

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

This Week's Schedule:

Monday – Local Holiday – No School
Tuesday – 2/4/S/6 Block Day
Wednesday – 1/3/S/5 Block Day
Thursday – Minimum Day (Back to School Night at 5:15)
Friday – Minimum Day

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER:

TOMORROW'S THE DAY! THIS IS THE WEEK!

Dear Malibu High Families,

At Malibu High, we firmly believe that every child deserves the best education, keeping every door open for their future success. Donating to The Shark Fund is essential to funding important programs, materials, and resources for MHS students ensuring our kids have a great high school experience and graduate with the skills that they need to succeed throughout their lives.

The Shark Fund's GIVING WEEK starts tomorrow and ends on 9/30 and they are 30% to their fundraising goal. **This is The Shark Fund's most important fundraising event of the year and we all count on 100% parent participation to support academics, arts and athletics above and beyond what the district provides.** If you have not yet donated, please visit TheSharkFundMalibu.org to find out more about the WHY and the HOW. For NOW, we would like to THANK THE DONORS (as of 9/20/23) who help to make Malibu Middle and High School exceptional! Your donation makes a difference for each and every student.–

*** WHALE SHARK WARRIORS (\$5,000+) ***

Jeff & Jenni Runyan, Greg Lefevre & Geraldine Chollet, Strider Wasilewski and Lily Harfouche, Amber & James Vanderbilt

*** TIGER SHARK TEAM (\$2,500-\$4,999) ***

Heather & John Alfano, Behr Family, Daniel and Katherine Bonnici, Borress Family, Costella Family, Ale and Doug Deluca, Dunn Family, Jacobsen Family, Mehran Karimpour & Farnaz Gaminchi, Patrick and Candice Kelly, Mullally Family, Murphree Family, Noah Nordheimer, Leila & Lorcan O`Herlihy, Perl Family, Perse Family, Shanahan Family, Kevin and Mary Ruth Shenkman, Damon & Mia Skelton, Jeffrey Edward Smith, Tantet Family, Jon Tompkins & Kathryn Alice, Mike & Caileen Uznis, Kathryn Whitemore, Genevieve Witt

*** MAKO SHARK MAESTROS (up to \$2,499)***

Karin & Faisal Al-Hardan, Lisa Andersen*, Renee Anderson, Baker Family, Wendy Berman-Baker*, Julie Bechtloff*, Bowman-Smith/Smith Family*, Jennie and Stephen Brand, Shawn Brown*, Isaac Burgess*,

Laura Calek*, Childress Family, Josh & Justine Crocker, Cruz Family, Deshautelle Family, Sarah Fischbach, Tamara Fox*, Bianca & Martin Gerber, Steven Hernandez*, Tatiana Jacobs, Simon and Emma Maclaren James, Janov Family, Simon and Emma Maclaren Jame, Stephanie Jorgensen*, Kaloper Family, Mark Kelly*, Michael Kisskalt*, Kim Ledoux, Matthew and Marieka Kline, Kim Ledoux, Jill Matthews*, Merlob Family, Patrick Miller*, Moffat Family, Jacqueline Mora*, Kim Nguyen*, Alexis Onesto, Orescan Family, Nili and Gary Ovsiowitz, Adam Panish*, Beth Papp*, Gail Pinsker*, Robert Radcliffe & Family, Amber Reed, Rosen Family, Seltzer Family, Mary Slawter*, Cindy Smith*, Renee Sperling, Jeanette Tang, Terance Venable*, Walker Family, Laure Williams, Fshaye Woldemichael*

* Special Shoutout to our teacher and staff donors!

Please join me in and [donate to The Shark Fund Today!](#) Your financial gift, no matter the amount, positively impacts MMS/MHS students. We are an incredible public school. However, we are a public school, and rely on donor funds to enhance the student experience to provide the variety and level of programming we do.

