

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER:

Dear Malibu High Families,

We are a few weeks into the school year and we start shifting from getting into the routines to really doing the work. It is not uncommon this time of the year to see your students a little more tired or complaining of a little more of the struggle of school. During these moments, give encouragement and remind your student that learning is a process and without struggle there would not be growth. It is also a good chance to remind students of our habits for success.

- *Attend school each and every day.*
- *Be on-time and ready to learn, each and every day, each and every period.*
- *Do all that is asked of you in class.*
- *Do all that is asked of you outside of class.*
- *Seek help. Know at least one adult who will help you.*
- *Abide by all school, district and state rules.*

*Let's talk about that first bullet point. Showing up, and showing up on time...day by day..period by period matters! Our students used to show up for our 7:50am start, and yet we have many students arriving late to our 8:30 start. **Being here daily:***

Builds Routines: *Daily attendance routines, created at home or in school, can reduce stress for students and families and create a sense of safety and security, especially after chaotic transitions.*

Increases Engagement: *Being in school helps students to get to know peers, teachers and school staff, and to create trusting relationships that motivate students to participate in learning.*

Provides Access to Resources: *Schools help students and families gain access to basic resources such as meals, physical and mental health services, and fun enrichment activities including sports, clubs, music, etc.*

Supports Learning: *Learning is most meaningful when it is active, social, and allows students to apply concepts to real life situations. Showing up to school regularly helps students engage in learning that builds proficiency in reading and math that will help them to graduate from high school.*

I would also emphasize the importance of staying organized and the importance of learning/knowing how they study best. A daily routine that includes a short time of "studying" (not "doing homework") in the students preferred way will pay off.

Additionally, our after-school library/tutoring program has started! Thanks to your support of The Shark Fund, a credentialed math teacher is available in the library from 3:45-4:45 to provide homework help. The Boys and Girls Club also offers homework help with Pepperdine tutors and the city of Malibu library has a number of resources including online homework help. Students are also encouraged to get help/re-teaching/feedback directly from their teachers during the Support Period and by appointment.

Patrick Miller, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

SSC RESULTS: Congratulations and thank you to the teachers, classified staff, and parents selected to the School Site Council. For complete roster, [click HERE](#). You are always welcome to attend the meetings. They are open to the public and often held the 3rd Thursday via zoom at 3:45.

TRAFFIC FLOW REMINDERS: Largely, morning drop off and afternoon pickup are going fairly smoothly with most parents following expectations. Please be patient, polite and courteous. Refrain from cell phone use on/near campus while driving. **Please drop off a little early (8:00-8:20, which will also help with our period 1 tardies!), pick up a little later (3:35, 1:40 on Fri), and carpool if possible.** If you arrive prior to your student, you will simply be taking up space and blocking other vehicles. Arrive after student dismissal. Please pull forward as space is made available.

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](#).

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.

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

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: FRESHMEN! On **Tuesday, September 19** join your counselors at the theater courtyard at the beginning of lunch for a fun "welcome to high school" celebration with pizza and dessert! Don't miss the fun (and delicious lunch!) Looking forward to seeing you there, Class of 2027!!

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).

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: Please be advised that the regular Board of Education meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.** To view the agenda, go to: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>. Board meetings are being held in the district office board room (1717 Fourth St., Santa Monica) and via Zoom webinar.

WELLNESS WORKSHOP: On **September 22**, the BGC Wellness Center will be facilitating a workshop with all students in grade 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](#).

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 on campus from 7 - 9 pm. Tickets pre-sale next week!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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: Parents, please join us for our first Coffee with the Counselor event **Wednesday, September 27th at 9:00 AM** in the Parent Conference Center. Our guest is Pam Lang, admissions rep from the University of Florida and college athletic recruitment specialist. Pam will share what the process looks like for students and parents interested in playing sports competitively in college, how to connect with coaches, and the changes in NCAA policies.

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. Please join us!

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 during Support Period** with MHS alum Jessie Billauer and his Life Rolls on Foundation.

CONGRESSMAN SHERMAN TOWNHALL: We are working on another assembly on **Thursday, October 12th** with Congressman Brad Sherman during Support Period.

CHOIR CABARET CONCERT: The annual Choir Cabaret concert is coming up on Friday, **October 13 at 6 p.m.** in the MHS auditorium. The theme for this year's Cabaret is "Hits from the Decades." There will be student emcees, student solos and choral selections from the 20's until now.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

LCAP PAC PARENTS NEEDED: MHS is seeking two (2) parent volunteers to serve on the SMMUSD Local Control Accountability plan (LCAP) Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). It is important that Malibu is represented on this critical committee. There are six meetings throughout the year **from 4:00 – 6:00 PM (Virtual Meetings)**. The passage of the legislation implementing the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) establishes a role for parent advisory committees in the development of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Education code 52063 requires that districts establish two distinct parent advisory committees to review and comment on the LCAP prior to submission to the local board: the Parent Advisory Committee and the English Learner Parent Advisory Committee. The *Parent Advisory Committee* must be composed of a majority of parents or guardians of pupils and include parents of pupils to whom the definitions of education code 42238.01 apply. These include parents or guardians of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, English learners, and foster youth. Sites can also include other subgroups, such as Latinx, Black/African-American, Students with Disabilities. Please contact Principal Miller if you are interested in representing MHS at p.miller@smmusd.org.

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>

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](#)