

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – FEBRUARY 12, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

SMMUSD CLIMATE AND CULTURE PARENT SURVEY: SMMUSD has partnered with Hanover Research to conduct a short survey to gather input from all parents about our school district's climate and culture. We encourage you to share your opinions about your experiences in SMMUSD in order to inform the decisions made by school and district administrators. Please use the following link to take the survey: [LINK](#). Survey deadline is **Thursday February 29, 2024**.

REGISTER FOR SAT AT MHS - FREE (GRADE 11): The new digital SAT will be administered at Malibu High School on **Friday, April 12th** during school hours. Juniors who would like to take the SAT MUST register [using this google form by February 17th](#).

SUMMER PROGRAMS: Parents of 9-11th graders: As we approach summer, many students are seeking out programs they can participate in. Here is a list of Summer programs that are low cost or FREE for students to explore. The link is here: <https://www.appily.com/guidance/counselors/college-greenlight/free-pre-college-summer-programs>

YEARBOOK: Books will be significantly more expensive as the year progresses, so please buy it now!

Link: <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

- **Grade 12:** *The deadline has passed to submit Senior portraits, baby photos, reflection photos and senior quotes, BUT you can still purchase parent recognition ads to celebrate your senior AND still purchase a yearbook. Books will be significantly more expensive as the year progresses, so please buy it now! Link to both the ad and book:* <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

CA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY (GRADE 12): The California State Seal of Biliteracy is a special recognition for seniors who have a high level of proficiency in two languages. Those that apply and meet the [criteria](#) will receive the CA State Seal of Biliteracy insignia on their diploma. Seniors who meet the requirements must apply using the google form in the senior google classroom page or see your school counselor. The deadline to apply is March 1. Any questions, see your counselor. [Link to SSB application](#)

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

WINTER INTERIM ASSESSMENTS: Students will be taking interim assessments in their math class and English Class **February 12 - February 23**. Students must use their district Chromebook to take the test. Students should charge their school chromebook and restart their chromebook to ensure all updates are completed prior to these dates.

BLOOD DRIVE: Attention parents and students 16 years and up, the UCLA blood drive will be on campus on **Tuesday, February 13th from 9 am to 2pm**. Please sign up if you are interested in donating blood. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Martinez or an ASB representative.

NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR: Parents of 9th, 10th, 11th graders: There will be a national college fair in Pasadena on **February 13th**. Students and parents are encouraged to attend to meet with college admission representatives and gain insights on their programs and admission requirements. [More information here!](#)

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS: Our next Coffee with Counselors will be **Wednesday, February 14th** at 9 am in the Parent Center. We will be joined by Holly Baxter from Ludington Institute of Family Enrichment speaking on *Never Enough: Supporting students from high pressure systems*.

ARTS ANGELS MEETING: Please join us for the next Arts Angels monthly meeting of the New Year on the third Thursday of the month - **Feb. 15, 2024 from 9-10a** in the Parents Center - let's talk about the upcoming Mean Girls musical, more beautiful murals around the school, outstanding mock trial opportunities, recording studio possibilities, and the Dick & Arlene Van Dyke naming event coming for our very own auditorium in the next couple of months! Help us make plans...thank you!

BOYS GOLF/ATHLETIC CLEARANCE: Attention, parents of boys who would like to play golf for MHS this spring! Golf tryouts will be this **Thursday, Feb. 15th, at Westlake Golf Course at 4:15 PM**. You must have a physical on file, clearing you to play golf BEFORE attending tryouts. Upload your physical to AthleticClearance.com and/or bring a hard copy to our Athletic Director, Mr. Neier. Please bring 1-3 scorecards in to Coach Deshautelle in Room P-3 before the tryouts, if possible, and bring your own clubs, glove, etc. to the tryout, if you have them. See Coach Deshautelle in Room P-3 with any questions.

SSC MEETING: The next MHS School Site Council meeting will take place on **Thursday February 15th at 3:45 pm**. Agenda and zoom link will be available [HERE](#).

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MALIBU INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC COMPETITION: Join us at 7:00pm on **Thursday, February 15th** at Pepperdine's Raitt Recital Hall for the annual Instrumental Music Festival where 12 finalists from MMS and MHS will perform.

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The next SMMUSD school board meeting is **Thursday, February 15 at 6:00pm** at the district office. The agenda for the 2/15/24 regular board meeting is posted [online](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO SCHOOL: Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, February 19th** in observance of Presidents' Day.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REGISTRATION: Counselors will be presenting to classes and meeting with students to discuss course requests for the 2024-2025 school year between **February 20 and March 1**. Students should carefully select classes as program and staffing decisions are made based off of these requests and changes cannot be made at a later date.

