

# MALIBU HIGH: MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, October 11, 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

*Dear Malibu High Families,*

*One of the things I have noted as we have returned to our normal school experience is that many students are viewing “school” just as “schoolwork.” While that may have been true for the 12 months we were virtual I think it is important to retrain our students that school is far more than schoolwork: it is a place, a time, an idea and **all of it should be respected**.*

*School is a place, our buildings and our campus. It is a place that brings pride to our staff, our current students, our alumni and really our entire community. The physical plant is a result of investment by the community to ensure our students have classrooms and facilities where learning and extracurriculars including athletics can occur in a meaningful way. The place of school should be respected.*

*School is a time. Our school day currently starts at 8:30 and ends at 3:35. The day is broken up into class periods with start and end times. Teachers and students have a lot to accomplish in a short amount of time. The time of school should be respected with appointments and absences scheduled around the school calendar and students arriving to each class on time.*

*School is an idea. While we work to create a relaxed and welcoming class environment, learning is at the heart of what we do. As a professional learning community, students should act differently at school than they do at the beach, in your backyard, or in their bedroom. Just as one acts differently in the mall than the hospital or differently in the airport than they do the library or park. Each place has its own purpose, values, and norms as do schools. While a large part of school is social, it can't be the only part. We need students to respect teachers who have planned and prepared for the day, we need students who ask questions, respond to questions, and participate appropriately following the design of the task. We need students who read, write, listen, create, and actively do with the desire to think, know and be able to do at levels beyond that which they can do today. The idea of school, learning, must be respected.*

*Go Sharks,*

*Patrick Miller, Principal*

## SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**PROGRESS REPORTS:** Hard copy progress reports and report cards will no longer be mailed home. A PDF will be available to access and download/print in your Aeries Parent Portal. This [video](#) shows how parents can access student progress reports on the parent portal. Have not

set up your Aeries Parent Portal? Click [HERE](#) to link to a video presentation on how students can access the Aeries Portal and check their grades.

**FIRST CHOIR CABARET THIS FRIDAY:** Come enjoy Disney music favorites on the grass in the new quad. The first choir concert of the year will take place on **Friday, October 15th at 5:30pm.**

**PARENTING CIRCLE:** Are you a parent needing support for helping your child with behavior/academic improvement, learning parenting styles that improve your relationship with your child, and being the best version of yourself around your child? The Boys & Girls Club Wellness Center is offering a weekly Parenting Circle starting October 14 (Thursdays 7-8pm) to parents with children of all ages. Email [wellnessinfo@bcgmalibu.org](mailto:wellnessinfo@bcgmalibu.org) to learn more and to register.

**ABC NEEDS YOU!:** The MHS Athletic Booster Club needs a new President or Co-Presidents! Johanna Muller, the current President, has moved out of state. She will continue to fill the role through October 31<sup>st</sup> and will be involved in helping a new President transition into the role. ABC needs your help! Without this position filled, it cannot exist as an organization. Please consider serving so ABC can continue to effectively support athletics at MHS!

**NEW SHARK WEAR AND COASTLINE WEAR IS HERE!** The profits from every item go directly to funding athletics at MHS. Place your order at [www.malibusharksabc.com](http://www.malibusharksabc.com) and you can pick it up in the Parent Center every Friday between drop off and 10am. If you need other arrangements you can contact the ABC Treasurer, Lena Jemelian, via email at [lenajemelian@gmail.com](mailto:lenajemelian@gmail.com) or via text at (310)951-7308 to discuss options for pick up.

**SMMUSD PROJECT GREEN CHALLENGE:** Students are encouraged to sign up and participate in this month-long sustainability challenge throughout October. Complete daily assignments and win prizes and awards from the official international Project Green Challenge and/or from SMMUSD. Details are available [HERE](#).

**GRADUATION ESSENTIALS (SENIORS):** ATTENTION CLASS OF 2022 SENIORS! Order your graduation essentials NOW and receive the early bird special! Caps, gowns, tassels, and all things graduation swag including graduation announcements, thank-you cards, and C/O 2022 jewelry can be ordered through Jostens at Jostens.com. If you order by October 24, you will receive discounted pricing on your purchase!

**AP EXAM REGISTRATION:** Attention AP students - please make sure you have joined your teacher's AP Classroom section on [myap.collegeboard.org](http://myap.collegeboard.org). This is how students register for their AP exams. You will need your AP class join code. You can get the join code from your AP teacher or Ms. Samsel. Students who do not register for MyAP will not have an AP exam ordered for them. Once you are registered through MyAP, please pay AP exam fees through the MHS student store in person or online here: [https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/malibu\\_high\\_school\\_o/index.php?l=product\\_list&c=67](https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/malibu_high_school_o/index.php?l=product_list&c=67) If you are in need of financial assistance or have any questions about AP exams please contact Ms. Samsel. If you need help logging into your MHS student store account, please contact Ms. Slawter.

