

# MONDAY MESSAGE

## Monday, August 23, 2021

### **SMMUSD HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

**SMMUSD SAFETY PLAN:** The updated SMMUSD safety plan has been updated on the district website as of August 12, 2021: [SMMUSD Safety Plan Fall 2021](#). For all SMMUSD Coronavirus information and messages, please visit: <https://www.smmusd.org/coronavirus>

**HEALTH SCREENING:** If you haven't already downloaded the Health Screening App, you can do it here: <https://smmusdStudentcovidscreen.lintelio.com> The "Green Screen" is required by every household, each morning at drop off. Please complete prior to coming to school to speed up the drop off/screening process. Follow the [Lintelio Health Screening Link Instructions](#) to register so that you can receive a link to screen at 5am every morning.

**TESTING INFORMATION:** Dr. Drati recently shared information regarding the student testing program. Please refer to [that message for additional information](#).

**ATHLETICS:** The County of Los Angeles Public Health Department is expected to release updated protocols for youth sports later today. Our athletes, coaches, and spectators will be expected to follow these protocols.

### **SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

**BELL SCHEDULE:** This week is our first full week of instruction. Monday and Tuesday will be our traditional 6 period day Bell Schedule. Wednesday and Thursday will be Block Days and Friday our Minimum Day. We are all learning and adjusting to the new Bell Schedule. You can see period by period times here: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/663>.

**PARKING/PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES:** Please review [Parking, Pick Up and Drop Off procedures](#). With the ongoing construction and with health screenings still being conducted, your patience and cooperation is appreciated. All high school students must be dropped off at the pool lot, near the pool. Student drivers must park in their assigned spot in the upper football (grade 12) or pool lot (grades 10-11). Pick Up in the pool lot or in the front of the school along Morning View.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:** Schedules were distributed to all students on the first day of school. Students wanting to request a schedule change must fill out a green schedule change request form (available in the Administration Office.) Counselor appointments have begun, starting with Seniors, with Juniors to follow, then Sophomores and Freshman.

**NUTRITION SERVICES:** Students in SMMUSD may continue to receive free meals, regardless of qualification for the free and reduced lunch program, thanks to an extension of the USDA free summer meal program. For more information, visit: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4083>.

**TRANSPORTATION/BUS PASSES:** [Applications for new riders](#). To learn more, click [HERE](#). Due to the changes to the school schedule, there has been an adjustment to the “Late Bus” schedule. Departure time is now 5:15 pm, Monday through Thursday.

**AERIES:** We are no longer using Illuminate as our Student Information System. Aeries is our new Student Information System. At this time, students and parents do not have the ability to create their accounts to access parent and student portals to track gradebooks and attendance. In the next couple of weeks, students will receive an email to their smmk12 account and parents will receive an email to the account we have on file to create these portal accounts. More info to come soon!

**SMMK12 ACCOUNT CHALLENGES:** With the shift from Illuminate to Aeries, there have been issues with students accessing their Gmail accounts. Our IT staff is working to resolve these log-in issues as quickly as possible. Any student that is returning to SMMUSD (re-enrolling) or have 2 different accounts need to contact [mhssupport@smmusd.org](mailto:mhssupport@smmusd.org) to be assisted in getting the info corrected or resetting the password. Please include full name, student ID and grade.

**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.

**AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY/TUTORING:** Our after-school library/tutoring program will begin on **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. A credentialed teacher, often a math teacher, will be 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 Pepperdine 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.

#### **QUESTIONS ABOUT:**

Student Store: [msslawter@smmusd.org](mailto:msslawter@smmusd.org)

Textbooks: [s.ryan@smmusd.org](mailto:s.ryan@smmusd.org) and [acrilley@smmusd.org](mailto:acrilley@smmusd.org)

Schedule Changes (Last Name A-K): [msamsel@smmusd.org](mailto:msamsel@smmusd.org)

Schedule Changes (Last Name L-Z): [kdahm@smmusd.org](mailto:kdahm@smmusd.org)

Copy of Schedule: [ataylor@smmusd.org](mailto:ataylor@smmusd.org)

Registration Packet: [ataylor@smmusd.org](mailto:ataylor@smmusd.org)

Enrollment: [bsoloway@smmusd.org](mailto:bsoloway@smmusd.org)

General Questions: [bpapp@smmusd.org](mailto:bpapp@smmusd.org)

Athletics: [cneier@smmusd.org](mailto:cneier@smmusd.org)

Technical Support: [mhssupport@smmusd.org](mailto:mhssupport@smmusd.org)

School Calendar: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/36>

SMMUSD District Calendar: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/148>

MHS Bell Schedule: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/663>

**INFORMATION:** For the most up-to-date information, please visit our school website at [www.malibu.smmusd.org](http://www.malibu.smmusd.org) and follow us on Twitter [@malibuprincipal](https://twitter.com/malibuprincipal)

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

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:** The SMMUSD Board of Education will hold a special board meeting on **Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm**. The special board meeting agenda for 8/23 has been published online and will focus on the weekly required testing program.

