

# MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE – JANUARY 8, 2024

School resumes for secondary students tomorrow, Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Please arrive prior to the 8:30am start of class.

### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**TARDIES/ATTENDANCE:** Please include reducing tardiness and absences as part of your New Year's resolutions! Our tardy and attendance rates are too high! School is not optional, and arriving late is not a habit for success and is disruptive to the classroom. Please, set a goal to be here and to be on time in 2024! It is extremely important to notify the attendance office of the reason for an absence on the day of the absence or immediately upon return. You can do so by phone, 310-457-6801, or by email ([ataylor@smmusd.org](mailto:ataylor@smmusd.org)) or by note. Please ask your doctor, dentist, etc. for a note to provide to school upon return.

**MASQUE AUDITIONS:** Students! Do you have a talent? Can you sing or dance, juggle or crack a joke? Did you always want to put a band together? If so, start getting it all together to audition for Masque, our school Talent show! Auditions are in January, so start getting ready now so you're at your best!

**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](#)

**SMMUSD DISTRICT CALENDARS:** The Board of Education previously approved the District Calendars for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. These include the start and end dates for the school year as well as holidays which will allow you to plan ahead for your family travel. All calendars are available [HERE](#).

**SENIORS! GRAD ITEMS:** Make sure you order your cap and gown! [ORDER FORM HERE](#). Need specific questions answered? Call Jostens directly at (805)987-4147 or email [zavala.office@jostens.com](mailto:zavala.office@jostens.com).

**YEARBOOK:** It's never too early to start thinking about the Yearbook!

- **Senior Parents**, please go to this link to see all of the yearbook deadlines for [submitting your senior's photos HERE](#).
- **All Parents**, to purchase a yearbook or Senior Ad, at the best price, please order now! [ORDER HERE](#).

## THIS WEEK AT MHS:

**SECONDARY PUPIL FREE DAY:** Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> is a staff work day for our secondary schools. While elementary school students at Webster and MES return on 1/8/23, this is a pupil free day for MMS and MHS students. MHS students return to school **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**SCHOOL RESUMES:** We get back to work, and start a new semester, on **Tuesday, January 9th, 2024**.

**PTSA REFLECTIONS AWARDS:** Please join us in the Parent Center on **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> during lunch (12:00 – 12:45 pm)** when the PTSA will host the Reflections Awards. We look forward to congratulating all our students who participated and won!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**NO SCHOOL:** There is no school on **Monday, January 15th** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. I would encourage you to speak with your student about the life, vision, and legacy of the civil rights leader. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**STAR RENAISSANCE PROGRESS MONITORING TESTING:** All English and Math teachers will be administering STAR Renaissance testing between **January 16 and January 26**. Students take these short progress monitoring tests, a local district measurement, during their normal class time.

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING:** Our next scheduled Schol Site Council meeting is **January 18 at 3:45pm** via zoom. The agenda, zoom link, and more info [can be found here](#).

**SAFETY DRILL:** Our next scheduled safety drill is **January 19, 2024 at 12:10pm**. This drill will be on our lockdown/hard lockdown procedures. It will also include an age appropriate discussion on targeted violence response, a separate response protocol.

**NO BLOCK SCHEDULE:** The week of January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a NO BLOCK week to allow for MMS to have their character education program with HumanUtopia. Monday – Thursday will be a periods 1-6 day and Friday our normal Minimum Day. There is no block schedule on **January 24 or 25**.

**COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS:** The **Wednesday, January 24 at 9:00am** Coffee with the Counselors will include a presentation from our new on campus partner, One on Campus. Join counselors, administrators and ONE to hear about topics including device management, social media, red flags and resources from Dr. Don Grant and A&E's Intervention Candy Finnigan.

**SMC MALIBU CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE:** MMS/MHS students, parents, and faculty are invited to a special event at the SMC Malibu Campus on **January 26th from 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm**. Instructors from SMC will be on hand to talk with students and parents and class demonstrations are planned. In addition, they will also be offering campus tours and give a general overview of life at Santa Monica College Malibu Campus. All Malibu High Students

have the option of doing concurrent enrollment at SMC this Summer (Online, at Malibu campus, at main campus) for free!

**CSF DRIVE:** The spring CSF drive will be held **January 29 - February 2**. Your counselors will be set up near the student store at the CSF table during lunchtime the whole week with applications. Bring your \$5 and a print-out of your 1st semester grades for eligibility.

**ASB SPIRIT WEEK:** The week of **January 29- February 2<sup>nd</sup>** is our Winter Spirit Week hosted by ASB. The week includes a Food Truck Lunch on **Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**, Pep Rally on **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and Winter Formal on **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. More details from ASB coming soon!