

# MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 27, 2023

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

*Dear MHS Families,*

*I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and that you were able to spend time with family or friends. Mine was a little more low-key than normal. I am one of five siblings, the exact middle (42-40-38-38-36) and Thanksgivings of the past could easily exceed 40 or 50 people with our family and cousins and grandparents. Its not the same anymore with my siblings now in Tennessee, Colorado, and the Netherlands, and my parents in Arizona. But I did get to spend time with cousins, Aunt/Uncle, my twin and his wife and family, as well as visit my grandparents, now 90/92 years young. The holiday provided a much-needed break and a chance to reflect on the many blessings, we all have so much to be thankful for!*

*As we head into the holiday season, it is important for our students to continue to show up, and to do the work. I am reminded of the quote from Vince Lombardi, "The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary." Our students sometimes expect the "A" without paying attention, without asking questions, without studying, without applying themselves, without being in class, being in class but without paying attention, and without doing the work. The grade is not the goal. The grade is the result of accomplishing actual goals. Show up with a learner's attitude, be curious, follow directions, seek to understand, do what you are asked and you will end up with the grade earned.*

*Lastly, these 4 weeks will go very fast with a number of events in and outside of school. I hope you will join us at the Tree Lot Community Night this Friday, at one of our 3 winter concerts each of the next three Thursdays, or at an upcoming basketball, soccer, or girl's water polo game.*

*Patrick Miller, Principal*

### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**SENIORS! EARLY BIRD PRICING EXTENDED ON GRAD ITEMS:** Early bird pricing on graduation items has been extended to **November 30th, 2023**. Make sure you order your cap and gown on time to avoid any late fees! click here to order! [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). Don't wait one more day, order now!

**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!

**FALL 2023 ARTS ANGELS NEWSLETTER:** The Fall 2023 Arts Angels Newsletter is now available. Click [HERE](#) to read about all the activities and projects our students have been working on!

**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!!!!!!!

**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](#)

**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.

**CAFETERIA INFORMATION:** The breakfast and lunch cafeteria menus as well as service times can now be found under the Students Tab on our school website or by clicking here: [Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)

**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.

**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:

**WINTER CONCERT SERIES BEGINS:** Come hear the Malibu Middle and High School Orchestras at their winter concert on **Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm** in the MHS Auditorium! Our award-winning orchestras will perform a wide variety of classical selections with a large number of guest artists. Admission is free. We hope to see you there!

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**WINTER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES:** Save the dates!

- **December 7<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM** - Band
- **December 14<sup>th</sup> – 6 PM** - Choir

**FINAL EXAMS/END OF GRADING PERIOD:** Final exams and culminating tasks are scheduled for **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> (Periods 1 and 4), Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> (Periods 2 and 5) and Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> (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 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>**.

## 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](http://www.csl.smmusd.org). Questions/Sign Ups, contact Kim, [kretts@smmusd.org](mailto:kretts@smmusd.org). Some upcoming events include:

- 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](http://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](http://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](#)
- **ALL BGCM Clubhouse Sites will be CLOSED Nov 22-Nov 24** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We are wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday break.
- **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](http://thirdspacemalibu.org) Follow us on IG/FB: [@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](mailto: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](mailto: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)  
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