

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – AUGUST 28, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Malibu High Families,

We had a great first couple days on campus, was great seeing all of you and your kids as we kicked off the 23-24 school year. I have commented to others how I am always amazed how quickly our students settle right back in, know the routines, and it feels like were on day 40 of school already. They are so comfortable with each other and with our campus, it is why I always worry most about the new people.

I hope you will join me in reminding your kids to keep an eye out for the new people, invite them to eat with them at lunch or introduce themselves to them during class. Being new in Malibu can be hard given most of them have been in preschool and K-8 together. All of our kids are cool kids, but none of them are too cool to be kind and sweet. You can help by reinforcing your family expectations and our school expectations about being kind and interacting positively with peers. This will help us throughout the year.

To that end, Ms. Smith will be in classes in the next two weeks helping go over school expectations. I have a few blurbs below about attendance and dress expectations, but she will also touch on our drug and weapon free campus expectation. Any student who brings alcohol/tobacco/drugs or weapons to school will be suspended and law enforcement notified at a minimum. We need your help in making sure your kids show up to school daily, with everything they need and nothing they don't.

Thank you,

Patrick Miller, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS: Daily attendance at school is extremely important! As we get into the routine of school, build the habit of good attendance! Research shows that attending school every day promotes student learning, helps students feel better

about school and themselves, improves mental health through socializing, developing friendships, building empathy, and helps students get back and stay on track! Show up, be present, and be engaged. The state of CA has very few allowable reasons for school absence. Learn more about attendance requirements [HERE](#). The district calendar is found [HERE](#).

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES: Attendance matters! Illnesses are unavoidable, but appointments, vacations and day trips during school should be avoided. All absences must be verified by our Attendance Office within 72 hours. Please email ataylor@smmusd.org (MHS) or tmulligan@smmusd.org (MMS). For more info on verifying an absence, visit: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/1759>. Students must obtain a re-admit prior to school, the day they return.

COVID POSITIVE? COVID SYMPTOMS?: [Here is the latest guidance from LA County Department of Public Health](#). If your student tests positive for Covid 19, please keep your child home and away from others for a minimum of 5 days.

MHS GIRLS' GOLF TEAM: The Malibu High School Girls Golf Team wants you! If you would like to play for the MHS girls' golf team, see Coach Deshautelle in room P3, email or leave a note in her box. We will have our first match on August 30th vs. Viewpoint. Go, Sharks!

SPORTS EVENTS TICKETS: Tickets are on sale for all volleyball and football games. Please use this link to purchase tickets. <https://gofan.co/app/school/CA18917> Malibu High School and our league opponents will be using contactless digital tickets only this year using the GoFan app. Please use the [link](#) to purchase your tickets. All upcoming Athletics Events can be found [HERE](#).

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.

EXPECTATIONS FOR ATTIRE/DRESS: Please don't send your child to school in clothing with marijuana dispensaries, tequila brands, beer bottles, "shortys and 40s." This party culture and promotion of dangerous and destructive social behaviors is not consistent with our expectations of dress. For more info on our dress code, click [HERE](#). Please help us ensure your child is dressed ready for school, consistent with our expectations and inline with a learning community in a beach town.

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>

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:

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 the changes in the financial aid and scholarship process. 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! "

MEET AND GREET ICE CREAM SOCIAL: **Thursday, August 31 from 4:00-6:00** will be a chance to meet Dr. Shelton, SMMUSD Superintendent, Greg Schellenberg, MMS Principal, and all Malibu Schools leaders at an informal ice cream social hosted in partnership with the PTSA and The Shark Fund. Everyone is welcome, feel free to join us!

FOOTBALL GAME: This Friday, September 1 is the first home football game. This a matinee with the game starting at 3:00pm vs Desert Christian. Tickets [HERE](#). All upcoming Athletics Events can be found [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

DIVE IN AND DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND! As the primary fundraising entity for Malibu Middle and High Schools, The Shark Fund financially supports the PTSA, Athletic Booster Club and Arts Angels, as well as providing funding for tutoring and the Community Service Liaison for administration. **OUR DIRECT DRIVE IS UNDERWAY**, and runs through September 30th. ALL DONORS will be entered into a raffle with fabulous prizes (to be announced soon) at the conclusion of the direct drive, so there is **NO NEED TO WAIT** for "Giving Week!" **DIVE IN AND DONATE TODAY!** The request is for \$2,500 per student, but any amount is greatly appreciated and our goal is 100% parent participation. To find out more about The Shark Fund, our team, the budget and how the funds are allocated (and to donate), visit: TheSharkFundMalibu.org today. If you have questions or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please email thesharkfundorg@gmail.com.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU TEEN CENTER:

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](#)
- **Malibu Chili Cook Off Sept 1-4. Buy NOW!** Visit malibuchilicookoff.org to purchase tickets for this year's event. Looking to volunteer? Email mcco.volunteer@gmail.com
- **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 Tuesdays, during lunch, on the school campus. Lunch will be provided every meeting! Email tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org for more info.
- **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 child! 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)
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