

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – May 6, 2024

Minimum schedule **Thursday, May 9th** with school ending at 1:35 pm.

This week's schedule:

Monday – Regular
Tuesday – 2/4/S/6 Block
Wednesday – 1/3/S/5 Block
Thursday – Minimum
Friday - Minimum

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear MHS families,

This week, May 6-10, is Staff Appreciation Week at Malibu High. Every year, in the beginning of May, National PTSA recognizes Teacher Appreciation Week which includes the state of California's recognition, with the California Day of the Teacher recognized May 8, 2024. This year's National PTSA theme is "Teachers are Shining Stars!"

In recognizing teachers, and all staff who support our students, the National PTSA reminds us, that they "make the world brighter, one student at a time and play an important role in shaping our children." They go on to say, "Teacher Appreciation Week is a time to honor the invaluable contributions of educators who tirelessly guide and inspire students every day. Teachers are the shining stars in the constellation of our society, illuminating the path to knowledge and growth. They selflessly dedicate themselves to nurturing young minds, imparting not just academic lessons, but also invaluable life skills and wisdom. With their patience, passion, and dedication, teachers mold the future generation, instilling within them a love of learning and a belief in their own potential."

We are very fortunate to have an incredibly professional, expert, dedicated, and caring staff at Malibu High. I too am so grateful for all of their efforts and hope you and your students will find some small way to say "thank you" this week.

Patrick Miller, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH SPECIAL SUPPORT PERIODS: May is Mental Health Awareness Month. In partnership with the BGC Malibu Wellness Center and PTSA, our school counselors will be providing various activities, lessons, and events throughout the month of May in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month during lunch, support periods, and various classes.

CONGRATS: Congratulations to Nahla Seikali (MHS) and Mike Mulligan (MMS) who have been selected as this year's recipients of the Friend of the Youth by the Optimist Club of Malibu. They will both be recognized at the annual Ron E Merriman Excellence in Education Awards later in May.

BAND VIDEO: Recently, Mr. Kibler and the high school band took a field trip to the prestigious world-class recording studio "Bandrika" and while there had the opportunity to professionally record their rendition of Chick Corea's renowned song "Spain". Special thanks to owner of Neophonic Music, Evyen Klean www.neophonic.com who wanted the students to experience a professional recording session in this studio and musical museum. The first high school band record at Bandrika studios! [Watch the video HERE.](#)

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION & SALES:

- Senior Yearbook Distribution will be on Monday, May 13th in room 402/photography
- 9-11 Yearbook Distribution will be on Tuesday, May 14th in room 402/photography
- Yearbook Sales will open at the student store or on-line student store on Wednesday, May 15th. (pick up at the student store)

COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP (JUNIORS): As we start thinking about summer plans and college applications, Malibu High School will once again host a College Essay Writing Workshop this summer! We have partnered with the College Essay Guy and you can find more information [HERE](#). Questions? Reach out to College Counselor Linh Snyder at lsnyder@smmusd.org. Monday **June 17th** and Wednesday, **June 19th, 2024**, FREE for students who register **by June 7, 2024**, Register [HERE](#).

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

AP TESTING: AP Testing will run from **May 6th through May 17th**. Please be sure you have registered on the AP Classroom/College Board website and paid your fees in the Student Store. Any questions, visit: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/4396> or contact Ms. Samsel.

MINIMUM DAY: We will be on Minimum schedule **Thursday, May 9th** with school ending at 1:35 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FINAL SSC MEETING: The final MHS School Site Council meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 16th at 3:45 pm**. The agenda and zoom link will be available [HERE](#).

SPRING CONCERTS: Join us for our Spring Concert Series:

- Band Concert – **Thursday, May 16th**
- Choir Concert – **Thursday, May 30th**
- Orchestra Concert – **Tuesday, June 4th**

PENNANT DAY: Pennant Day is **Tuesday, May 21st**. Seniors will have a short activity during lunch to share their college selection. Everyone is encouraged to wear their college gear in support of our seniors on this day.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT: On **Tuesday, May 21st at 5 PM** in the amphitheater, we will hold our Senior Awards Night. All seniors and parents are invited to attend. Invites will go out the first week of May for seniors awarded a scholarship, department award, or special recognition. Refreshments and treats will be provided by our PTSA.

PTSA GENERAL MEETING/HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY: **Thursday, May 23rd at 9:00am.** Join us for our final PTSA Meeting of the year. As part of the meeting, we will thank all volunteers and recognize the selected Honorary service Awards recipients.

HISTORY DAY: Friday, May 24th - *Turning Points in History*. This year's theme invites you to consider questions of time and place, cause and effect, change over time, and impact and significance. *A turning point in history* is more than just an important event that happened a long time ago. It is more than a new idea or a particular action taken by an individual. A turning point is an idea, event, or action that directly, or sometimes indirectly, causes change. Stay tuned for details on how to join us!

