

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – DECEMBER 11, 2023

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

MHS SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS: If you are interested in auditioning for the Spring musical, "MEAN GIRLS", the auditions are coming up! Auditions will take place after school on **Friday, December 15th and Monday December 18th**. Sign ups are outside the choir room door. You need to audition with a song from the show and a monolog of your choice. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Leonard at bleonard@smmusd.org

PARENTS OF SENIORS- The FAFSA has not been released yet but to prepare for it, here's a checklist: [Helpful FAFSA Checklist for students:](#)

1. Identify who will be contributors* on the student's FAFSA form.
2. Create studentaid.gov accounts. Student and all contributors will need individual accounts.
3. Gather [information needed](#) to complete the FAFSA.
4. Complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA Form (which will be available by Dec. 31) by each colleges' deadline. We encourage submission as soon as possible after the FAFSA is available.

*A "contributor" is a new term on the FAFSA and refers to anyone who is asked to provide information on the student's FAFSA form. For example, it could be the student and parents.

Scholarships are available on our website: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/6648>

LOST AND FOUND: Please remind your student to check the Lost and Found near the lunch area for missing water bottles, lunch box, clothing items. Items will be donated at the end of the school day on Friday, December 22nd.

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](#)

SMMUSD DISTRICT CALENDARS: The Board of Education previously approved the District Calendars for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. These include the start and end dates for the school year as well as holidays which will allow you to plan ahead for your family travel. All calendars are available [HERE](#).

SENIORS! GRAD ITEMS: Make sure you order your cap and gown! [ORDER FORM HERE](#).
Need specific questions answered? Call Jostens directly at (805)987-4147 or email zavala.office@jostens.com.

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:

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.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES CONCLUDES - CHOIR: Our MHS and MMS Winter Choir concert will be on **December 14th at 6:00 PM**. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome! All choir students in Malibu, including elementary students from Malibu Elementary and Webster will be performing our traditional closing song “Christmas on the Beach in Malibu.” As Buddy the Elf says, “The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!”

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The next SMMUSD school board meeting is **Thursday, Decemebr 14 at 6:00pm** at the district office. The agenda can be found [online](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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**.

SCHOOL RESUMES: We get back to work, and start a new semester, on **Tuesday, January 9th, 2024**. This is a fresh start for all students. It is a good time to remind your student that he or she gets a second chance. Any missteps first semester can be corrected and improved for second semester. I call upon teachers to take advantage of the new start and ask the same of students. Start the second semester off right by committing to being here every day, fully engaging in class, doing all assigned work out of class and seeking help when needed. One of the best things about school is that each term, and each day, affords one the chance to do better. Students – start the second semester off with a commitment to work hard and give your best. The right attitude is a necessity for success. Combine a great attitude with effective habits and you set yourself up to do your very best. Let’s have a great spring semester!

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. Breakfast With Santa, 12/16, 8am-2pm
<https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/32499/Breakfast-With-Santa-Flyer-2023-?bidId=>
2. Santa Paws, 12/10, 8am-12p,
<https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/32501/Santa-Paws-2023-?bidId=>
3. ABC's Christmas Tree Lot, <https://volunteersignup.org/D34MK>
4. Malibu Public Library, 3 hours/week working in the bookstore
*contact harrietpollon@yahoo.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 BGCIMALIBU.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](#)
- **BGCM Winter Registration is Now Available.** BGCM will be open from January 2 to January 5, 2024, the Teen Center will be open from 8:30 am to 5 pm. To secure a spot for your teen, please use this link to complete the registration process. [Register Here](#) The deadline for registration is December 18. Please email Violet with any questions at violetway@bgcmalibu.org
- **ALL BGCM Clubhouse Sites will be CLOSED Dec 25-Jan 1** in observance of the upcoming holidays. We are wishing you and your families a wonderful winter break.

THIRDSSPACE

A PROJECT OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU

- **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 initiativesHere, 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)
- **BGCM Scholarship Opportunities:** BGCM offers scholarship opportunities tailored to support graduation goals, mental health advocacy, and fostering a positive Club environment through kindness. If your teen is interested in applying for these

opportunities, kindly email Violet at violetway@bgcmalibu.org. This opportunity is open to 12th graders only.

- **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 1/8. 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](#)*