

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – JANUARY 29, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-2025: Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year for new families is open! If you have friends, neighbors, colleagues with children (who live in the MHS boundary) interested in joining our Malibu High community or any of our Malibu schools, please have them email the registrars, for MHS that is Beth Soloway at bsoloway@smmusd.org. If they do not live in the MHS boundary, they must first apply for an inter-district permit which be available soon on the school and district website.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER (GRADE 11): Ms. Snyder started meeting with juniors individually last week for their initial college advising appointment. If you would like to set a time aside to meet with Ms. Snyder, please email her at lsnyder@smmusd.org. The new digital SAT will be administered at Malibu High School on **Friday, April 12th** during school hours. Juniors who would like to take the SAT MUST register [using this google form by February 17th](#).

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR MMS ATHLETIC COORDINATOR: We are reaching out to the community to spread the word about this new position to launch an athletics program for middle school this spring, starting with soccer, volleyball and track & field. If you, or someone you know is interested, please have them apply ASAP as applications are due TOMORROW (**Tuesday, 1/30**). ([Job Description](#)) Questions? Ask PTSAmalibu@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS! REFLECTIONS WINNERS: Thank you to all the students who participated in this year's PTSA sponsored Reflections Arts Program, with the theme Show Your Voice! Students participated in various categories including Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. The winning students advanced to the district level competition. [All students recognized can be found here.](#)

GUM/TRASH: We have seen an increase in the amount of gum thrown on the ground or stuck on furniture and an increase in the amount of trash being left on tables and the ground. In grades 6-12, it is not unreasonable to expect students to be able to put their gum into the trash cans and to put their trash into the trash cans. We are asking for your help in reminding your child the importance of doing so. As a community, it is all of our responsibility to keep our campus clean, safe, and well presented. We have new buildings, new furniture in most rooms, new sidewalks that are getting destroyed simply because a student can't walk 3 feet and put their gum in the trash can. We need to care for our campus better and care for our environment better, the ocean is yards away and yet kids leave trash for the winds or birds to carry to the ocean. We have one daytime custodian - he is not employed to pick up student trash. It is the student's responsibility to throw away their trash.

CHECKING PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS: AERIES PORTAL VIDEOS (STUDENT & PARENT): These videos help explain to students & parents/guardians on how to access their portals and check grades. [Student Portal](#) [Parent Portal](#)

YEARBOOK: Books will be significantly more expensive as the year progresses, so please buy it now! *Link* : <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

GRADE 12 INFO:

TRANSCRIPTS: All mid year report (first semester senior year grades) were sent to colleges in Naviance on Monday, January 22. Colleges should have received these transcripts and students should see this reflected in their college student portal.

CA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY (GRADE 12): The California State Seal of Biliteracy is a special recognition for seniors who have a high level of proficiency in two languages. Those that apply and meet the [criteria](#) will receive the CA State Seal of Biliteracy insignia on their diploma. Seniors who meet the requirements must apply using the google form in the senior google classroom page or see your school counselor. The deadline to apply is March 1. Any questions, see your counselor. [Link to SSB application](#)

SENIOR SWEATSHIRTS: (GRADE 12): Parents! Order your senior sweaters!!! Deadline is January 31. We want to get this to students by Valentines day so order ASAP! All order will be shipped to me at Malibu High and we will distribute on Feb 14th if it gets here in time! [Order NOW here!](#)

YEARBOOK: *The deadline has passed to submit Senior portraits, baby photos, reflection photos and senior quotes, BUT you can still purchase parent recognition ads to celebrate your senior AND still purchase a yearbook. Books will be significantly more expensive as the year progresses, so please buy it now! Link to both the ad and book:* <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

ASB SPIRIT WEEK: The week of **January 29- February 2nd** is our Winter Spirit Week hosted by ASB with the theme "Trends with Friends!" Start planning your outfits according:

- Monday, 1/29 – Jersey Day
- Tuesday, 1/30 – White Lies
- Wednesday, 1/31 – Anything BUT a Backpack
- Thursday, 2/1 – Celebrity Day
- Friday, 2/2 – Class Colors

CSF DRIVE: All 7th through 12th graders! The CSF/CJSF spring membership drive is coming up! It will run from **January 29 through February 2**. Your counselors will be out at lunchtime at the table (near the student store). You must be a current member during spring semester to be eligible to attend the annual awards breakfast and Universal Studios fieldtrip, so don't forget to visit the CSF/CJSF table, bring your \$5 for membership dues, and sign up! Reminder for seniors, to earn your lifetime membership gold seal status, you must remain eligible so don't forget to see your counselors during the membership drive!

