

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER:

Dear MHS Families,

In 2001, I was a junior in high school. As a member of ASB, we met only Tuesday and Thursday before school. I was up early to go to school. Our home phone, a landline, rang. It was my grandmother who told me, "Wake up your dad, we have been bombed."

Throughout that day we went classroom to classroom but did nothing more than watch the TV news. So many images that likely weren't smart for us as "kids" to watch in real time or on replay.

But on that day, we made a promise to never forget. In that spirit, I have often done lessons with my students using the following two resources. Beyond the terrible images, we also remember the many heroes, the helpers and Mr. Fred Rogers used to remind us to look for. We also remember the genuine sense of community, patriotism, and common humanity on September 12 and the subsequent weeks, months, years. Feel free to use these resources in your own discussion with students about your own experiences and memories from 9-11-01. Stories of courage, compassion, community...

[*A Time of Gifts Article*](#)
[*Red Bandana Short Video*](#)

Patrick Miller, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

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 HERE.](#)
- **All Parents**, to purchase a yearbook or Senior Ad, at the best price, please order now! [ORDER HERE.](#)

ASB CARDS: Parents! It's time to purchase an ASB Card for your student! This card provides discounts for dances and prom, student council events, offers a \$10 discount on parking permits and FREE ADMISSION TO ALL HOME SPORTING EVENTS! [LINK](#)

TO BUY THE CARD. You can also buy season tickets and single tickets to our fall sports [HERE](#).

SPORTS EVENTS TICKETS: Tickets are on sale for all volleyball and football games. Please use this link to purchase tickets. 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](#).

MEDICATION ON CAMPUS: 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.

BOTTLE FILLERS: MHS has three FloWater bottle filling stations on campus. Encourage your student to bring a refillable water bottle and to drink lots of water.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING HAS STARTED!: After school math tutoring is available in the Library with Mr. Corrigan or Ms. Seikali, Monday through Thursday from 3:45 – 4:45 pm.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH REMINDERS: Breakfast is available 8:00-8:20am M-Fri. Lunch is served daily (11:45-12:15, 12:10-12:40, 10:50-11:20 depending on day). Students should be prepared to show ID. Please help remind your students to be patient, keep hands to themselves, and noise level down while in the cafeteria serving space...or at all times would also be great.

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING: Between **September 5 and September 15**, all students will complete diagnostic assessments in reading and math. These local measurements are referred to as Star Renaissance tests and will be administered for diagnostic purposes in the fall and two subsequent times throughout the year as a progress monitoring tool. These tests are short, and given within the student's current math or English class by their math or English teacher. To learn more about the assessments, [click HERE](#).

HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING: There will be a meeting for students to gauge interest in having a cheer team here at MHS on **Wednesday, September 13th at lunch** in the ASB room. Any student interested in being a part of a cheer team, come to this meeting!

MINIMUM DAYS: September 14 is a Minimum Day with 1:35 dismissal to allow for MMS Back to School Night. Do not arrive prior to 1:35 for pick up.

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY: Any student who missed taking their picture at Get Your Stuff Day should do so on Make Up Picture Day – **Thursday, September 14th**. Teachers will let students know when they can go get their photo taken. This is important as each student needs to receive their photo ID. If you would like to order pictures, please go to <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/> and enter in the code: **EVTJV2Q97**. You need to place your order before the date of the pictures.

FOOTBALL GAME: The next chance to cheer on you winning Sharks at home is September 14 at 6:00 PM vs. SOCES. Please purchase your tickets in advance.

WELLNESS WORKSHOP: On **September 15 and September 22**, the BGC Wellness Center will be facilitating a workshop with all students in grades 10 and 12 in their English classrooms. This one-day workshop is a mental health and depression awareness program called *Depression Education & Suicide Awareness*. This program was developed by a highly respected mental health education and advocacy organization, Erika's Lighthouse: A Beacon of Hope for Adolescent Depression. To learn more about the program and for resources to continue the discussion at home, [click HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK: ASB will sponsor a Spirit Week **September 18-22**.

