

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – OCTOBER 23, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Malibu High Families,

At MHS, we believe that students are most successful in a safe environment that supports multiple opportunities to learn and grow. We believe that campus safety includes a physical component of a clean, safe environment but that it also includes an emotional component that fosters mental health with caring, supportive teachers. October is a time we focus on school safety and disaster preparedness. The School Site Council held a public hearing and approved our comprehensive safety plan this month. But, safety is inherent to the work we do. After all, we are in a people business with your incredible trust as caretakers and educators.

At the end of September, Sandy Hook Promise hosts Start with Hello Week that encourages students to look up, say hello, say good morning, look each other in the eye. This should be part of our everyday culture in our small school setting. Recently, I met with a newly formed Principal Advisory Committee and talked about friendships and peer supports. Our students report lots of friends but don't always feel they are supported by peers/friends to the same level. That makes me curious. Later in the year, Sandy Hook will highlight See Something, Say Something which is another key behavior to be part of our MHS Culture as we all have a shared responsibility to campus safety.

Overall, the Great Shakeout Drill and Evacuation Drill went very well. Please go to your [Parent Portal in Aeries](#) and add at least two Emergency Contacts; these contacts are the only individuals to whom MHS staff can release your child(ren) during the school day or an emergency.

Next week, the PTSA and staff have partnered for Red Ribbon Week. This year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free." Our kids get so many conflicting messages regarding drugs and alcohol from media, society, peers, family. I continue to believe the simple message that Drugs are Bad, Don't do Drugs, and that Drugs/Alcohol May Eventually Kill You will save our children and our society, but at times I feel I am in the minority. I just have seen too many examples within my own family, within former students, and within this town to not keep beating that drum. To support our students who are having challenges with substances, or to avoid substances becoming a problem, we have recently developed a partnership with [ONE ON CAMPUS](#). One On Campus meets during support period in room 622, students sign up in Enriching Students under Mrs. Dahm.

Given all our students navigate, we are very fortunate to have the skilled and caring folks at the BGCM Wellness Center who are always here to support us and our students. If your student might benefit from counseling services through the Wellness Center or for a list of compiled outside/private mental health resources, please reach out to your students' counselor.

SMMUSD is also in the process of implementing a telehealth counseling service Hazel, in partnership with LACOE.

And a reminder, the 100+ adults that call this place home, including me, love them all. We love them, we care about them, and we want the best for them.

Patrick Miller, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

EXCITING NEWS/DISRUPTION: The new MHS construction project will begin construction work **starting next Monday, October, 23, 2023**. At this time, construction is projected to extend until the Fall of 2025. There will be large trucking activities (with traffic control) entering and exiting this site for the better part of the next 4 months. There will be no trucking activities during student drop off and pick up periods. However, access to street parking will be extremely limited. All students should have a purchased parking permit to park in the lots.

FOOD DELIVERIES: MHS/MMS does NOT allow or accept food deliveries from paid delivery services such as DoorDash, GrubHub, Uber Eats or any other vendor delivery services. All deliveries will be denied. MHS/MMS is not responsible for any loss of cost or food. Do not order deliveries of any kind to school. We are a school, not a concierge.

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.

UPDATE EMERGENCY CONTACTS: Please go to your [Parent Portal in Aeries](#) and add at least two Emergency Contacts; these contacts should only be individuals to whom MHS staff can release your child(ren) during the school day or an emergency.

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:

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.

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: Attention Students 16 years and up and parents...UCLA blood drive will be on campus on **Tuesday, October 24th from 9 am to 2pm**. Please sign up if you are interested in donating blood. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Martinez or an ASB representative.

CLUB FAIR (information Day): On **Wednesday, October 25th, ASB** will host a club fair during lunch for high school students. Students, come and learn about the many clubs that have been established for the current school year. This is a great opportunity to join a club and learn about community service opportunities.

COLLEGE NIGHT: Parents of Juniors: College Night: **October 25th at 5:00 PM** in the Parents Conference Center. Ms. Snyder will go over what juniors and parents should be doing now to prepare for the college admission process.

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**. Students must arrive on time in order to test. No student will be admitted once session has started. All students must bring their school chromebook to test, as this years administration is digital.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MHS GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY: Join us at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Malibu High School on Monday, October 30th at 4:00 pm! Parking will be available in the pool parking lot. Light refreshments will be served. Closed-toed shoes are recommended.

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 was emailed home.

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

CLUB DAY (Fundraising Food Sales): Our first **Club Day** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 8th** during lunch. Club day is a special event where service clubs sell food or other items, to raise money for a charity. Food will be sold to both middle and high school students. Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches.

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.

ARTS ANGELS: Please join us the third Thursday of the month at 9a in the Parents Center to help plan and fund all our visual and performing arts needs for our talented kids. The school mural will be finished this week for all to enjoy thanks to Mr. Hacker, Beautify Earth and our amazing students. Special thanks to Luhanda Garvin, Jo Drummond & Jolynn Regan for making this idea a reality! Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 16** - we hope you can join us and be one of our Arts Angels. We love and appreciate all our volunteers!

ATHLETICS

WINTER SPORTS: Winter Sports will be starting up very soon, please listen to the morning announcements and check the school website for updates and try out information! 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.](#)

**Malibu High School Sports this week!!!
COME SUPPORT OUR SHARKS!**

Monday:

- Girls Tennis League Finals in Hueneme

Tuesday:

- Boys Water Polo - HOME vs. Villanova (V) 3:30, (JV) 4:30

Wednesday:

- Girls Tennis League Finals in Hueneme

Thursday:

- Boys Water Polo - Away vs. Santa Monica 3:30 PM (V), 4:30 (JV)

Friday:

- Boys Water Polo JV Thousand Oaks Tournament

Saturday:

- Football v. Villanova (Away @ 6:30 PM)
- Boys Water Polo JV Thousand Oaks Tournament

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. AYSO Soccer Referees Needed, Saturdays through mid November, time commitment is 1.5 hours per game.
2. City of Malibu Bu Bash Carnival Volunteers Needed, 10/27, 1-5p
3. Malibu Elementary Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed, 10/27, 4:30-6:30p
4. Malibu Community Labor Exchange Tech Help, Saturdays, 10-11a
5. Malibu Half-Marathon, 11/3, 11/4, 11/5
https://www.titanvolunteers.com/volunteers/sign_up_individual/862-2023-Malibu-Half-Marathon
6. Malibu Optimist Club Corral Beach Clean-Up, 11/4, 9-12p

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.

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](#)
Run Malibu, takes place at Zuma Beach Nov 4th & 5th. There are options for the whole family to participate in this annual community event which benefits the BGCM! Register for the Charity/VIP 5K entry and a portion of proceeds supports BGCM programs/mental health and wellness services. [Link to Register](#) ***We are also seeking volunteers for this event! Please consider supporting BGCM and volunteering with us! Please sign up [here](#).
- **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](#)