ASB FOOD TRUCK LUNCH: Food Truck Lunch on **Thursday, February 1st** (make sure you bring cash). There is a special schedule to allow for both an MMS and MHS lunch period. We will email out menus and prices as soon as we receive them.

MASQUE AUDITIONS: Come share your hidden (or not so hidden) talents with us! MASQUE auditions will be held Monday and **Tuesday, January 29th and 30th**. [Sign up here!](#)

ASB PEP RALLY: ASB will put on Pep Rally on **Friday, February 2nd** to cheer on our Winter Sports teams!

VOLUNTEER TRAININGS: Interested in volunteering on campus, during the school day in any capacity? Then you must be processed and cleared as a Level 1 volunteer which includes completing volunteer packet, TB questionnaire, and attending an in-person training. The next Parent Volunteer Trainings (mainly for Friendly Faces) will be offered VIA ZOOM on **Friday, February 2nd** at 10:00 am, and in person on **Friday, March 15th** after the POMS meeting (approximately 11:00 am.) To prepare, parents can begin to complete [the volunteer packet for Level 1 volunteers here](#).

ASB WINTER FORMAL Winter Formal Dance is on **Saturday, February 3rd** at the Malibu West Beach Club from 7 – 9 pm. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, January 30th at the Student Store.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The next SMMUSD school board meeting is **Thursday, February 1 at 5:30pm** at the district office. The agenda for the 2/1/24 regular board meeting is posted [online](#).

SAFETY DRILL: Our final planned Safety Drill is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30am**. This drill will include both a drop/cover/hold on earthquake drill and a fire/evacuation drill.

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL: The 2024 Malibu Middle School Musical will be Frozen JR. and the show dates are **February 8th-10th at 7:00 PM and February 11th at 1:00 PM**. Come enjoy a story of true love where two sisters experience mysteries of magic, tragedy, and a long journey to find their confidence and inner powers. The sisters, Anna and Elsa, deal with matters of friendship, family, and love with some irresistible characters along the way including Olaf the snowman, Sven the reindeer, Oaken, Pabbie and Bulda and the Hidden Folk. It is truly a magical frozen tale! Tickets and more info at www.malibums.smmusd.org

WINTER INTERIM ASSESSMENTS: Students will be taking interim assessments in their math class and English Class **February 12 - February 23**. Students must use their district Chromebook to take the test. Students should charge their school chromebook and restart their chromebook to ensure all updates are completed prior to these dates.

NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR: Parents of 9th, 10th, 11th graders: There will be a national college fair in Pasadena on **February 13th**. Students and parents are encouraged to attend to meet with college admission representatives and gain insights on their programs and admission requirements. [More information here!](#)

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS: Our next Coffee with Counselors will be **Wednesday, February 14th** at 9 am in the Parent Center. We will be joined by Holly Baxter from Ludington Institute of Family Enrichment speaking on *Never Enough: Supporting students from high pressure systems*.

NO SCHOOL: Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, February 19th** in observance of Presidents' Day.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REGISTRATION: Counselors will be presenting to classes and meeting with students to discuss course requests for the 2024-2025 school year between **February 20 and March 1**. Students should carefully select classes as program and staffing decisions are made based off of these requests and changes cannot be made at a later date.

CONGRESSMAN SHERMAN TOWNHALL: We are working on an assembly on **Wednesday, February 21st** with Congressman Brad Sherman during Support Period.