- **Monday (9/18):** Hip-Hop/Rap - Dress up as your favorite hip-hop or rap artist. Or wear a t-shirt of your favorite artist.
- **Tuesday (9/19):** Country Day - Wear cowboy/cowgirl attire.
- **Wednesday (9/20):** Rock Day - Dress up like rock star! Wear your favorite band t-shirt, black attire, or bring any accessories from your favorite rock genre or artist.
- **Thursday (9/21):** 60s/70s - Wear tie-dye, bell bottoms, or funky patterns for a groovy look.
- **Friday (9/22):** Class Colors - Seniors: Black, Juniors: White, Sophomores: Grey, and Freshmen: Teal/Blue

GRADE 9 WELCOME LUNCH: The school counselors and PTSA will host a welcome lunch for all Grade 9 students during lunch on **Tuesday, September 19**.

FOOD TRUCK LUNCH: On **Wednesday, September 20th**, food trucks will be on campus. The trucks will be available to both middle and high school students. Students should bring cash if wishing to purchase food from the food trucks.

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. This first meeting will also include the public hearing on the annual updates to the Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP).

PEP RALLY: On **Friday, September 22nd**, we will have our first high school pep rally in the lower gym. All 9th - 12th graders will participate

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME: The Homecoming Football Game and ASB halftime Show will be Friday, September 22 at 6:30pm when the Sharks take on Calvary Baptist. Please come and support our football team and don't miss the halftime show! We invited two food trucks: Stone Oven Pizza and Big Softie

HOMECOMING DANCE: Homecoming Dance 2023 will be on **Saturday, September 23rd**. This year's homecoming dance will take place at CURE from 7 - 9 pm. Tickets pre-sale next week!

NO SCHOOL: There will be no school on **Monday, September 25** for a local holiday. MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed.

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.

MINIMUM DAY: September 28 is a Minimum Day with 1:35 dismissal to allow for MMS and MHS Back to School Night. Do not arrive prior to 1:35 for pick up.

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.

END OF GRADING PERIOD: The end of grading period 1 is Friday, September 29th. Progress Reports will be available in Aeries the following week.

LIFE ROLLS ON ASSEMBLY: The PTSA is sponsoring an assembly on **Thursday, October 5th** with MHS alum Jessie Billauer and his Life Rolls on Foundation.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

MALIBU LIBRARY SPEAKER SERIES:

- **Deconstructing the Beatles, Wed., September 20, 7 pm, at Malibu City Hall -** The Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* is one of the most influential albums of our time. In Deconstructing Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, Beatles expert Scott Freiman looks at *Sgt. Pepper* from multiple angles, exploring the history behind the music. He conducts a multimedia, educational journey into the creative process of The Beatles performances and recording sessions. You are guaranteed to leave amazed at The Beatles' innovation in the studio and have a newfound appreciation for the talents of Lennon, McCartney, Harrison, and Starr. RSVPs required: <https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/9057040>
- **Dungeons & Dragons, Thurs., September 21, 4 - 6 pm at Malibu Library** Join us to learn and play the popular role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons. Beginners and experts are welcome. For teens ages 13 – 17. RSVPs required: <https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/9103046>

PARENTS NEEDED: SMMUSD Facility District Advisory Committees for Malibu (FDAC-M) is looking to fill two vacant seats on its nine-member committee. Parents of current SMMUSD students are encouraged to apply. The purpose of the FDAC is to provide the Board of Education and District staff with the community's perspective regarding the use of bond funds for school sites and construction in conformance with board-established and approved goals and priorities. Application forms are [available HERE](#). Applications are received on an ongoing basis; however, the board facility sub-committees would like to review applications beginning in September and appoint the new members at the Sept. 21, 2023 school board meeting. Visit the [FDAC webpage](#) for more information.

PTSA DIRECTORY, VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERSHIP FORM: Parents (and students) are highly encouraged to participate in our PTSA. 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. 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.

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](#)
- **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 Wednesdays during lunch. Students do not have to be Club members in order to participate. The first meeting is on 9/27. 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 Thursdays, 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 teen. If your teen was receiving services last academic year and you would like to them to resume, please confirm with us by emailing: wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org
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](#)