

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

Enjoy your extended weekend! MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, September 4th** for Labor Day.

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](#).

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.

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](#).

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 in line with a learning community in a beach town.

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.

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

NO SCHOOL: MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, September 4th** for Labor Day.

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](#).

EXPECTATIONS TALKS: Ms. Smith, Assistant Principal, will be meeting with all students in History/FS classes **Wednesday and Thursday, September 6 and 7** to review our school expectations as well as district policies and state laws regarding student behavior. We need your help as parents to help keep our school community safe. To view the standard presentation, [CLICK HERE](#).

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING: The next school board meeting is **Thursday, September 7 at 5:30pm** at the district office. The agenda can be found [online](#).

TENNIS/WATERPOLO: This week at home, come cheer on the Sharks. Girls' Tennis is home September 5 and September 7 at 3:00. Waterpolo is home September 5 and hosts a tournament September 7/8/9! Come cheer our school on!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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: 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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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:

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 Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, outdoor activities & more! [Enroll Here](#) | [Inscribirse Aquí](#)
- **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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