END OF GP4: The end of the first grading period of the spring semester is **Friday, February 23rd**. Progress reports will be available in the Aeries Parent Portal the following week. Please remember, this first grading period will only reflect a handful of assignments so ensure that you are completing all tasks asked of you on time, and to the best of your ability.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: All MHS students are expected to complete 20 hours annually of service learning hours in our community. Students can self-select activities or participate in opportunities listed in the CSL platform, www.csl.smmusd.org. Questions/Sign Ups, contact Kim, kretts@smmusd.org. Some upcoming events include:

1. Agoura Animal Shelter, *must be 16, 8 hours/month, *Contact volunteer@animalcare.lacounty.gov
2. Malibu Public Library, 3 hours/week working in the bookstore. *Contact harrietpollon@yahoo.com
3. Malibu Little League, gearing up for Spring, help with field maintenance, snack shack, coaching assisting and swag table.
4. Malibu Foundation Replant Love, 2/4/24, 9am-2pm <https://www.replantlove.com>

POINT DUME PRESERVATIONISTS MONTHLY VOLUNTEER EVENT: Join others the second Wednesday of the month at the Point Dume Preserve at Birdview & Cliffside Drive to keep the headlands poison-free. Please bring gardening gloves and be prepared to do some hand weeding with some of your wonderful neighbors from 9a-noon. [Sign Up Here.](#)

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU:

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 Membership Enrollment is LIVE.** Enroll at [BGCMALIBU.ORG](https://bgcmalibu.org) Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, outdoor activities & more! [Enroll Here](#) | [Inscribirse Aquí](#)
- **Third Space Valentine's Day Sip & Shop** Tuesday, Feb 13 4-6p at Third Space (23357 Pacific Coast Hwy, next to Malibu Village books) Come join us to enjoy complimentary champagne, sweet treats, fresh flower arrangements, and more while finding the perfect gift for your valentine and giving back to community!
- **Third Space is OPEN at Malibu Village!** Third Space is a storefront, gallery and an innovation space for youth to be mentored and inspired. A project of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, made possible by many generous community contributors. A percentage of all store purchases benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu:
 - Safe spaces after-school
 - Mental health services for youth, families and aging population
 - Drug and alcohol prevention programming
 - Innovative and inspiring opportunities for youth
 - Regenerative systems and educational initiatives

Here, in our vibrant community, we value care, connection, and creativity. We offer youth, families, and visitors of all ages the chance to explore products from local, sustainable and social entrepreneurs. To learn more, visit thirdspacemalibu.org Follow us on IG/FB: @thirdspacemalibu
- **BGCM Scholarship Opportunities:** BGCM offers scholarship opportunities tailored to support graduation goals, mental health advocacy, and fostering a positive Club environment through kindness. If your teen is interested in applying for these opportunities, kindly email Violet at violetway@bgcmalibu.org. This opportunity is open to 12th graders only.
- **Goals for Graduation** for grades 9th-12th. Monthly workshops to support college and career readiness. Meetings will take place on the school campus, once a month, on Monday's during lunch. Students do not have to be Club members in order to participate. The next meeting is on 2/5. To sign up, please email violetway@bgcmalibu.org
- **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. Meetings are bi-weekly on Mondays, during lunch, on the school campus. Lunch will be provided every meeting! Email violetway@bgcmalibu.org for more info.
- **BGCM Wellness Center Parent Support Group Feb 1-March 14**
Join the BGCM Malibu Wellness Center, in partnership with SMMUSD, to participate in a weekly interactive series for parents. This group is designed to help navigate many of the challenges faced during different developmental stages of your teen's life. Open to parents of children of all ages. Topics include: understanding your child/teen, connecting with your child/teen, enforcing rules, talking about the tough stuff, and planning for the future. Taking place every Thursday (6 week series via zoom) Register for free <https://bit.ly/ParentGroup2024>
- **BGCM 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 teen. There is currently NO WAITLIST for services. PSA: Parents! If you've missed any parent workshops, they are available on our website at <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center-resources/>

*To contact the Club please call [310-457-1400](tel:310-457-1400) (Admin) or [310-241-3675](tel:310-241-3675) (Programs) Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here](#)