

MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, September 20, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School Families,

MMS and MHS continue to be safe schools. As we have started the 21-22 school year, 99% or 99.9% of our students are respecting school, showing up each day and being respectful, responsible, and safe.

Unfortunately, we regret to inform you that this past week, we have had multiple instances of graffiti, destruction, and theft to our school buildings, in particular, the restrooms. Likely, these unacceptable actions are the result of an individual or a very small group of students. This behavior is consistent with a Tik Tok trend affecting schools across the nation. See more here: <https://mashable.com/article/tiktok-devious-lick-trend-school>

We are writing to share this upsetting information with you and seek your and your students help in bringing this behavior to an end. We ask that you please:

- Have a conversation with your child about the importance of sharing information with school staff if they are aware of who may be doing this.*
- If your child is active on social media, help monitor their use and report any videos of destruction of school property to us immediately.*
- Ensure your child is not bringing any sharpie or paint marker to school and that no school items are being brought home by including a check of their backpack daily as part of your routine.*
- Please contact school administration immediately if you have any actionable information.*

We take this inappropriate behavior very seriously and will discipline as needed. Given the cost of the vandalism, a police report has been filed with Lost Hills Sheriff's Station.

Every time our students don't meet our expectations it is upsetting and frustrating. However, this time we are saddened that any of our students would cause destruction to our new buildings. Our entire community has spent many years and hundreds of hours helping see these new buildings completed and opened for our students. We also believe that all students should have access to clean restrooms, especially during the ongoing pandemic. Our custodians and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure restrooms are cleaned and stocked and this behavior is making this hard to do.

We hope that we can work together to make sure our students take pride in their school and treat our spaces with care and respect.

Thank you,

Melisa Andino, MMS Principal

Patrick Miller, MHS Principal

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

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- 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](#)

LINTELIO/COMPANY NURSE: We encourage students and/or parents of students 12-18 years of age to upload student proof of COVID vaccination into the health screening link. This is completely **voluntary**, but it would be nice for us to be able to run reports of students who have received the Covid vaccination for contact tracing purposes.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

REFLECTION ART PROGRAM OPEN TO ALL MHS/MMS STUDENTS: Do you enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year's theme, "**I Will Change the World By...**," calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts. Pick up submission guidelines and an entry form today at the Library and return by Friday, October 8th. For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at PTA.org/Reflections/Awards.

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

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU HIGH:

HOMECOMING WEEK: ASB Spirit Week, Hollywood Week, is this week of September 20th.

- **Monday 9/20: Hollywood Blvd-** Dress in classic tourist attire.
- **Tuesday 9/21: Universal Way-** Dress as any movie or tv show character.
- **Wednesday 9/22: Sunset Blvd-** Wear your coolest 60's and 70's gear.
- **Thursday 9/23: Melrose Ave.-** Dress as if you are either the one hiding from the paparazzi or the one shooting the photos.

- **Friday 9/24: Morning View Dr.-** Class colors dress-up (Seniors: Black, Juniors: White, Sophomores: Grey, and Freshmen: Teal/Blue). We will have a special schedule and an outdoor pep rally on the football field on 9/24.

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: Please be advised that the regular Board of Education meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.** Please note that this meeting will follow Format B. To view the agenda and read more about the specific board meeting formats, go to: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977> Only the board members and exec cabinet will be in-person in the board room; members of the public and all other staff can attend the meeting via Zoom. The Zoom information is at the top of the agenda.

HOMECOMING FOOD TRUCK LUNCH: We will have a special schedule with food trucks on campus on Wednesday, 9/22. Students have the option of purchasing lunch, bring cash, from the food trucks during lunch time.

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.

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME: The homecoming football game and activities will be Friday night, 9/24 at 6:30pm. Please join us for this community event and cheer on our Sharks!

ATTENDANCE RECOVERY DAY: Attendance is an essential component to a student's academic success. Often, the number of days that students are absent accumulate without parents realizing how many days have been missed. As part of our district wide Attendance Recovery Day, on **September 24th**, SMMUSD counseling interns will be making phone calls home to parents whose children had chronic attendance issues last year and so far this year in fall 2021. These phone calls are intended to provide support and resources to help improve school attendance.

HOMECOMING DANCE: The homecoming dance is **on 9/25 from 6:30-9:30** at CURE MedSpa. The homecoming dance is for current MHS students only, no guest passes. Homecoming tickets for the dance will go on sale starting **Tuesday, September 21st**, in front of the student store.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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**. Come to the covered lunch area (cafeteria) on **Thursday, September 30 at the beginning of lunch** for a fun "welcome to high school" pizza & cookies lunch hosted by your counselors! Be inspired to have a great 4 years of high school while enjoying a yummy lunch. See you there!

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 they 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:

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/>

2021-22 L.A. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL: The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council is a unique opportunity for high school students throughout L.A. County to share feedback, experiences, and perspectives on a variety of issues affecting schools and communities. Elevating student voices is critical to shaping conversations about education and youth development. Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021. All students attending an L.A. County public high school (Grade 9-12) are eligible to apply. Apply [HERE](#).

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!](#)*