NO SCHOOL: Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed **Monday, May 27** in observance of Memorial Day.

ASB SPIRIT WEEK AND PEP RALLY: More info to come, Spirit Week is May 28-31 and the final pep rally (special bell schedule) on May 31.

PROM: May 31 at Westlake Inn, Grades 11 and 12 Only. Tickets sold in advance, contracts required, and guest contracts required in advance. Students must attend school Friday May 31 in order to attend prom.

FINAL EXAMS: Students in grades 9-11 will take Final Exams on the following days, **Friday, June 7** (periods 1 and 4), **Monday, June 10** (Periods 2 and 5), and **Tuesday, June 11** (Periods 3 and 6). **Dismissal on all 3 finals days is 12:35pm, not the normal 1:35pm.** The schedule can be found [HERE](#). There are no make-up final exams. Teachers must submit final grades on June 12.

GRADUATION CEREMONY: We will celebrate the class of 2024 at our annual commencement ceremony on **Tuesday, June 11th at 2:00pm.**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: Wednesday, June 12th is the last day of the 2023-2024 school year with a 12:35pm student dismissal.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY: Join "Song for Charlie" in the fight against fentanyl. Watch their four minute long video on the dangers of fentanyl and fake pills, start a life saving conversation using their guide, and quickly learn how to respond to an overdose. Fentanyl, hidden in fake pills and other drugs, is killing nearly 20 high school students each week. Join us, this Fentanyl Awareness Day **on May 7**, and protect your loved ones. **Visit:** www.fentanylawarinessday.org

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.

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.

- **BGCM Summer Camp Enrollment is LIVE! June 24-Aug 9** Visit bgcmalibu.org to learn more and enroll. For grades incoming 6th-12th. BGCM is committed to providing a summer curriculum that will include a variety of activities geared towards fun, educational, and social experiences. Programs include: STEM based projects, arts & crafts, cooking/gardening, kindness, social emotional wellness, field trips, and more!
- **BGCM Wellness Center Parent Workshops** in partnership with SMMUSD. Join us via zoom on Thursday, May 30 @ 7PM to discuss Supporting Mental Health Through the Teen Years, where we'll delve into developing the building blocks of good parent-child connection and family resilience, making your home a safe space, bringing in a wider community, and recognizing when teens are ready to stand on their own. RSVP here <https://bit.ly/BGCMParentWorkshops2024>
- **Career Launch June 24-Aug 9** For grades 9th-12th. Gain community service hours through our 50-hr summer internship. Teens will participate in mandatory job readiness training July 1-July 5. Career Launch helps students explore skills and interests, evaluate different careers, and learn valuable insight to help them make an informed decision when planning educational and career pathways. Email violetway@bgcmalibu.org for more info.
- **BGCM & Prince Street Pizza** For your next family night out, please consider supporting BGCM! BGCM & Prince Street Pizza teamed up on a pizza design contest. Order the Spring Fling featuring spicy marinara, smoked mozzarella, pepperoni, sausage, and olive oil drizzle. The specially-designed pizza is available at Prince Street Pizza (Malibu location only) **20% of the proceeds benefiting BGCM's mental health services and educational initiatives for youth.**
- **1 in 5 Meet the Makers Showcase, May 14!**
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE DROP OF 1 IN 5. The 1 IN 5 PROJECT, a youth-led suicide prevention clothing line created by members of the BGCM. Meet the youth makers and connect with community, be a part of meaningful conversation, shop + donate for an important cause during Mental Health Awareness Month. Join us in supporting this impactful initiative as we empower teens to become champions of mental health awareness and advocates for suicide prevention within their communities. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that no one feels alone in their journey towards mental wellness. 100% of proceeds benefit BGCM Wellness Center mental health and wellness services. Please join us in supporting the 1 in 5 apparel line by visiting us in store or shopping online!
This is an open invite to the community, no RSVP required. To learn more and purchase, visit thirdspacemalibu.org/products/1-in-5-crewneck-sweater
- **Family Jewelry-Making Experience at Third Space** in collaboration with Kidd's Jewelry Heist. A family-friendly jewelry-making experience unlike any other! Every Sunday, from 12 to 5pm, come and create your own necklaces, bracelets, keychains, and earrings with the help of our expert team. Explore a curated selection of beads, charms, and chains, and let your creativity run wild. Kidd's Jewelry Heist is renowned for merging entertainment with the art of jewelry making. Enjoy an hour-long session and take home two unique pieces of jewelry for \$45 per person. No reservation needed.
- **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 5/20. To sign up, please email violetway@bgcmalibu.org
- **Brent's Club on Campus** 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 & 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 (Admin) or 310-241-3675 (Programs) Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here](#)