**FREE PRACTICE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EXAMS:** Open to ALL students grade 9-11: Students interested in taking a practice SAT or ACT exam? Students are encouraged to take a practice SAT or ACT exam to determine which exam will be best to take for the college

admissions process. We have partnered with Revolution Prep this year to offer this practice exam for FREE on November 13th. Students and parents interested in hearing about the PSAT can also register to attend a FREE workshop. During this workshop, a rep from Revolution Prep will cover. Students can sign up for the practice SAT/ACT and PSAT information workshop here: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/271/>

**HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK: Senior Families!** Please go to this link to answer all your questions on image submittal for the yearbook. <https://spark.adobe.com/page/HfQRw4dhII02q/>  
**High School Families!** Please buy your child's yearbook now for the best pricing!  
<http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHS/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

**TRAFFIC REMINDERS:** Please help avoid a tragedy by driving safely in our school zone and obeying all traffic laws. Put your phone away, stay observant, and keep an eye out for our students, crossing guards, and school staff. Do not double park parking traffic lanes and do not make illegal U turns. To turn back to PCH, use the upper football field lot or pool lot for pick up, or turn around in the JCES traffic loop. **DROP OFF/PICK UP LOCATIONS:**

- Upper Football Field Lot: Middle School Student Pick Up and Drop Off
- Pool Lot/Middle Driveway: High School Student Pick Up and Drop Off, Middle School Alternate Pick Up
- Morning View Drive Lane: BUS DROP OFF ONLY, Alternate MHS/MMS Pick Up
- Morning View Lots: BUS PICK UP ONLY

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** - Any high school girl interested in playing basketball, see Mr. Meyer in room #605. The season starts soon!

## **THIS WEEK AT MALIBU HIGH:**

**PSAT:** All students in grades 9-11 will take the PSAT on **Wednesday October 13**. The PSAT measures critical reading, writing, and math problem-solving learned in high school. This is a great tool for students considering college and allows students a chance to practice for the SAT exam. The PSAT is free for all students and they do not need to register. They will just need to arrive to school on time and bring their #2 Pencils and calculator on test day. Students will be assigned to a MHS teacher's classroom for testing. Testing classroom assignments will be posted for students a week before test day. Any questions about the PSAT can be directed to Ms. Samsel.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING WEBPAGE IS ACTIVE!** Our new webpage is ready - all current opportunities, calendar, how to report the hours in one place! Click on the link below to learn more about it. Students, join the forum held on campus on **Wednesday October 13th, during lunch time and get signed-up!** **New webpage at:**  
<https://spark.adobe.com/page/eIYrqZfH5z8W6/>

**CHOIR CABARET:** The first choir concert of the year is coming up! Disney Cabaret will be on **Friday, October 15th** at 5:30pm on the grass in the new quad. Singers need to be there at 4:00pm for a mic check and run-through. Bring your blankets and beach chairs and come enjoy some Disney music favorites with us!

**REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY:** The deadline for Reflection Projects has been extended to Friday, October 15th. It is not too late to start. This year's theme, "I Will Change the World By...", and all MMS/MHS Student are encouraged to express their answer in the form of dance, film, literature, music, photography or visual arts. For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at [PTA.org/Reflections/Awards](http://PTA.org/Reflections/Awards). Entry forms can be picked up at the Library. Projects can be submitted in the Library or digitally to [MalibuHighReflections@gmail.com](mailto:MalibuHighReflections@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact the Reflections chair with any questions at this email as well.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**FALL CSF/CJSF DRIVE** – All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders, the Fall CSF/CJSF Drive is the **week of October 18 - 22**. Counselors will be set up at a table during lunchtime near the cafeteria every day during that week. Fill out an application (available at the table) and bring your \$5 membership fee. Qualification is based on your JUNE grades from last semester. If you have earned mostly A's and B's, counselors will check your transcript and you will be automatically approved!

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The **UCLA BLOOD DRIVE** will be on campus on **Tuesday, October 19th from 9 am to 2 pm**. Students 16 years or older are eligible to donate blood. All 16 years old must get a parent consent form and must present it at the day of blood drive. Sign up with an ASB representative or come to the ASB table during lunch on Tuesday 10/5 or Thursday 10/7 to sign up. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Martinez.

**COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS:** Our next Coffee with the Counselors, a monthly meeting designed for high school parents to connect and network while also hearing important information from our counselors and admin team, is **Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**. Zoom link and speaker info coming soon!

