MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL MONDAY MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

School is closed Monday, September 1st for Labor Day

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

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/cal2526.pdf

MMS EVENTS CALENDAR: We are in the process of updating our school calendar with all of the 2025-2026 school year events! These are subject to change. However, it is a great place to look! <u>See the events on the website, click HERE</u>.

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

NO SCHOOL: MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, September** 1st for Labor Day. Additionally, there will be no school on September 23rd and October 2nd for local holidays.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ADDITIONAL MINIMUM DAYS: September 11 and September 25 are Minimum Days with 1:35 dismissal to allow for MMS and MHS Back to School Nights. Please do not arrive prior to 1:35 for pick up.

FIRST POMS MEETING: Our first Parents of Middle Schoolers meeting will take place on Friday, September 12th at 9:00 am in the Parent Center.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Malibu Middle School's Back to School Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 11.** 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.

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY: Students who did not get their picture taken on August 22nd will be able to take their picture for School ID's, the yearbook, and school pictures to purchase on **Monday, September 15th**.

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 18th at 3:45pm via zoom and is open to the public.

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: The next PTSA general meeting will be on Thursday, September 25th at 9:00 am in the Parent Center (MMS.)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

POINT DUME NATURE PRESERVE VOLUNTEER WEEDING DAY: Get your hands dirty and feel good doing your part! Saturday, Sept. 6 10a-1p to remove invasive plant species by hand pulling. Bring gardening gloves, water, a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen! Sign up with the QR code!



LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSE AT THE MALIBU COMMUNITY POOL: The City of Malibu, Community Services Department, will host an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course on September 6 and 7, 2025. The course includes online class work and in-person water skills training. Participants must be at least 16 years of age. Please visit MalibuCity.org/Register to sign up by Friday, August 29. At the successful completion of the course, students are encouraged to apply for part-time lifeguarding positions at the Malibu Community Pool. *Participation in this course, does not constitute a job offer. Applicants must successfully pass the interview process and

have valid work authorization. Contact <u>Sspiroglou@malibucity.org</u>mailto:Sspiroglou@malibucity.org with any questions.

PRIVATE SHOP WITH VUORI: Join VuoriMalibu at Cross Creek on September 27th starting at 5:30 pm for a private shopping event exclusive to Malibu MS and HS parents. Vuori will offer 20% off every purchase. Enjoy and evening of a sound bath by Veritas Yoga, shopping, and beer tasting and bites from Malibu Brewing Co. Reserve your spot HERE.

SUPPORT MEF - STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS FOR EVERY MALIBU STUDENT:

This year, we are encouraging all families to contribute to both the *Shark Fund* and the Malibu Education Foundation (MEF). Each plays a vital role in enriching your child's education. While the *Shark Fund* supports important school-specific needs like field trips, assemblies, classroom supplies, and enrichment, MEF is the only organization that can fund staff through the school district across all four Malibu schools. Your gift to MEF directly supports instructional aides, visual arts teachers, math tutors, athletic coaches, and other staff who are shaping your child's daily school experience across the full TK–12 pathway.

A \$750 per-student donation to MEF is the suggested amount — but every gift matters.

Learn more and donate at www.MalibuEducationFoundation.org

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

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:

Boys & Girls Club of Malibu is committed to youth and community resilience by providing a supportive and inclusive environment where children can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Through exceptional customer service and impactful after-school programs, we

focus on academic success, character development, and health and wellness, catering to the unique needs of Malibu's youth. By addressing the needs of families, we foster a sense of safety, support, and community engagement, promoting a brighter future for all!

- BGCM Academic Year Enrollment is LIVE! Aug 21-June 11 Visit <u>bgcmalibu.org</u> to learn more and enroll. For grades incoming 6th-12th. BGCM is committed to providing a curriculum that will include a variety of activities geared towards fun, educational, and social experiences. Programs include: Kindness Is Free, Manners Matter, Brent's Club, Managers in Training, Career Launch, social emotional wellness, STEM based projects, arts & crafts, and more!
- BGCM Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings We're thrilled to announce the newly renovated BGCM Wellness Center, located on the campus of Malibu High School! This beautiful new space was thoughtfully designed to support the mental health and wellness of Malibu students, SMMUSD faculty and staff, parents and families, and more. We continue to provide and expand access to essential resources, offering a welcoming environment where wellness, connection, and care come first. The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely and also in-person to provide no-cost mental health counseling and social support services to all in the community. Visit https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/ to learn more or to request services for you/your teen.
- **BGCM Disaster Recovery Services** Starting Wednesday, August 27th, the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is supporting Palisades Fire survivors with long-term recovery services by *appointment only*. Our Care Coordination Team is here for you. Moving forward, think of us as your partners through this journey, we are here to support this process.
 - o Here's How We Can Help:
 - One-on-one guidance: You'll be paired with a dedicated Care Coordinator
 - <u>Personalized recovery planning</u>: Together, we'll identify what you need most right now and ongoing
 - Resource connection: We'll help you access the latest available support
 - Advocacy: We're here to make sure you're not navigating this alone

To schedule or update an appointment, please email <u>drc@bgcmalibu.org</u>. *Please expect to hear from someone on our team within 2-5 business days*.

• FIRST EVER Kids Triathlon at the Zuma Beach Triathlon, Saturday Sept 13 - A unique opportunity for kids to be introduced to the sport of Triathlon on one of the best courses in the country with the option for young athletes to complete the course alongside a parent! For ages 9-14 with three divisions available. Click HERE for more info. Learn more and register at zumabeachtriathlon.org. BGCM is proud to be an official charity partner of the Zuma Beach Triathlon. Additionally, we're looking for volunteers to join us at the triathlon the weekend of Saturday, September 13th and Sunday, September 14th. If you're available, we'd love to have you join us! Sign up for a shift to volunteer here: https://forms.gle/h5ELGEx5qYabnQHc9