

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – OCTOBER 16, 2023

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

ARRIVAL TIME: 8:30am is when class begins. Students are expected to be in their seat, ready to start at 8:30am. 8:30 am is not the drop off time. Please drop off earlier between 8:00am-8:20am to allow time for your student to walk to class, use the restroom, say hi to friends. Please arrive later for pick up (3:35, 1:40) to allow time to walk to car, say bye to friends.

PTA REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM: Calling all MMS-MHS artists! PTA Reflections Art Program is almost here! Create your dance, film, literature, music, photographic or visual arts piece addressing the theme "I am hopeful because..." We can't wait to see your creations, and each year some pieces go on to receive awards at the Council, District, State and even National levels! It's a great chance to share your voice! Guidelines [can be found online HERE](#). MMS/MHS deadline is **Monday, October 23rd at 9am**. Submit your art online at: <https://forms.gle/pKKkUDsmcNKFEaLw6> . Questions? Contact PTSAmalibu@gmail.com.

ARTS ANGELS MURAL – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Calling all artistic students of MMS & MHS! We are starting our school mural with Beautify Earth and we need your help. All MMS/MHS students are welcome to create the mural. If interested, please show up at the mural site by the technology building between lunch area and quad on **Tuesday during lunch**. Parents wanting to help with the mural can also join Tuesday throughout the day (8:45-3:15) or during lunch (11:30-12:15). For more info, email: jyotidrummond@yahoo.com.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS: One of the factors in school success is regular attendance. Absent students miss critical learning experiences that could help them master academic materials. Consistent attendance also allows students to develop strong relationships with their peers and school staff.

- If it is necessary to be absent for any reason, **parents must send an email to the attendance office or provide a letter with the reason for absence** during the absence or upon return. Any absence not verified within 72 hours is considered unexcused/truant.
- Students must check in prior to school starting in the Attendance Office and **pick up a re-admit upon return** from all absences.
- A student who must be picked up prior to student dismissal for any reason, must do so through the attendance/health office. Any student who was on campus and leaves without being checked out in the office is considered unexcused/truant, regardless of reason.

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](#).

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: After school math tutoring is available in the Library with Mr. Corrigan or Ms. Seikali, Monday through Thursday from 3:45 – 4:45 pm.

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

FALL CSF/CJSF DRIVE – California (Junior) Scholarship Federation is a state-accredited honor society that recognizes California students for academic scholarship and service. Current 8-12th Graders may apply for fall CSF/CJSF. The Fall CSF/CJSF Drive is the **week of October 16 - 20**. Your counselors will be set up at a table during lunchtime near the cafeteria every day during that week. Fill out a CSF/CJSF application (available at the table) and bring your \$5 membership fee. Qualification is based on your JUNE grades from last semester. Any questions, please see your counselor.

DISTRICT INTERIM ASSESSMENTS: Students will take a CASSPP interim measurement in Math classes between **October 16 - October 27**. Testing is about 20-30 minutes. During that same window, students will complete a writing assessment in English classes. These benchmark tests allow students to experience the state testing format and provide teachers with information to monitor progress prior to the spring assessment.

WORLD LANGUAGE CULTURE WEEK: This week, **October 16-20**, French and Spanish students are participating in Culture Week. Culture Week is an opportunity for all World Language students to learn together and teach about various French and Hispanic cultures.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS: Join us for Coffee with the Counselors: **October 18th at 9:00am in the Parent Center** with Eddie Pickett, Senior Associate Dean and Director of Recruitment at Pomona College. Eddie will discuss the benefits of a liberal arts college, applying to a highly competitive institution, answer the question: is being "test optional" REALLY "test optional" and the opportunities at Pomona and the Claremont Colleges consortium.

ARTS ANGELS: The next Arts Angels meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 19th at 9:00 am** in the Parent Center. Arts Angels is calling for new and active members - whether they have a student who is talented in visual and/or performing arts or are artistically talented themselves, they would love the help.

GREAT SHAKEOUT: Our first emergency drill of the school year will take place on **Thursday, October 19th** when we participate in the Great Shakeout. Students will drop, cover, and hold before evacuating to the blacktop. Search teams and first aid teams will be deployed to search the campus or assist those in need. We have a number of safety protocols in place for a variety of reasons. By practicing these events, we will be better prepared in the event of an emergency.

SSC MEETING: Our next regularly scheduled SSC meeting will be in person on **Thursday, October 19th at 3:45 in the Parent Center**. This will be a joint meeting between the School Leadership Team and the SSC looking at student data and survey results.

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The next special school board meeting is **Thursday, October 19 at 6:00pm** at the district office. The agenda can be found [online](#).

FINAL HOME FOOTBALL GAME: The only remaining home football game is **Friday, October 20 at 6:30pm** under the lights! Come cheer on the Sharks as they take on Entrepreneur High School.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

RED RIBBON WEEK: RRW is **October 23-27**. PTSA is bringing back the "Natural High" message and also including this year's Red Ribbon Week Message: "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free." The awareness campaign will focus on the dangers of drugs. Students will participate in a period 2 lesson on Monday and lunchtime activities throughout the week in partnership with BGCM / Brent's Club.

ASB BLOOD DRIVE: There is an ASB Sponsored Blood Drive calendared for **Tuesday, October 24th**. More info soon!

CLUB FAIR: ASB Club Fair Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 25th**.

COLLEGE NIGHT: Our next College Night is **Wednesday, October 25 at 5:00pm** and largely focused on topics of importance for families in grade 11, but all are welcome. Hold the date!

PSTA GENERAL MEETING: The next PTSA General Meeting will be **Thursday, October 26th at 9:00 am in the Parent Center**.