**SAFETY DRILL:** Our first Safety Drill of the year will take place on **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. This will be a District wide event covering Earthquake/Evacuation procedures.

**NEXT SSC MEETING:** The next School Site Council meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 pm**. The focus will be on the strategies and actions in our annual School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). It will be a joint meeting with the School Leadership Team (SLT). An agenda and zoom link will be posted on the school website prior to the meeting.

**CULTURE DAY:** Our World Language classes will celebrate Culture Day on **Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Students have been researching various cultural products and practices of the Spanish speaking and French speaking population. At this time, students will present to other student/class visitors. Depending on nurse approval, parents will also be invited to join us and hear what our students have learned, stay tuned.

**NEXT PTSA MEETING:** Join the Malibu Middle and High School PTSA on **Thursday, October 28th at 9am** for an update on the school happenings followed by our guest speaker Arica

Ohanisian who will talk about “A well-rounded approach to college funding - Because it takes more than good grades.” She will discuss how to pay for college, how much a four-year degree costs today— and what it may cost tomorrow, available options parents have when building a college funding plan, and resources you can turn to for more information and assistance.

Join the Zoom Meeting:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86885236903?pwd=bzh4dDFCSER2REZRcUxSZ1BydXZsZz09>
- Meeting ID: 868 8523 6903
- Passcode: PTSA

**HALLOWEEN GUIDANCE:** All students are encouraged to dress up on **Friday, October 29**. We encourage students to have fun and be creative. However, our expectations that students be safe, be respectful and be responsible must also be adhered to. Therefore, students must wear costumes that adhere to the dress code (Nothing defamatory, offensive, degrading, unduly revealing or inappropriate). Students are not allowed to wear masks or face coverings of any kind (IE: blue man suit). Face paint is allowed. No toy weapons or props that may be used as weapons are allowed. Students not dressed appropriately may be provided with loaner clothing, have parents bring appropriate clothing, or face other appropriate disciplinary action.

**COFFEE HOUSE – HALLOWEEN STYLE!** Our first Coffee House will take place on **Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Library. Coffee and snacks will be available for purchase. Come out and get ready for Halloween!

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

**HAVE A LIBRARY CARD?** Your card gives you access to their digital resources.

- Don't have a Library card? Apply for one digitally here: <https://catalog.lacountylibrary.org/custom/web/registration/index.html>
- LA County Library Homework Resources: <https://lacountylibrary.org/homework/>
- LA County Library Resources for Parents & Students: <https://lacountylibrary.org/parents-students/>

## THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB MALIBU (BGCM):

*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:*

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We are seeking volunteers for the Malibu Half Marathon & 5K! November 13-14. Email [ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org)
- **Run Malibu Nov 13-14. Receive 20% OFF with code BGCM21MAL20.** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu continues to partner with the Malibu Half Marathon, 5K, and Kids' Fun Run taking place Nov 13 & 14! Grab your family & head to Zuma Beach for a fantastic community event bringing together anyone who loves to walk, run, or is seeking

a new challenge and a positive experience for mind & body! Be sure to purchase a 'Charity Ticket' [here](#).

- **BGCM Programs Academic Year 2021-2022 ENROLL NOW at [BGCMALIBU.ORG](http://BGCMALIBU.ORG)** Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, arts & crafts, outdoor activities & more.
- **Totally Tubular Tuesday** is a free lunchtime activity hosted by BGCM every other Tuesday starting on 9/21. Join us to play fun games like 4-Square and Dodgeball and win exciting prizes, including gift cards! No Boys & Girls Club membership is required. Just bring your lunch and check-in with BGCM staff to enter your name for prize eligibility. For any questions, activity locations, and to receive the full list of Totally Tubular Tuesday Activities please email: [ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org)
- **Mental Health Q&A Hosted by BGCM Wellness Center** Weekly on Wednesdays, this informal Q & A runs during lunch. BGCM Wellness Mental Health staff will be available to students between the grassy field and tables to answer any mental health-related questions or inquiries about requesting services or support, available at no cost to students & families! Encourage your teen to text their questions to (424) 209-4907 or stop by on Wednesday to submit their questions. All questions will be kept anonymous. Staff will post the questions and answers to this link by Friday evening weekly: <https://padlet.com/peggyzherdev/MentalHealthQandA>.
- **Leaders in Training (MHS) & Torch Club (MMS)** is a leadership program that focuses on mentorship, community service, and personal development. This peer-led leadership group is passionate about the well-being of the environment and respect for our planet! Participants are eligible for community service learning hours and will have access to the latest opportunities for service projects, scholarship opportunities, and more. Email [ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org) for more info.
- **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. Email [tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org](mailto: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 child!

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

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