Patrick Miller, MHS Principal

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

PTA REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM: Calling all artists! PTA Reflections Art Program is almost here! Create your dance, film, literature, music, photographic or visual arts piece addressing the theme "I am hopeful because..." We can't wait to see your creations, and each year some pieces go on to receive awards at the Council, District, State and even National levels! It's a great chance to share your voice! Guidelines can be found online at <https://smppta.org/2023-24-reflections-art-program/> MMS/MHS Deadline is Monday, October 16th at 9am. Details on how to submit your art coming soon. Questions? Contact PTSAmalibu@gmail.com.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!: It is always fun to celebrate our students for achieving at high levels. This week, we congratulate our National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, Athena Rem, and our two Commended Students Filip Kurial and Kate Baker. The top 16,000 or so students of 1.6 million total reach semifinalist status with the next 34,000 being commended. That puts these 3 students in the top 50,000 or 3% across the country. We also celebrated Jolie Tantet and Chloe Loquet who received recognition from College Boards National Recognition Program for their top 10% performance as 10th graders on the PSAT. And lastly, we celebrate Molly O'Neill who had a PERFECT SCORE on her College Board AP Art and Design test last spring.

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.](#)

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:

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

STANFORD UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS MEETING: All Parents 9-12 grade: Join us and **Stanford University, Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 12:25 PM** for an information session on highly-selective admission, application crafting, and financial aid. Open to students and their families. This event will take place at Malibu High School in our Parent Conference Center. [Registration is required HERE.](#)

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.

ABC MEETING: The next ABC Meeting (Athletic Booster Club) will **be Wednesday, October 11 at 9:00 am** in the Parent Center.

CONGRESSMAN SHERMAN TOWNHALL: We are working on another assembly on **Wednesday, October 11th** with Congressman Brad Sherman during Support Period.

SPECIAL SSC MEETING: The School Site Council will hold a special meeting on **Thursday, October 12th at 3:45pm via zoom**. This special meeting will be to conduct the public hearing and approval of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan and will be a joint meeting of the MMS SSC and MHS SSC.

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.

FALL CSF/CJSF DRIVE – California (Junior) Scholarship Federation is a state-accredited honor society that recognizes California students for academic scholarship and service. Current 8-12th Graders may apply for fall CSF/CJSF. The Fall CSF/CJSF Drive is the **week of October 16 - 20**. Your counselors will be set up at a table during lunchtime near the cafeteria every day during that week. Fill out a CSF/CJSF application (available at the table) and bring your \$5 membership fee. Qualification is based on your JUNE grades from last semester. Any questions, please see your counselor.

ARTS ANGELS: The next Arts Angels meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 19th at 9:00 am** in the Parent Center. Arts Angels is calling for new and active members - whether they have a student who is talented in visual and/or performing arts or are artistically talented themselves, they would love the help.

GREAT SHAKEOUT: Our first emergency drill of the school year will take place on **Thursday, October 19th** when we participate in the Great Shakeout.

SSC MEETING: Our next regularly scheduled SSC meeting will be in person on **Thursday, October 19th at 3:45**. This will be a joint meeting between the School Leadership Team and the SSC looking at student data and survey results.

ASB BLOOD DRIVE: There is an ASB Sponsored Blood Drive calendared for **Tuesday, October 24th**. More info soon!

CLUB FAIR: ASB Club Fair Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 25th**.

COLLEGE NIGHT: Our next College Night is **Wednesday, October 25th** and largely focused on topics of importance for families in grade 11, but all are welcome. Hold the date!

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: The next PTSA General Meeting will be **Thursday, October 26th at 9:00 am in the Parent Center**.

PSAT SCHOOL DAY: All students in grades 9-11 will take the PSAT during the school day, cost covered by SMMUSD, on **Friday, October 27th**.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

THE NEW DRUG TALK: Song for Charlie, a non-profit who provided Naloxone to trained MHS staff last year, is pleased to announce the launch of their new resource portal, [The New Drug Talk: Connect to Protect](#). Developed in partnership with the [California Department of Healthcare Services](#), the website is designed to equip parents and caregivers with the tools they need to talk to their kids about the new chemical drug landscape. We invite you to visit the site and share it with your friends and family.

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.

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 Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, outdoor activities & more! [Enroll Here](#) | [Inscribirse Aquí](#)
- **Join BGCM Wellness Center Parent Workshop Wednesday Sept 27 @ 7PM** As many parents know, teen depression and suicide is on the rise across the country. Join us for a presentation on how to support your teen and recognize symptoms of depression. In partnership with SMMUSD, this workshop will be facilitated virtually via Zoom. [Join Here](#). Habrá intérprete en español. We will discuss:
 - The signs and symptoms of depression in teens
 - Risk factors that may contribute to depression and suicidal thoughts
 - What to do if you're worried about your teen
 - How to be a "trusted adult"
 - Reduce stigma in your home and open the conversation about depression and mental health
- **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](#)