

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – AUGUST 21, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

MHS Families,

On behalf of the entire staff of MHS, it is my honor to again welcome you to the 23-24 school year! As I enter my fifth year as MHS principal, and having had the incredible privilege of serving our Malibu community for the past 16 years, I am extremely proud of the work our professional educators and staff do daily.

At MHS, a college preparatory academic program is at the core of what we do. Students achieve at high levels and benefit from a number of advanced academic electives in the humanities, sciences, and math. Beyond the core academics, Malibu High is a small school with a strong sense of community. Students are able to participate in a wide range of clubs, activities, and sports beyond the academic program. The music and performing arts programs and visual and media arts programs foster and strengthen student's creativity and communication skills. Service-learning opportunities and real-world tasks help students apply their knowledge and skills beyond the Malibu High campus.

Our goal is to keep every door, pathway, and opportunity available for our students and we recognize the importance of developing personal traits, positive character traits, student wellness, and a genuine sense of humanity. MHS students value individual expression and value the contributions of others.

We are eager to start the year and get back to work with each of our students. We want them to take full advantage of all we offer. To help them each start the year off well, I am sharing two resources from our counseling office:

- [**The Twelve Steps to Success**](#)
- [**How to Get the Most Out of School**](#)

Both resources have really simple, but really important reminders for our students.

Please share it and discuss it with them, together.

A large part of MHS' success can be attributed to our active, engaged, and supportive parents. I encourage you all to also stay connected by attending sporting events, arts events and concerts, joining the Athletics Booster Club, Arts Angels Booster Club, PTSA, Shark Fund, volunteering through PTSA Friendly Faces Program, attending our monthly Coffee with the Counselors, joining us for College Nights, etc. School is a busy

place, but the more you and your students participate the more successful we all are! I will be cheering our students on, all year long.

We are going to have a great year!

Patrick Miller, MHS Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

PARKING/PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES: As we all work to ensure student safety and smooth traffic procedures, please read [the Traffic/Pick Up/Drop off Procedures](#) carefully. High School students should be picked up and dropped off in the pool lot. Do not arrive before 3:30pm for student pick up. Always pull as far forward as possible and continue to pull forward as space is made available. Your student will walk to you. If the car can move, keep moving.

YEARBOOK: It's never too early to start thinking about the Yearbook!

- **Senior Parents**, please go to this link to see all of the yearbook deadlines for submitting your senior's photos:
<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/BipgTYIjzDdRf>
- **All Parents**, to purchase a yearbook or Senior Ad, at the best price, please order now! <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

SMMUSD DISTRICT CALENDAR: The district calendar is available online. Please note the start of school, end of school, and all holidays. Please plan vacations and all absences around the school/district calendar. Daily attendance at school is extremely important. <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/148>

MHS EVENTS CALENDAR: We are in the process of updating our school calendar with all of the 2023-2024 school year events! These are subject to change. However, it is a great place to look! [See the events on the website, click HERE.](#)

LIBRARY HOURS: The school library is open from 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Thursday and 8:00-3:00 on Friday. After School Tutoring in the library will begin in the library Mon-Thu 3:45-4:45 after Labor Day. Students benefit from having a safe space on campus to study, work, read or simply relax. Mrs. Ryan, Librarian, and Mr. Tate, Library Assistant, do a great job of creating a welcoming library full of resources. Please encourage your students to stop by to check out a book, find resource materials, etc.

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: The first day of school is **Thursday, August 24th**. Students should arrive between 8:10am-8:35am for an 8:40am start of school. Official schedules will be distributed to middle school students in the middle school quad. Even if students believe there is an error in their schedule, they are to attend all the classes shown on their official schedule until it can be resolved with their counselor. This is a REGULAR period 1-6 Day with dismissal for students in grades 6-8 at 2:45pm. Do not arrive before 2:45pm for pick up.

SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL: **Friday, August 25th** is a Minimum Day Friday schedule with students in grades 6-8 starting at 8:40am and dismissed at 1:35pm. Do not arrive before 1:35 for pick up.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

START OF AMPM PE: The first day of AMPM PE class is **Monday, August 28th**. AMPM PE class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:15-8:25. Class starts at 7:15. Parents should drop off students in the pool lot by 7:10, students will meet their PE teacher on the blacktop.

ALL SPORTS PARENT MEETING: On **August 28th at 6:00pm** in the lower gym there will be a mandatory all High School Sports parent meeting to go over athletics for the entire school year. If your students plans on playing sports this coming school year, come to this meeting! Remember, all students are required to get a doctor's clearance before they can tryout for or participate with a team. Please start the clearance process at www.athleticclearance.com. **The Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form** must be signed by a doctor. It can then be uploaded to the www.athleticclearance.com website.

