoom and is open to the public.

FIRST PTSA MEETING: Join us for our first PTSA General Meeting on **Thursday, September 26th at 9:00am** in the Parent Center. Parking Available in the lower Morning View lot or the Bus Lane after 8:45. Following the planned PTSA Agenda, school staff will be available to answer any questions and provide a short “parent orientation” as we start the new school year.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

NEW THIS YEAR - MALIBU EDUCATION FOUNDATION: MEF launched as a community-focused organization dedicated to enhancing the educational journey of students in all of our Malibu public schools. Their fundraising supports vital resources, staffing, and enrichment programs, *ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, physically, and creatively. At Malibu Middle School, Malibu Education Foundation founded and funds our Middle School Athletics Program, as well as after school math tutors and musical accompanist for plays and performances, lifting that fundraising need from The Shark Fund.*

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 Middle and other parents. Go online to complete this process/form to be included in the PTSA Student/Staff Directory, to volunteer at Malibu Middle 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

DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND: The Shark Fund is the primary fundraising organization for Malibu Middle and Malibu High Schools, providing funds raised to the

PTSA, Athletic Booster Club and Arts Angels. Your donation helps to make Malibu secondary schools exceptional by supporting the efforts of these three organizations to infuse community, sports and the arts across our schools. Additionally, the Shark Fund directly supports the schools by supplementing staff and staffed programs not provided by the district. The Shark Fund is seeking 100% participation from parents. We request an annual donation of \$2,500 per student, but welcome any amount you are able to contribute. The Shark Fund is a parent volunteer run organization. If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact us at: thesharkfundorg@gmail.com. Please donate today: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/1256>

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!
- **WARRIOR ACADEMY - BRUCE LEE FOUNDATION** This program was designed by Bruce Lee's daughter, Shannon Lee, who shares the wisdom of her father's teachings through weekly martial arts and mindfulness training. Fun, engaging sessions facilitated by professional martial arts instructors will challenge students to grow physically, mentally, and emotionally. This program will take place on Thursdays from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM and is available to 6th and 7th grade members. To learn more, please email violetway@bgcmalibu.org
- **MY ACCESSION SCREENING** - BGCM Wellness Center is partnering on a school-wide screening of the movie My Accession in honor of Suicide Prevention Month. This screening will be held at City Hall on Monday, September 30th, from 5:00 to 7:30 and is intended for participants 13+. Complimentary roundtrip shuttles will be provided. They leave the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center at 4:15 PM.
- **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 5/20. 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 at every meeting! Email hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org for more info.

- **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
 - 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

*To contact the Club please call 310-457-1400 (Admin) or 310-241-3675 (Programs)
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