

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – March 11, 2024

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Monday, 3/11 – Regular Schedule

Tuesday, 3/12 – 2/4/S/6 Block Schedule

Wednesday, 3/13 – 1/3/S/5 Block Schedule

Thursday, 3/14 – Minimum Schedule (Open House at 5:00)

Friday, 3/15 - Minimum Schedule

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Malibu High Families,

MMS/MHS OPEN HOUSE:

DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2024

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*We hope all of you are planning on joining us **Thursday night, March 14th**, at our annual Open House! Come visit with friends, neighbors, and school staff! Open House is a chance for students to share their classrooms and work with you. It is a fun, positive night where families move as they please, visiting current classrooms, past classrooms, catch up with friends, etc. There will not be a formal program. For more information, including a map of where you will find departments/teachers,*

visit: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/7075>

*Thank you,
Patrick Miller, Principal*

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

NEW HIGH SCHOOL TOPPING OFF CEREMONY: Please join us Thursday, March 21st at 3:45 pm for a construction milestone – the Topping Off Ceremony. Come watch as the last steel beam is hoisted into place on our new High School building!

INDEPENDENT STUDY PE FOR 24-25: The ISPE applications for the 2024-2025 school year will be posted on school websites Friday, March 8. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, April 12.

PROGRESS REPORTS AVAILABLE: The end of the first grading period of the spring semester was Friday, February 23rd. Progress reports are now available in the Aeries Parent Portal later this week. For help accessing the reports: [Student Portal](#) [Parent Portal](#)

ATTENDANCE REMINDER: Parents have expressed confusion regarding excessive absence and truancy letters sent home. More information [can be found HERE](#). California has compulsory attendance laws requiring students to attend school daily. There are only a very small number of allowable reasons for school absence per state law. Therefore, most absences, including those verified with a note through the attendance office, are considered unexcused. After 3 unexcused absences a student is considered truant, and the SARB process is initiated. Please help to ensure your student attends school daily. Good attendance is the number one indicator of student success.

HEALTH OFFICE REMINDERS: No student is to carry in his/her possession at any time either prescription medication or over-the-counter medication. All medication must be checked in with the school nurse and administered by a school official following the written guidelines of a physician. Also, the use of crutches or any other mobility devices at school requires a written order from the physician that includes the diagnosis & length of time the device is needed.

AP EXAM FEES: Students taking AP classes are expected to take the corresponding AP exam May 6-17. The AP program is sponsored by the College Board and AP exams cost \$100. AP exam fees are due to the MHS student store by cash/check/card **no later than March 15**. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify for the district free/reduced lunch program. Any questions about AP testing please contact AP coordinator Ms. Samsel. More info about MHS AP testing here: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/4396>

YEARBOOK: Books will be significantly more expensive as the year progresses, so please buy it now! Book Sales end 3/16. Link: <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>
Grade 12: The deadline has passed for all submissions, but please be sure to purchase your child's yearbook before the price goes up in June.

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. If they do not live in the MHS boundary, they must first apply for an interdistrict permit which will be on the district website In June.

MALIBU HIGH FILM WEBSITE: Want to relive some of the amazing MASQUE performances from past years? Did you miss the most recent MMS or MHS Theater production? Need to catch up with Shark TV? You can find it all on the [Malibu High School Film Department Website](#)

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

CAASPP SUMMATIVE TESTING: Grade 11 students will take CAASPP Math **March 11-15** in Math Class and CAST Science in History class **March 20-21**. Students need their school issued chromebook to complete these tests.

PANORAMIC PICTURE (GRADE 12) AND SENIOR ASSEMBLY: All seniors will report to the indoor theater for our annual end of year senior meeting **March 13th during support**. Then, Panorama pictures for seniors are scheduled for **March 13th during support** immediately following the senior meeting. Students can take order forms from their Government/Economics teacher and bring with them on the day of the event. You can also order ahead of time online by doing the following: Go to: mylifetouch.com, Enter student information, Picture Day ID: **MH013396T0**

MINIMUM DAY: To accommodate MMS and MHS Open House, **Thursday, March 14th** we will be on a Minimum Day schedule. Students will be in class until 1:35pm. Please do not arrive prior to 1:35pm for pick up. **Tuesday, March 12th** becomes a Periods 2/4/S/6 Block Day.

