

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – OCTOBER 30, 2023

ALL ABOUT HALLOWEEN:

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.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

THE SHARK FUND: Recently, students have benefitted from The Jesse Billauer Assembly, Reflections Art Contest, Arts Angels Mural project, Grade 8 Dialogue with Fulcrum, Red Ribbon Week all of which are funded by your donation to TSF. Flowater stations, after school tutoring, strength and conditioning coach, accompanist...also all funded directly by TSF. And that's only about 10% of the people, programs, and supplies funded by The Shark Fund. Please consider making a financial gift of any amount at <https://thesharkfundmalibu.org/>.

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.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS: It is important for students to be at school to learn each day. California law, not just school or district rules, requires all parents of school-aged children to ensure their children are in school daily. Absences that are due to family trips or personal reasons are unexcused absences. Schools are mandated by the same law to track attendance, report attendance, and to report habitual attendance concerns. To support our families and help avoid a mandatory referral to SARB, our office will send out preemptive letters if we have attendance concerns that could become SARB referrals. In the event of a continued attendance concern we are mandated to begin the SARB referral process. The best ways to avoid this

process are to bring your child to school each day. Ultimately, students learn best when they are in school!

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.

TRAFFIC REMINDERS: Please help avoid a tragedy by driving safely in our school zone and obeying all traffic laws. Put your phone away, stay observant, and keep an eye out for our students, crossing guards, and school staff. Do not double park blocking traffic lanes and do not make illegal U turns. To turn back to PCH, use the upper football field lot or pool lot for pick up. **Please do not arrive before student dismissal times.** DROP OFF/PICK UP LOCATIONS:

- Upper Football Field Lot: Primary Middle School Student Pick Up and Drop Off
- Pool Lot/Middle Driveway: Primary High School Student Pick Up and Drop Off
- Morning View Drive Lane: BUS DROP OFF ONLY, Alternate MHS/MMS Pick Up
- Morning View Lots: BUS PICK UP ONLY

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

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.

SOFTBALL MEETING: Next **Wednesday, Nov 1st**, we are having a softball meeting in the new gym at lunch time. We are having this meeting to see if we have enough girls to have a team this season. Please come if you have any interest in playing softball this season.

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The next SMMUSD school board meeting is **Thursday, November 2 at 5:30pm** at the district office. The agenda can be found [online](#).

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

5 YEAR WOOLSEY MARK: **Thursday, November 9** marks 5 years since the devastation on the Woolsey Fire on our Malibu community. To highlight the resiliency and strength of our small town, we will have a Malibu Strong Spirit Day and encourage all students and staff to wear their Malibu, MHS, or MMS Spirit Wear.

CONGRESSMAN SHERMAN TOWNHALL: MHS students will attend an assembly on **Thursday, November 9th** with Congressman Brad Sherman during Support Period in the amphitheater.

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.

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!

ALMOST MAINE – MHS THEATER FALL PRODUCTION: The MHS Theater Department and Arts Angels presents Almost Maine, 3 shows only! Join us **Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18 at 7:00pm or Sunday, November 19 at 2:00**. For more information and for tickets, visit: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/1418>.

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. Malibu Community Labor Exchange Tech Help, Saturdays, 10-11a
3. Replant Love 2023, 11/5, 8am-1pm, <https://www.replantlove.com/>

4. Malibu Half-Marathon, 11/3, 11/4, 11/5
https://www.titanvolunteers.com/volunteers/sign_up_individual/862-2023-Malibu-Half-Marathon
5. Malibu Optimist Club Corral Beach Clean-Up, 11/4, 9-12p

AN EVENTING 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://www.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](#) Use code: **BGCMRunGroms20 for 20 off% (good for 1/2k kids run only) ***We are also seeking volunteers for this event!** Please consider supporting BGCM and volunteering with us! Please sign up [here](#).
- **With Love & Support...**Our greatest sympathies are with the families of Niamh Rolston, Peyton Stewart, Asha Weir, Deslyn Williams, and to all who knew and loved them. Our close ties with Pepperdine University, particularly Seaver College, have us mourning the loss alongside students and staff that were close to the women. No one corner of this community has not been affected by this tragedy and collectively we share this grief. If you, your children or someone you know need support or resources to help deal with grief, difficult conversations or otherwise, please reach out to the amazing team of professionals at the BGCM Wellness Center. We understand how difficult this time can be and want to extend a caring hand for anyone that could use it. Tragedy and loss are difficult moments in our lives and having caring support can make a difference in how the loss affects us. To get connected to services, please call or email: Office: [310\) 457-6801](tel:3104576801) x 74-143 Mobile: [424\) 209-4907](tel:4242094907) wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org

- **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 Mondays, 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](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](#)