**FALL ATHLETICS PARENT MEETING:** Please join Athletic Director Chris Neier via Zoom for the Fall Athletics Parent Meeting tonight, **Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm**, where he will share critical information for the upcoming seasons of Girls' Volleyball, Girls' Tennis, Football, Boys' Water Polo, and Cross Country. Zoom link:

<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/92330438793?pwd=NFJRTWI1QXhOdVZ4TGZid3lCUXcwdz09>

**THINK YOU MIGHT WANT TO PLAY GIRLS' BASKETBALL?:** Any girl who wants to play on the MHS Girls Basketball team should attend a meeting to get information about the season. Even if she is currently playing a fall sport, (i.e. volleyball, tennis, cross country, water polo) she should still attend. The meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, during lunch** in room #605. Contact Coach Meyer at [ameyer@smmusd.org](mailto:ameyer@smmusd.org) or extension 74305 if you have any questions.

**HS THEATRE FALL PRODUCTION:** All High School students interested in participating in the HS Theatre's Fall Production (acting and crew), there will be a brief informational meeting immediately after school **3:35-4:00 on WEDNESDAY, 8/25 in Room P5** (corner portable on the blacktop). If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Plaia.

**FIRST PTSA GENERAL MEETING:** Inviting all parents of Malibu Middle & High School to attend our 1<sup>st</sup> PTSA Meeting of the year! On **Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021** via Zoom at **9:00am**. Meet the PTSA board and get updates from both principals for the new school year.

Join Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID: 875 8188 8534 Passcode: PTSA)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87581888534?pwd=ODZHQ0xwR2MxSVRFdmwzZm95UDNHUT09>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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 High community. The first SSC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday September 2nd at 3:45pm** and is open to the public. An agenda and zoom link will be posted on the school website prior to the meeting.

**NO SCHOOL:** MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, September 6** for Labor Day. Additionally, MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Tuesday, September 7** and Thursday, September 16 for local holidays.

**MINIMUM DAY:** **September 9** is a Minimum Day, students dismissed at 1:35.

**MAKE UP PICTURE DAY:** Students unable to attend Get Your Stuff Day, or students who enroll after August 10, will be able to take their picture for School Id's, the yearbook, and school pictures to purchase on **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Click here for the [ORDER FORM](#).

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:** Malibu High School's Back to School Night will once again be virtual. More info to come. The date previously scheduled is **Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Malibu Middle is scheduled for Thursday, September 9. Both September 9 and 23 will be Minimum Days 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 29<sup>th</sup>**.

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

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **BE A SOCCER REFEREE!:** AYSO is a volunteer organization and a key component of a healthy league is having parents and mature teenagers volunteer as referees. Volunteering as a referee is a great way to get involved and get to know the game. If you would like to volunteer, you must take a class that covers the rules and regulations of soccer. Teenagers 12 and older are eligible to referee. The referee training class will be held from 9am-1pm on Saturday, **August 28** at St. Aidan's Church. Please email Nick Shurgot if you are interested. His email is [nshurgot@mac.com](mailto:nshurgot@mac.com). Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.
- **VOLUNTEER FOR THE CHILI COOK-OFF:** The Malibu Chili Cook-Off is returning from September 3rd-6th. We would love to have MHS students volunteer and help with the event. I've attached a flyer with all the pertinent information. Volunteers get a meal voucher, free entry to the event on a day they aren't working, and are entered into a raffle featuring prizes valued over \$2000. They can sign up using the link on the flyer or here: <https://x.gldn.io/VWMP8Si5oib>
- **GOBABYGO:** GoBabyGo is a program that helps modify ride-on toy cars to provide mobility options for children with disabilities. We will be hosting a GoBabyGo event at the Teen Center on Saturday, September 11th with a mandatory virtual training session for volunteers on Saturday August 28. High school students will collaborate with middle school students to modify the cars, after which an orthopedist custom fits the vehicles to individual kids. High Schoolers who want experience in the fields of robotics, engineering, orthopedics, special needs services, or just want to make a big difference for some kids, can reach out to Ethan Farr at [ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:ethanfarr@bgcmalibu.org). I've attached a flyer and more information can be found here: <https://sites.udel.edu/gobabygo/>

**CHILI COOK OFF TICKETS:** The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Malibu Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for **September 3<sup>rd</sup>- September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets and more information are available online at <https://bgcmalibuchilicookoff.org/>. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

**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](http://malibuhptsamembershiptoolkit.com)**. Click on the Register/Login button. If you have registered previously, you will enter as a returning user. If not, select "Create Account" and fill in the name, email, and password information. Click "verify my email" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. Once you have verified your email address, log back in and finish the registration process. (Complete the Parent/Family and Student Information, Complete the Directory/Publish Preferences, Click on the membership tab to renew your membership via our PayPal option) Any PTSA membership-related questions, please contact Stacey Harper at [malibustacey310@gmail.com](mailto:malibustacey310@gmail.com)

**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." There are staff, programs, and materials that are dependent on donor funds. We continue to ask all families to donate to the Shark Fund with a suggested donation of \$2,000. Robotics, Athletic Trainer, Music Coaches, Athletic Trainer, Flowater stations, College Career Programs, Library databases...that's the Shark Fund. E-Sports, Athletics Uniforms and equipment, the accompanist, theater productions...that's the Shark Fund. Assemblies, field trips, science equipment, art supplies, supplemental student and teacher supplies...that's the Shark Fund. Pretty much all aspects of the Malibu High experience is a direct result of your donations to the Shark Fund. Please join me in giving. **[Donate Today to the Shark Fund](#)**

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Learn more about the current projects [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:

- **MALIBU CHILI COOK OFF IS BACK!** Happening Labor Day Weekend, Sept 3rd-6th. Tickets must be purchased online in advance only. NO tickets will be sold on site. Learn more & purchase tickets [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.
- **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](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!](#)