

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Monday, 9/9 – Regular

Tuesday, 9/10 – 2/4/S/6 Block

Wednesday, 9/11 – 1/3/S/5 Block

Thursday, 9/12 – Minimum Day (Back to School Night)

Friday, 9/13 – 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)

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

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

MEET MALIBU EDUCATION FOUNDATION (MEF) AT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

9/12: MEF, our new community-focused organization dedicated to enhancing the educational journey of students in all of our Malibu public schools. We work in partnership with The Shark Fund and Elementary School PTAs by assuming the funding for vital resources, staffing, and enrichment programs which must endure to ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, physically, and creatively. We

launched with seed funding from the City of Malibu, support from SMMUSD, and we need parent support and donations to continue the effort! Learn more at MalibuEducationFoundation.org or follow us @Malibu.EdFound

PLAN TO DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND DURING GIVING WEEK (9/15-21): Daily Prizes + Exciting Events + School Spirit! The Shark Fund is the primary fundraising organization for both Malibu Middle and Malibu High School, providing grants to the PTSA, Athletic Booster Club and Arts Angels for the great work they do (outside of the staff MEF will now fund). Your donation helps to make MMS + MHS exceptional! Last year, parent donations helped to renovate the weight room with ABC, started an arts endowment with Arts Angels, and launched Safe on PCH week with PTSA. Our goal is 100% participation with a recommended donation of \$2,500 per student. visit thesharkfundmalibu.org for more information or our <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/1256>

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.](#)

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FIRST ARTS ANGELS MEETING: Come join the ARTS ANGELS BOOSTER CLUB for our first general meeting. We will be discussing all the exciting plans we have for the upcoming school year! Thursday, September 19th at 9:00am in the Parent Center. Parking Available in the lower Morning View lot or the Bus Lane after 8:45am.

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:

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

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)
Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here](#)