NEW STUDENT LUNCHEON: ASB will host a lunch for all “New to MHS” students on **Wednesday, August 30th** in the ASB Room. Learn about ASB Clubs, activities, and get all your questions answered!

SENIOR COLLEGE KICK OFF NIGHT: **August 30th at 5:00PM** in our Parent Conference Room. Parents of Seniors: Please join us as we kick off the college application process for the class of 2024! We will discuss updates on the CSU, UC, private colleges, Common Application, important dates and deadlines, Naviance, and more. Don't miss this very important event! Email Mrs. Snyder if you have any questions: lsnyder@smmusd.org

FIRST PTSA MEETING: Join us for our first PTSA General Meeting on **Thursday, August 31 at 9:00am** in the Parent Center. Parking Available in the lower Morning View lot or the Bus Lane after 8:45. Following the planned PTSA Agenda, school staff will be available to answer any questions and provide a short "parent orientation" as we start the new school year.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY TRYOUTS: High School Students - If you are interested in auditioning for the Fall play, be sure to memorize and prepare a 1-2 minute comedic monologue. Auditions are after school on **Thursday, August 31st in Room E22**. Please sign up for a time beforehand. Any questions? Contact Ms. Leonard at bleonard@smmusd.org Thank you and break a leg! "

NO SCHOOL: MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, September 4th** for Labor Day. Additionally, there will be no school on September 25 for a local holiday.

MINIMUM DAYS: September 14 and September 28 are Minimum Days with 1:35 dismissal to allow for MMS and MHS Back to School Nights. Do not arrive prior to 1:35 for pick up.

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY: Students unable to attend Get Your Stuff Day, or students who enrolled after August 17, will be able to take their picture for School Id's, the yearbook, and school pictures to purchase on **Thursday, September 14th**.

HOMECOMING WEEK: ASB will sponsor a Spirit Week **September 18-22** including Food Truck Lunch on Wednesday September 20, Pep Rally on September 22, and Homecoming Dance on Saturday September 23. The Homecoming Football Game and ASB halftime Show will be Friday, September 22 at 6:30pm when the Sharks take on Calvary Baptist.

FIRST SSC MEETING: The School Site Council is a group of teachers, parents, students and staff who work together on long-range school improvement planning. Their goals are to ensure high academic performance of all students, implementing and monitoring the School Plan for Student Achievement and to serve as an open forum for discussion, planning and implementation regarding issues important to the Malibu High community. The first SSC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday September 21st at 3:45pm** via zoom and is open to the public.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS: Coffee with the Counselors is a monthly casual question and answer session for parents. It was created to provide a casual environment for parents and counselors to get together and engage in discussions related to what our students are going through. Join us for our first meeting on **September 27th at 9:00am** in the Parent Center.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Malibu High School's Back to School Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 28**. An Informal Reception will begin at 5:15 followed by a Welcome Meeting at 5:30 in the outdoor amphitheater followed by Classroom Visits at 6:00pm.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

CHILI COOK OFF TICKETS: Join us at the 41st Annual Malibu Chili Cook Off **September 1 -4!** Event Admission [Tickets Are On Sale NOW!](#)

PTSA DIRECTORY, VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERSHIP FORM: Parents (and students) are highly encouraged to participate in our PTSA. Our PTSA is an important resource for parents seeking to stay connected with Malibu High and other parents. Go online to complete this process/form to be included in the PTSA Student/Staff Directory, to volunteer at Malibu High and to join the PTSA. PTSA related questions? Want to find out more or get involved? Please email us at PTSAmalibu@gmail.com. Please join today! Go to www.PTSAmalibu.membershiptoolkit.com

DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND: The Shark Fund is the primary fundraising organization for Malibu Middle and Malibu High Schools, providing funds raised to the PTSA, Athletic Booster Club and Arts Angels. Your donation helps to make Malibu secondary schools exceptional by supporting the efforts of these three organizations to infuse community, sports and the arts across our schools. Additionally, the Shark Fund directly supports the schools by supplementing staff and staffed programs not provided by the district. The Shark Fund is seeking 100% participation from parents. We request an annual donation of \$2,500 per student, but welcome any amount you are able to contribute. The Shark Fund is a parent volunteer run organization. If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact us at: thesharkfundorg@gmail.com. Please donate today: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/1256>