

MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, September 13, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Malibu High Families,

We are a few weeks into the school year and we start shifting from getting into the routines to really doing the work. It is not uncommon this time of the year, in person, to see your students a little more tired or complaining of a little more of the struggle of school. During these moments, give encouragement and remind your student that learning is a process and without struggle there would not be growth. It is also a good chance to remind students of our habits for success.

- Attend school each and every day.*
- Be on-time and ready to learn, each and every day, each and every period.*
- Do all that is asked of you in class.*
- Do all that is asked of you outside of class.*
- Seek help. Know at least one adult who will help you.*
- Abide by all school, district and state rules.*

I would also emphasize the importance of staying organized and the importance of learning/knowing how they study best. A daily routine that includes a short time of “studying” (not “doing homework”) in the students preferred way will pay off.

Additionally, our after-school library/tutoring program has started! Thanks to your support of The Shark Fund, a credentialed teacher, often a math teacher, is available in the library from 3:45-4:45 to provide homework help. In addition, all students continue to have access to Paper, a 24/7 online/app based tutoring service for all subject areas. Students can access Paper via Clever or by downloading the app and using their smmk12 credentials. The Boys and Girls Club also offers homework help with Peppertine tutors and the city of Malibu library has a number of resources including online homework help. Students are also encouraged to get help/re-teaching/feedback directly from teachers during the Support Period and by appointment.

Go Sharks,

Patrick Miller, Principal

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

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- Monday, September 13: Regular Periods 1-6 Day

- Tuesday, September 14: BLOCK 2/4/6/S DAY
- Wednesday, September 15: BLOCK 1/3/5/S DAY
- Thursday, September 16: No School (Local Holiday)
- Friday, September 17: Minimum Day Schedule

SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK:

- Monday, September 20: Regular Periods 1-6 Day
- Tuesday, September 21: BLOCK 2/4/6/S DAY
- Wednesday, September 22: BLOCK 1/3/5/S DAY
- Thursday, September 23: Minimum Day Schedule (MHS B2SN)
- Friday, September 24: Minimum Day Schedule

Please do not arrive to pick up before 3:35 on normal dismissal days, and please do not arrive before 1:35 to pick up on early dismissal days. Your students will be in class until those times.

SMMUSD HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- [SMMUSD INFORMATION](#)
- [SMMUSD SAFETY PLAN](#)
- [DAILY HEALTH SCREENING](#)
- [TESTING REGISTRATION](#)
- [LADPH ATHLETICS PROTOCOLS](#)
- [LADPH UPDATES FOR PARENTS](#)

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

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:

- What is the PSAT/NMSQT, and why is it challenging?
- Introduction to core strategies.
- Tips to increase your score.
- Next steps

Students can sign up for the practice SAT/ACT and PSAT information workshop here: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/271/>

DANCE WORKSHOP: Attention all dancers and anyone who has ever wanted to dance! Ms. Smith will be hosting a dance workshop on Wednesday's from 3:45 - 5ish. To begin with, we will be using the choir room. The focus will be on a warm up with some strength training and then a

jazz or contemporary combination. Our first combination will be a contemporary to Ingrid Michaelson's Ghost. Stop by and see Ms. Smith in room 622 if you have any questions or email her at c.smith@smmusd.org. The first class will be on Wednesday, September 22. Check the class google classrooms for any updates. Let's Dance!

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/HfQRw4dhIIO2q/>
High School Families! Please buy your child's yearbook now for the best pricing!
<http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHS/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

SORA (FREE ONLINE LIBRARY): SORA is no longer a Clever accessible application. Over the summer, the district switched to a direct Google or smmk12 login format. Students can just go to the web page for the SORA login, choose their school and log on with their smmk12 credentials. Here is the link where you log in: <https://soraapp.com/welcome>

DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND - Support Our Kids Today!: Our mission is simple: "To ensure that Malibu High School and Middle School remain two of the finest public schools in the nation through our comprehensive fundraising." **Donate Today to the Shark Fund**

JOIN THE MMS/MHS PTSA: The Malibu Middle and Malibu High School PTSA provides invaluable classroom support and helps fund much needed academic-related programs. All parents and students are welcomed and encouraged to become PTSA members. **Go to: malibuhptsamembershiptoolkit.com.** Any PTSA membership-related questions, please contact Stacey Harper at malibustacey310@gmail.com

LIBRARY HOURS: The school library is open from **7:30am-4:00pm, Monday-Thursday and 7:30-1:30 on Friday**. Students benefit from having a safe space on campus to study, work, read or simply relax. Mrs. Ryan, Librarian, and Mr. Crilley, 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 MALIBU HIGH:

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Ballots will be sent to parents, students, and staff the week of September 13th to select representatives on the school site council. Please check your email, complete the ballot, and submit before Friday, September 17th at 4:00pm.

COVID SCREENING TESTING: Our next schedule screening testing will be **Tuesday, September 14th**.

NO SCHOOL: MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Thursday, September 16** for a local holiday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HOMECOMING WEEK: ASB is planning for a Spirit Week the week of September 20th. We will likely have a special schedule with food trucks on Wednesday, 9/22 and an outdoor pep rally on football field on 9/24. The homecoming football game and activities will be Friday night, 9/24 and the outdoor homecoming dance on 9/25. More info to come soon from ASB!

MINIMUM DAY: Thursday, September 23 is a Minimum Day, students dismissed at 1:35.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Malibu High School's Back to School Night will once again be virtual. A message will be sent home including links to videos from all teachers with information specific to each class on **Thursday, September 23rd**. September 23 will be Minimum Day with Dismissal at 1:35.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS: Parents of all grade levels, join us via Zoom at **9:00 am** for coffee, updates, and guest speakers around college admissions, health and wellness. The next date is **September 29th**.

- Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/81361859347?pwd=eENNLzN6eDhwWDdKOXVQMDJwbFc3Zz09>
- Meeting ID: 813 6185 9347
- Passcode: Coffee

FRESHMAN WELCOME: All grade 9 students are invited to meet their high school counselors, learn more about programs coordinated by our counseling office, and pick up a slice of pizza (sponsored by our PTSA) on **Thursday, September 30th**.

END OF GRADING PERIOD 1: The end of the first grading period is **Friday, October 1st**. Progress reports will be mailed home the following week. These progress reports are intended to be just that, progress reports. Please keep in mind that being the first grading period, there are fewer assignments, so one poor grade or one poor missing assignment can have more of an overall impact than it will at the end of the semester. Use this first 6 week period to check in with your student. Are they staying organized, are they giving their best effort, have the understood each teacher/class expectations? But also keep in mind, there are still 12 weeks left to go/improve in the fall semester. In high school, the only grade that matters is the grade on the transcript at the end of the semester.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

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:

- **BGCM Programs Academic Year 2021-2022 ENROLL NOW** at BGCMALIBU.ORG Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, arts & crafts, outdoor activities & more.
- **Empowered Voices, [A NEW Fall 2021 MHS Elective for Credit](#)** (Grades 9th-12th). In partnership with SMMUSD, a social emotional learning course through a design thinking methodology and project based learning format. Students will gain college readiness

skills and use creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills to create solutions for individual or community challenges. Course topics include: Cultivating Self-Confidence with DEI, Responding to Crisis, Social Justice, and Community Impact. Contact Mrs. Ryan or school counselor to register. [Learn More About Empowered Voices Here](#)

- **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 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 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 For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here!](#)*