

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 20, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear MHS Families,

On behalf of our entire team, Malibu High School wants to express our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to work with your student's each and every day. During this Thanksgiving holiday, please know that we appreciate the support from our families, the work, respect and positive attitudes from our students and this wonderful community we get to be a part of.

We hope all of you enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends and thank you again for all you do to make Malibu High a great place to be.

Patrick Miller, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB TREE LOT: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Support Malibu High School's Athletic Booster Club by purchasing your fresh tree, wreaths, ornaments, and MHS apparel at the annual Tree Lot. The MHS Booster Club Tree Lot is located at the Chili Cook Off Site near Webb Way and will be open **November 25 - December 10**. Hours are M – Th: 3 – 7 pm, F: 3 – 8 pm and Sat/Sun: 1 – 7 pm. Please share with your neighbors!

MOCK TRIAL VERDICT – MHS IS AWESOME!: The MHS 2023-24 Mock Trial team advised by Ms. Kimberly Auer, has made it to the quarter finals of Los Angeles County's Mock Trial Competition! The competition kicked off on Nov 2 with 124 private and public school teams. MHS has advanced to the quarter finals along with 7 other high schools who will compete to secure their place in the California State Mock Trial Finals in March, 2024. Only ONE school will advance to the state finals! Go Sharks! Congratulations!!!!!!!

LAST CHANCE! PARENT SURVEY: All MMS and MHS parents are being asked to complete the CA School Parent Survey **between now and November 21st**. This survey is an opportunity to communicate your perceptions about your child's school. The information you provide will help guide district and school efforts to promote safety, enhance learning supports, and improve student achievement. Your participation is voluntary. It is also very important.

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL: [\(MEMO\): Direct Survey Link](#)

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL: [\(MEMO\): Direct Survey Link](#)

PARENTS OF SENIORS: A note for parents as we enter Thanksgiving and Winter break: Please plan ahead and make sure all college applications are submitted before we go on break. Transcripts and letters of recommendation will not be processed during break. Scholarships are now available on our website. Please encourage your senior to apply and submit their application to Ms. Snyder. You can access them here: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/708>.

TWITTER/X SCROLL: To see all current posts on the twitter scroll on the website, you must be logged into a Twitter/X account. If you do not have an account, you will not see current posts.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES: During our last coffee chat, we talked about summer programs and opportunities. Some of those programs are listed here:

- For almost 40 years, Oxbridge has been organizing residential summer programs, lasting between a week and a month, for students aged 13 to 18, in Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, Barcelona, and New York. To learn more, please see our [2024 brochure](#) and/or a short [video](#) about Oxbridge. For our scholarships, please click [here](#).
- [Georgetown Summer program:](#)
- [UCSD Cosmos program:](#)
- [USC Engineering:](#)
- If you are interested in any college, visit their website and search summer programs.

LETTERMAN JACKETS FOR SALE: Athletics Booster Club has worked to have Letterman Jackets available for purchase! Varsity sports athletes that have EARNED their Varsity Letter, may have that letter sewn on the jacket. In addition, there are earned CIF patches that look great on these jackets too! The jackets have an 8 to 10 week order time and range from \$250 to \$350 (with patches). For color options and ordering details: [CLICK HERE](#).

GIVING TUESDAY - THE SHARK FUND STILL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT: We have \$187,000 left to raise! If you haven't donated yet, please consider making a donation today - any amount counts and will help support the vibrant academic, arts and athletics community we enjoy at our schools. If you have donated, look into the company match program with your employer. Visit TheSharkFundMalibu.org to donate, reach us or to find out more about this parent volunteer led fundraising organization at our schools. Also, if you haven't already, please designate Shark Fund as your charitable organization for your Ralph's Rewards Card and you'll support our schools every time you shop. Go to <https://www.ralphs.com/account/communityrewards/> and choose Shark Fund.

DRESS CODE: Your help in ensuring that your student is coming to school dressed for success is much appreciated! Our expectations are that students come to school dressed in a manner that is consistent with a learning community. There is an ability to dress in a safe and appropriate manner while still valuing our relaxed Malibu feel and individual expression. More information about the dress code can be [found HERE \(1.3.2\)](#).

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: 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:

BRENT'S CLUB GUEST SPEAKER: Students, join us at Brent's Club on campus for a guest speaker presentation by CLARE/MATRIX, discussing Fentanyl and Drug Awareness. This informative session will take place in the library during high school lunch on **Monday, November 20th**. Lunch will be provided! Looking forward to seeing you there!

SAFETY DRILL: Our next safety drill - Shelter in Place - will be held on **Tuesday, November 21st**.

TUESDAY IS A NORMAL DAY: MHS student dismissal is at 3:30pm on **Tuesday, November 21**. Monday and Tuesday are both Periods 1-6 traditional days.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: All SMMUSD schools will be closed **Wednesday, November 22nd** through **Friday, November 24th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WINTER CONCERT SERIES: Our annual winter music concerts begin soon!

- **November 30th – 7 PM** - Orchestra
- **December 7th – 7 PM** - Band
- **December 14th – 6 PM** - Choir

COMMUNITY NIGHT AT THE TREE LOT: Join the MHS Choir, students, families, city council and others at the Annual Community Night at the Tree Lot! There will be hot cocoa/tea, food trucks, performances by the choir, ornament decorating and a chance to connect with neighbors and friends. Community Night at the Tree Lot is **Friday, December 1 from 5:00-8:30** at the Chili Cook-Off site.

FINAL EXAMS/END OF GRADING PERIOD: Final exams and culminating tasks are scheduled for **Wednesday, December 20th (Periods 1 and 4), Thursday, December 21st (Periods 2 and 5) and Friday, December 22nd (Periods 3 and 6) with dismissal at 1:35pm all 3 days**. It is the expectation that all students attend school all 180 days as specified on the district-approved calendar. All trips and vacations should be planned around these dates. If there are extenuating circumstances, it is the student's responsibility to coordinate directly with their teachers to plan alternate final exams/assignments. Please understand, given the unexcused nature of most absences this time of the year, teachers are not obligated to accommodate these requests or provide credit for missed exams/assignments.

WINTER BREAK: Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed starting **Monday, December 25, 2023 through Friday, January 5, 2024**.

SECONDARY PUPIL FREE DAY: **Monday, January 8th** 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 9th**.

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:

- Thanksgiving Community Dinner, 11/23, <https://malibu-thanksgiving.com/volunteer>
- Write Letters to Brighten a Seniors Day, <https://loveforoureliders.org>
- Malibu Methodist Bake & Share, bake at home and deliver on Monday (earns 3 hours)
- Make toys for animals in shelters, <https://anticruelty.org/diy> (these can be dropped off and will be sent or donated to our local shelters)
- Santa Paws, 12/10, 8am-12p, <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/32501/Santa-Paws-2023-?bidId=>

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](#).

SNOWMUCHFUN: Get ready to chill and have a thrill at "Snow Much Fun," the biggest party in Malibu! **Friday December 1st, from 6pm to 9pm** at Malibu Pacific Church we're bringing the mountain to Malibu with tons of real snow for an epic night of sledding under the stars. This night is 100% FREE and it includes dinner! So invite a friend and let's make this one of Malibu's BIGGEST and BEST traditions. Registration: snowinmalibu.com

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 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 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](https://www.instagram.com/thirdspacemalibu)

- **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 12/4. 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](#)