

MONDAY MESSAGE

Monday, September 27, 2021

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.

AERIES PORTAL: Click [HERE](#) to link to a video presentation on how students can access the Aeries Portal and check their grades:

AP EXAM REGISTRATION: Attention AP students - please make sure you have joined your teacher's AP Classroom section on 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 a 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 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:

- 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/HfQRw4dhII02q/>
High School Families! Please buy your child's yearbook now for the best pricing!
<http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHS/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

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**

HEALTH OFFICE REMINDER: The use of crutches, casts, splints, etc. at school require a written order from the doctor that includes the diagnosis & length of time the orthopedic device is needed. This is in order to provide use of the Elevator, provide a PE excuse etc. Please bring the note at the beginning of the school day to the Health Office.

SUPPORT OUR ATHLETICS TEAMS!: We hope you will come out and cheer on our Sharks! This fall we have teams in (Boys): Football, Water Polo, Cross Country and (Girls): Tennis, Volleyball, Cross Country. The schedules can be found at: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4189>

THIS WEEK AT MALIBU HIGH:

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS: Our First Coffee with Counselors will take place on Wednesday, September 29th at 9:00 am via Zoom. Counselors and admin will give updates and our Guest speaker will be **Gary Clark, Director of Undergraduate Admission at UCLA**. Gary will speak on the UCs going test blind and admissions trends at UCLA.

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!

SSC MEETING: This Thursday, **September 30th at 3:45** is our first School Site Council Meeting with our new council. Agenda and zoom link can be found at:
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/665>

FOOTBALL GAME: We had a great turnout at last week's Homecoming game. Join us for another game this Thursday, September 30th under the lights at 6:30pm vs. Santa Clara. The entire schedule can be found at: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4189>

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

BLOOD DRIVE: On **Tuesday, October 19th**, the UCLA Blood Drive will return to MHS. Details to follow.

SAFETY DRILL: Our first Safety Drill of the year will take place on **Thursday, October 21st**. 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 21st 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.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH: September is College Savings Month. Learn more about ScholarShare 529 – California's state-sponsored 529 college savings plan by clicking [HERE](#).

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
- **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** 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
- **Mental Health Q&A Hosted by BGCM Wellness Center** Beginning Sept 22, and running weekly on Wednesdays, this informal Q & A will run during school lunch hours for MMS and MHS. BGCM professional Wellness staff will be present on the school campus, between the grassy field and tables, to answer any mental health-related questions or inquiries related to requesting services or support. (Available at no cost to students & families!). Encourage your child to text their questions to (424) 209-4907. Questions will be posted anonymously via this link: <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 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!](#)

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.