

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – DECEMBER 4, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear MHS Families,

As we approach final exams and the end of the first semester, the following study skills and test taking reminders may be helpful. These were used in a parent presentation a few years ago developed by the Huntington Learning Center and I have shared them a couple of times.

- 1. Believe in yourself!** (Trust your abilities, recognize your individual talents, you have to want it, develop the confidence to do well now and for your future)
- 2. Be organized.** (Use an assignment notebook, use a 3-ring for class notes, use different folders for each class, have phone numbers for classmates to find out what you are missing, keep your locker and backpack neat, get organized before going to bed, pick 1 day a week to reorganize yourself)
- 3. Manage your time well.** (Use class time and study halls, create your own studying plan-homework does not equal studying, Prepare for things that may go wrong)
- 4. Be successful in class.** (Learn how to adapt to different teachers, Be in school, on time, every day, be prepared for each class, sit in front of the class if possible, always do your homework, participate in class)
- 5. Take good notes.** (Preview material the night before, Be an ACTIVE listener, take notes to help you pay attention, recognize IMPORTANT information, take notes that are easy to read, use abbreviations for speed writing, go over your notes as soon as possible, Get lecture notes if you are absent, use an outline format, make your own study guide by writing recall questions)
- 6. Know good reading techniques** (Google SQ3R strategy)
- 7. Study Smarter!** (Find a good place to study, get started on something easier, but don't save the most difficult assignment for last, know your learning style, organize your study time, know how to study, use tricks to help you memorize information)
- 8. Develop test-taking strategies** (Be prepared...then relax, develop a plan on how to approach the test. Read all answer choices, mark questions you want to return to, don't spend too much time on any one problem, increase your odds on multiple choice style questions by trying to predict the answer first and by eliminating choices you know are incorrect, look for key words in true/false questions, improve your math scores by estimating what the answer will be and by showing your work, check your answers, and go over returned tests, know how to approach essay questions: plan your time, write appropriate amount, what is the questions asking?, brainstorm and outline, write neatly and in complete sentences, support your point, and remember it is an essay not a conversation with your friends (open, support, closing))
- 9. Reduce test anxiety.** (Study enough to feel confident, get a good nights sleep, eat well, mentally practice going through the test, be confident and think positively)
- 10. Get help when you need it.** (School teachers, counselor, peers and study groups, parents or family members, library or internet research)

Patrick Miller, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

CROSS COUNTRY CONGRATS: Congratulations to Tallula Murphree who competed in her 3rd Cross Country State Championship in Fresno last Saturday. Tallula finished 33rd overall in the Division 5 Championship 5k race with a time of 19:41, a really great showing and ending a fantastic year of Malibu Cross Country. Great job Tallula!

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!

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.

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!

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](#)

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.

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](#).

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](#)

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:

GIRLS SOFTBALL MEETING (STUDENTS): Tuesday, December 5th at lunchtime, there will be a softball meeting in the new gym. We are hoping to recruit enough girls to have a team this season. If your student has any interest in playing softball this season, please encourage them to attend this meeting. Please reach out to Athletic Director, Mr. Neier, at cneier@smmusd.org if you have any questions.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES - BAND: On Thursday, December 7th at 7pm, join the Malibu Bands in the MHS auditorium for a night filled with music and fun. With performances by all three Malibu bands, Drumline, and student solos, come sail the high seas with Jack Sparrow, search for clues with Inspector Clouseau, and listen to tacos falling from the sky?! One night only!

DADS HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER: John White and Steve Clark organized a holiday meet up for ALL Dads in Malibu for the 6th ANNUAL MALIBU DADS HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER. Malibu Brewing Company: **Sunday, December 10th at 5PM!** Like last year, they are encouraging everyone to spread a little holiday cheer by making a "dad donation" to the Shark Fund [HERE](#) - providing much needed and 100% tax deductible donation to support a vibrant academic, arts and athletics community. MBC would like a headcount in advance, so please RSVP to let John & Steve know if you plan to join! [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WINTER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES:

- December 14th – 6 PM - Choir

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:

- Gingerbread House Making for elders in the church, 12/8 *Walk over to Malibu Methodist right after school, until 3:30. All supplies are provided.
- Malibu Community Labor Exchange Christmas Party, 12/9, 10a-2p *Setting up decorations and gifts, and serving food.
- Santa Paws, 12/10, 8am-12p, <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/32501/Santa-Paws-2023-?bidId=>
- ABC's Christmas Tree Lot, <https://volunteersignup.org/D34MK>

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 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 Dec 25 - Jan 1** in observance of the upcoming holidays. We are wishing you and your families a wonderful winter 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 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 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](#)