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The agenda for the 3/13/24 special board meeting at 5:30pm is posted [online](#). The main purpose of this special meeting is for the board to adopt the second interim budget report, which must be adopted prior to March 15 each year.

MMS/MHS OPEN HOUSE: Malibu Middle and High School's annual Open House will take place on **Thursday, March 14th at 5:00pm**. To accommodate the event, school will be on a Minimum Day Schedule. More details, and a MAP, is on the website: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/7075>

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](#).

SMMUSD STAIRWAY TO THE STARS CONCERT: Nearly 900 elementary, middle, and high school students will "star" in the 73rd annual "Stairway to the Stars" outdoor concert in the Santa Monica High School Greek Theatre on **Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 4 p.m.**

Purchase tickets: www.StairwayoftheStars.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CSF RECOGNITION BREAKFAST AND UNIVERSAL FIELD TRIP: The annual CSF/CJSF awards breakfast is **Monday, March 18 from 8:30-9:30**. ALL members (even if not attending the field trip) are welcome (along with family members) to attend the awards breakfast to enjoy treats and coffee. Each member will receive their certificate and seniors who have qualified for lifetime seal bearer status will receive their gold cord to be worn proudly at graduation! Students attending Universal Studios will board the buses immediately after the breakfast at 9:30. Buses will return to campus at approximately 7 PM from the field trip.

ARTS ANGELS: Please join us for the next Arts Angels monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 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! We will be starting fresh with two middle school parents as our co-Presidents and a high school parent as VP so we need all the help we can get to make the arts happen for our students...thank you!

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS: March 20th at 9:00 AM. Our guest speaker is Ann Marano, Director of College that Change Lives (CTCL). CTCL was based on a book written by Loren Pope to help students frame their search to find a college or university that cultivates a lifelong love of learning and provides the foundation for a successful and fulfilling life beyond their degree. Ann will share scholarship opportunities, why students and parents should consider a liberal arts education, and highlight some amazing colleges within the CTCL organization, some where we have current students enrolled in. This is a GREAT opportunity for parents of ALL grade levels.

SPRING BREAK: SMMUSD will be on Spring Break from **March 25 through April 5th**. Classes will resume on Monday, April 8th.

SAT AT MHS - FREE (GRADE 11): The new digital SAT will be administered at Malibu High School on **Friday, April 12th** during school hours.

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:

- Baja Build, a weekend trip organized through Malibu Pacific Church, April 27/28 <https://subsplash.com/malibupacificchurch/lb/ev/+v62w6p>
- Hand In Hand, creating social connections between people of all abilities, organized through the Malibu Jewish Center & Synagogue <https://www.handinhandconnect.org>
- Spring Malibu Little League, help with field maintenance, snack shack, coaching assisting and swag table. Email Caileen Uznis (mcilverly@hotmail.com) to sign up! A great, outside, social opportunity to do with friends!

MALIBU SPEAKER SERIES: The next speaker in the Malibu Library Speaker Series will be child poverty advocate David Ambroz on **Wednesday, March 20th at 7 PM**. Get more information [HERE](#).

MALIBU PACIFIC BAJA BUILD: The Spring Baja Build is coming up April 27th - April 28th! If you are interested in signing up please [click HERE](#) for more information and to register. You will receive 24 hours of community service for this trip.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENT! Join other preservationists the second Wednesday of the month from 9a-noon 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. [Sign up here!](#) Thank you!

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.

- 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:
 - o Safe spaces after-school
 - o Mental health services for youth, families and aging population
 - o Drug and alcohol prevention programming
 - o Innovative and inspiring opportunities for youth
 - o 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 4/8. 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.

- BGCM Wellness Center Parent Workshops in partnership with SMMUSD. Join us via zoom on Thursday, March 21 @ 7PM to discuss Family Mental Well-Being. Parenting requires us to be aware of our family's mental well-being. Explore this topic and others related to living our best lives as a family. Discussion will include:
 - Making sure we're doing ok as parents (is our oxygen mask on first?)
 - Talking about Family Mental Well-Being from different perspectives
 - Ways to practice on connection with our kids at different stages
 - Destigmatizing mental health challenges as a family

RSVP here <https://bit.ly/BGCMParentWorkshops2024>

- 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](#)