

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – March 4, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

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.

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>

START PLANNING FOR SUMMER:

- **MHS/SMMUSD SPONSORED SUMMER SCHOOL OPTIONS:** We will again offer 3 summer programs: Credit Recovery for students to make up any course with D/F grade, Get Ahead Geometry as an acceleration option on our math pathway, and ESY-Extended School Year which is a program for students on IEP who qualify. The Credit Recovery/ Math Acceleration dates are **June 24 - July 26**. The program hours will be similar to previous summers: **8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- **SMC SUMMER OPTIONS:** Students may also pursue college level coursework through SMC or other programs and earn dual credit, for FREE. SMC Chem 10 can be used to accelerate. For more information on any summer programs or dual enrollment, reach out to your counselor.
- **PRIVATE 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! 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. Book sales end 3/16. <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

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 ELA Monday-Friday **March 4-March 8** in English classes, 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.

NAMI PRESENTATIONS (GRADE 9): Students will be participating in the NAMI Ending the Silence Program in their Freshman Seminar classes **March 5**. The [Ending The Silence](#) program for schools has been specifically tailored for students to help end the shame, stigma, and silence that have surrounded the topic of mental health for too long.

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The next SMMUSD school board meeting is **Thursday, March 7 at 5:30pm** at the district office. The agenda for the 3/7/24 regular board meeting is posted [online](#).

PARENT RESOURCE NETWORK MEETUP – NEW DATE: 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 March 7th, 6:30-7:30**, upstairs in the event space. Please RSVP and direct any questions to denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com.

WORLD LANGUAGES DAY: World Language Day is **Friday, March 8 (except period 3)** on the second level of the A/B building. Parents are encouraged to attend! Students have been creating projects in Spanish and French and will be presenting in the target language in a comprehensible manner so that non-language learners can enjoy them! This year our students have been working on designing tourist trips to various French and Spanish-speaking locations. They will deliver their sales pitch to convince their audience to buy the trip. Visitors will be given a "voucher" with a random amount to purchase the trip of their choice, that they can afford!

SELPA RESOURCE FAIR: The SELPA is putting on a community resource fair for all special education families in SMMUSD, CCUSD and BHUSD on **Saturday, March 9**. There will be speakers, resources for summer programs, after school programming information and so much more. See the attached flyers in English and Spanish. [click here](#) and [click here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

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

CSF RECOGNITION BREAKFAST AND UNIVERSAL FIELD TRIP: The annual CSF/CJSF awards breakfast is **Monday, March 18 from 8:30-9:30**. All students who applied and qualified for membership during the spring drive received a breakfast invitation and field trip form. 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 three middle school parents as our co-Presidents and 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:

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

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](#).

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://www.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](#)
- **BGCM & Prince Street Pizza** teamed up on a pizza design contest. The winner is the Spring Fling which features spicy marinara, smoked mozzarella, pepperoni, sausage, and olive oil drizzle. The specially-designed pizza is now available at Prince Street Pizza Malibu location only, with 20% of the proceeds benefiting BGCM's mental health services and educational initiatives for youth.
- **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](https://www.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 Parent Workshops** in partnership with SMMUSD starting this month. Join us via zoom on Thursday, March 7 @ 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:
 - o -Difference between praise and encouragement, and why it matters
 - o -What builds self-esteem and self-confidence in teens

-How to respond to a teen's anxiety or lack of confidence

-The importance of self-regulation skills

- **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](#)