CONGRESSMAN SHERMAN TOWNHALL: We are working on an assembly on **Wednesday, February 21st** with Congressman Brad Sherman during Support Period.

PARENT RESOURCE NETWORK MEETUP: The SMMUSD Parent Resource Network is hosting a meetup for all Malibu parents of Special Education students, or students with IEPs. Let's get together, share resources, and support one another! Malibu PRN representatives will be there to answer any questions about the IEP process and share information about upcoming events. Please join us at Malibu Pacific Church, 3324 Malibu Cyn. Rd., **Thursday February 22, 6:30-7:30**, upstairs in the event space. Please RSVP and direct any questions to denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com.

END OF GP4: The end of the first grading period of the spring semester is **Friday, February 23rd**. Progress reports will be available in the Aeries Parent Portal the following week. Please remember, this first grading period will only reflect a handful of assignments so ensure that you are completing all tasks asked of you on time, and to the best of your ability.

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: The next general PTSA meeting is **Thursday, February 29 at 9:00** in the Library Classroom. The change in location is a result of the Parent Center being used as an Election Center.

MASQUE: 3 Nights! **February 29, March 1, and March 2.**

VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Interested in volunteering on campus, during the school day in any capacity? Then you must be processed and cleared as a Level 1 volunteer which includes completing volunteer packet, TB questionnaire, and attending an in-person training. The next Parent Volunteer Trainings (mainly for Friendly Faces) will be offered in person on **Friday, March 15th** after the POMS meeting (approximately 11:00 am.) To prepare, parents can begin to complete [the volunteer packet for Level 1 volunteers here](#).

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL TRACK INVITATIONAL

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DONATE:

- **Donate money** to ABC to help offset the costs incurred to run the event here: <https://buy.stripe.com/eVag2Kd0GdQ28sU4gg>

FOOD DONATIONS: **Please bring all food donations to the pool lot on Friday, February 9th from 1:00pm-2:00pm.** There will be ABC members there to help you unload your items.

- You can sign up to **donate** items here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BA8A928ABFF2-47515398-malibu>
- Or use our Amazon wish list found here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/3kGhai3?ref=wl_share

VOLUNTEER:

- Parents & students can **volunteer** to work the event here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BA8A928ABFF2-47509743-malibu>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

JOBS AVAILABLE!: We're hiring at MMS and MHS! Library Assistant, Campus Safety, Instructional Assistant - Band, Lifeguard...<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/smmusd>

MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENT: Join other preservationists the second Wednesday of the month at the Point Dume Preserve at Birdview & Cliffside Drive to keep the headlands poison-free. Please bring gardening gloves and be prepared to do some hand weeding with some of your wonderful neighbors from 9a-noon. Sign up [HERE!](#) Thank you!

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. Spring Malibu Little League, help with field maintenance, snack shack, coaching assisting and swag table. Email Caileen Uznis (mcilver@hotmai.com) to sign up! A great, outside, social opportunity to do with friends!
2. **Malibu High Track Invitational, 2/24. This is a large event and there are volunteer needs for both parents and students,** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BA8A928ABFF2-47509743-malibu>
3. Malibu Public Library, 3 hours/week working in the bookstore. *Contact harriepollon@yahoo.com
4. Malibu Methodist Bake & Share, bake at home and deliver on Monday (earns 3 hours)

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU:

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 Valentine's Day Sip & Shop** Tuesday, Feb 13 4-6p at Third Space (23357 Pacific Coast Hwy, next to Malibu Village books) Come join us to enjoy complimentary champagne, sweet treats, fresh flower arrangements, and more while finding the perfect gift for your valentine and giving back to community! A kid-friendly, "DIY" Valentine's Day card making station will be available. *Complimentary champagne only available for guests 21+
- **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
- **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 3/4. 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.
- **BGCM Wellness Center** will be hosting a series of parent workshops in partnership with SMMUSD starting this month. Join us via zoom on Thursday, Feb 29 @7PM to discuss how to raise confident kids that will become self-assured adults. RSVP here <https://bit.ly/BGCMParentWorkshops2024>. We'll explore topics such as:
 - The difference between praise and encouragement, and why it matters
 - What builds self-esteem and self-confidence in children
 - How to respond to a child's anxiety or lack of confidence
 - The importance of self-regulation skills
- **BGCM Wellness Center Parent Support Group Feb 1-March 14**
Join the BGCM Malibu Wellness Center, in partnership with SMMUSD, to participate in a weekly interactive series for parents. This group is designed to help navigate many of the challenges faced during different developmental stages of your teen's life. Open to parents of children of all ages. Topics include: understanding your child/teen, connecting with your child/teen, enforcing rules, talking about the tough stuff, and planning for the future. Taking place every Thursday (6 week series via zoom) Register for free <https://bit.ly/ParentGroup2024>

- **BGCM 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](#)*