

# MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE – FEBRUARY 5, 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**.

**REFLECTIONS:** 33<sup>rd</sup> District PTA Award of Merit Winner: Congratulations to **Hank Norby** for receiving the Award of Merit (2nd Place) from 33rd District PTA for his photograph titled "Light in the World." Hank was one of four MMS/MHS student artists whose work was submitted by the Santa Monica Malibu PTA (SMMPTA) to 33rd District PTA for continued judging. Hank is the only student in Malibu (including the elementary schools) to have placed at the 33rd District PTA level.

**ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-2025:** Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year for new families is open! If you have friends, neighbors, colleagues with children (who live in the MHS boundary) interested in joining our Malibu High community or any of our Malibu schools, please have them email the registrars, for MHS that is Beth Soloway at [bsoloway@smmusd.org](mailto:bsoloway@smmusd.org). If they do not live in the MHS boundary, they must first apply for an inter-district permit which be available soon on the school and district website.

**COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER (GRADE 11):** Ms. Snyder started meeting with juniors individually last week for their initial college advising appointment. If you would like to set a time aside to meet with Ms. Snyder, please email her at [lsnyder@smmusd.org](mailto:lsnyder@smmusd.org). The new digital SAT will be administered at Malibu High School on **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** during school hours. Juniors who would like to take the SAT MUST register [using this google form by February 17<sup>th</sup>](#).

**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:** 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 INFO:

**TRANSCRIPTS:** All mid year report (first semester senior year grades) were sent to colleges in Naviance on Monday, January 22. Colleges should have received these transcripts and students should see this reflected in their college student portal.

**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](#)

**YEARBOOK:** *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>

## THIS WEEK AT MHS:

**SAFETY DRILL:** Our final planned Safety Drill is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30am**. This drill will include both a drop/cover/hold on earthquake drill and a fire/evacuation drill.

**STUDENT CLIMATE SURVEY:** Students in grades 9-12 will take the SMMUSD Climate and Culture Survey during Support Period on **Wednesday, February 8**.

**MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL:** The 2024 Malibu Middle School Musical will be Frozen JR. and the show dates are **February 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**. Come enjoy a story of true love where two sisters experience mysteries of magic, tragedy, and a long journey to find their confidence and inner powers. The sisters, Anna and Elsa, deal with matters of friendship, family, and love with some irresistible characters along the way including Olaf the snowman, Sven the reindeer, Oaken, Pabbie and Bulda and the Hidden Folk. It is truly a magical frozen tale! Tickets and more info at [www.malibums.smmusd.org](http://www.malibums.smmusd.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**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.

**NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR:** Parents of 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> graders: There will be a national college fair in Pasadena on **February 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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 14<sup>th</sup>** 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!

**SSC MEETING:** The next MHS School Site Council meeting will take place on **Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>** at Pepperdines Raitt Recital Hall for the annual Instrumental Music Festival where 12 finalists from MMS and MHS will perform.

**NO SCHOOL:** Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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

**MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL TRACK INVITATIONAL:** The Malibu High School Track Invitational is coming up on February 24<sup>th</sup> and the Athletic Booster Club is asking for support. This is a large fundraiser for the booster club, and a great event for the track team, where we get 25 schools and 800+ athletes coming to our event. To help make this happen we need **volunteers and donations**. The money that we raise at this event goes into the ABC general fund to help support ALL the teams.

## DONATE:

- **Donate money** to ABC to help offset the costs incurred to run the event here: <https://buy.stripe.com/eVaq2Kd0GdQ28sU4qq>

**FOOD DONATIONS:** **Please bring all food donations to the pool lot on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 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](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:

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

1. Agoura Animal Shelter, \*must be 16, 8 hours/month, \*Contact [volunteer@animalcare.lacounty.gov](mailto:volunteer@animalcare.lacounty.gov)
2. Malibu Public Library, 3 hours/week working in the bookstore. \*Contact [harrietpollon@yahoo.com](mailto:harrietpollon@yahoo.com)
3. Malibu Little League, gearing up for Spring, help with field maintenance, snack shack, coaching assisting and swag table.

## 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](https://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!
- 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](https://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 2/5. 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.
- 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)  
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