PSAT SCHOOL DAY: All students in grades 9-11 will take the PSAT during the school day, cost covered by SMMUSD, on **Friday, October 27th**.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST – Everyone dress up in your Halloween finest and join us for a Spooktacular parade during ASB's annual Halloween Costume Contest **on Tuesday, October 31st**. There will be a special bell schedule for both Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School and there will be prizes for different costume categories. Don't skip on the fun!

HALLOWEEN GUIDANCE: All students are encouraged to dress up on **Monday, October 31**. We encourage students to have fun and be creative. However, our expectations that students be safe, be respectful and be responsible must also be adhered to. Therefore, students must wear costumes that adhere to the dress code (Nothing defamatory, offensive, degrading, unduly revealing or inappropriate). Students are not allowed to wear masks or face coverings of any kind (IE: blue man suit). Face paint is allowed. No toy weapons or props that may be used as weapons are allowed. Students not dressed appropriately may be provided with loaner clothing, have parents bring appropriate clothing, or face other appropriate disciplinary action.

CA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY: Students in Grades 9 and 11, Parents, and Staff will be asked to take the annual California Healthy Kids Survey, **during the month of November**. Detailed, stand-alone information will be emailed home.

END OF GRADING PERIOD: The second grading period ends **Thursday, November 9**. Progress Reports will be available in Aeries the following week.

NO SCHOOL: Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on **Friday, November 10, 2023**. “The world becomes a better place, when someone stands and leads the way; steps forward, when they’d rather say, not me.” Thank you to all those who have served or are serving including many MHS alumni and those in our Malibu community.

WINTER ATHLETICS

WINTER SPORTS: Winter Sports will be starting up very soon, please listen to the morning announcements and check the school website for updates! To be eligible to try out for a sports team all student-athletes must be cleared by a doctor and the e-forms must be filled out on the athleticclearance.com website. For more information [please see this website.](#)

BOYS BASKETBALL: Boys Basketball will have an open gym from 3:30pm-5:30pm Oct 16th and 17th. Tryouts will begin Oct 23rd after school. Go Sharks

GIRLS SOCCER: Girls Soccer tryouts will begin Oct 23, 24 and 25 from 3:45pm-5:15pm. The tryouts will be on the upper field next to the baseball field.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Anyone interested in playing girls basketball please reach out to Coach Maidenberg at jmaidenberg@smmusd.org

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. Malibu Methodist Pie Festival, **10/21, 11-4p**
2. Malibu Methodist Bake & Share, bake at home and deliver on Monday (earns 3 hours)
3. Malibu Half-Marathon, **11/3, 11/4, 11/5**
https://www.titanvolunteers.com/volunteers/sign_up_individual/862-2023-Malibu-Half-Marathon
4. Malibu Optimist Club Corral Beach Clean-Up, **11/4, 9-12p**

SANTA MONICA OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK: **Saturday, October 21st at 10:00am** at the Santa Monica Pier. To learn more and to register, visit www.afsp.org/lawalk. Be a part of a nationwide movement, and register for the Santa Monica Out of the Darkness Walk. The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about. Now, more than ever, it's important to be there for one another and take steps to safeguard our mental health and prevent suicide.

PARENT PROJECT: SMMUSD is excited to offer Parent Project, a FREE program that helps teach parents and caregivers the skills necessary to manage behavioral challenges in teens. Led by mental health providers in collaboration with SMMUSD's Family Engagement and EL Programs Office, SMPD Youth and Family Services Support Coordinator, and the Santa Monica Youth Resource Team, this program is geared for parents and caregivers of teens (12 & up). Sessions are in English and Spanish and will begin on **October 23**, with a culmination ceremony on December 4. For more info: [flyer](#).

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY AND PREPAREDNESS: Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's office, in partnership with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), invites you to SD3's Community Resiliency and Preparedness event. This event is on **October 26th from 6:00pm-8:00pm** at Lindero Canyon Middle School. It will include multiple panel discussions on earthquake and flood preparedness, impacts on climate change in our communities, and a final panel discussion with Fire, OEM, and Sheriff's on zones, evacuation procedure, and general fire preparedness. To RSVP: bit.ly/3ZGz5N6

FROM THE CITY OF MALIBU: The Community Services Department offers volunteer opportunities for our special events. On **Friday, October 27, 2023**, the Community Services Department will host the Halloween Bu Bash at Malibu Bluffs Park from 2 - 4 PM. The Department is in need of volunteers to help run carnival games. The City will provide the game and prizes. Contact Kate Manisco at KManisco@MalibuCity.org if you are interested in volunteering with us.

AN EVENING WITH A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR: Join us for an evening of togetherness as we learn, remember, reflect, and carry forward the powerful legacy left by Holocaust survivors. *A Story of Resilience: An Evening with a Holocaust Survivor*, will take place on Tuesday, **November 14 at 6PM** in the Elkins Auditorium on the campus of Pepperdine University. You may register for free [here](#) through a Campus Group, our university platform. This event is open to our community and anyone can register as a guest.

COMMUNITY CLUB EQUESTRIAN LEAGUE: If you have any interest in joining the Interscholastic Equestrian League, contact Zoe Shapiro at zoe@98angel.com for information.

SALVATION ANGEL TREE PROGRAM: The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year. Once a child or senior adult has been registered and accepted as an **Angel** their Christmas wish list is shared with donors in your community who purchase gifts of new clothing and toys. The gifts are distributed to the family to place under their family Christmas tree. For more info and to sign up: [flyer](#).

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU TEEN CENTER:

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](#)
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 11/6. 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 Thursdays, during lunch, on the school campus. Lunch will be provided every meeting! Email violetway@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 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 (Admin) or 310-241-3675 (Programs)
Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here](#)