

# MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE – February 17, 2025

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> IN HONOR OF  
PRESIDENTS' DAY.

### SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**2025-26 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION:** High School Course selection will take place February 18-28. It is a two-week process. Week 1, counselors will present on graduation/college entrance requirements, how to choose classes for the following year and to answer general questions. Counselors will also distribute course selection sheets. During week 2 of registration, your counselors will return to classes and meet with students individually for academic advising and collection of course request sheets. Students should carefully consider their course selections, as the 25-26 master schedule will be built around student requests and may not be changed at a later date.

**AP EXAM FEES:** AP Exams will take place May 5–9 and May 12–16 (schedule is determined by the College Board). Students who are enrolled in an AP class should pay for their AP exams (\$99 per test) in the MHS student store via cash check or card. Make any checks payable to Malibu High School. AP exam fees can also be paid online in [myschoolbucks account](#). Students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch program qualify for financial assistance (Contact AP Coordinator for more information). Please take care of AP exam fees by March 15. Specific test day info to come closer to exam time. If you have questions about AP exams, please contact AP Coordinator Makenna Samsel ([msamsel@smmusd.org](mailto:msamsel@smmusd.org)). If you have questions about online school bucks account, please contact Amariah Taylor ([ataylor@smmusd.org](mailto:ataylor@smmusd.org)).

**CA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY (GRADE 12):** The California State Seal of Biliteracy is a special recognition for seniors who have a high level of proficiency in two languages. Those that apply and meet the criteria will receive the CA State Seal of Biliteracy insignia on their diploma. Seniors who meet the requirements must apply using the google form in the senior google classroom page or see your school counselor. The deadline to apply is March 3. Any questions, see your counselor. Link to SSB application:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeONYQz\\_vI9N6aVUqmiRSaXrhh4ofLTfy7NFuX1oB\\_d17SNQw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeONYQz_vI9N6aVUqmiRSaXrhh4ofLTfy7NFuX1oB_d17SNQw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**TRACK MEET:** The Marie Smith Track and Field Invitational will take place on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is one of the biggest athletic fundraisers this year and ABC is asking for direct food:

Amazon - [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/151PN8TA2OZ20?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/151PN8TA2OZ20?ref=wl_share)) and monetary donations:

Stripe - <https://buy.stripe.com/4gwg1LeE7dtjfqcMM>).

Amazon shipments – please ship to school , Attn: Athletic Meet – 30215 Morning View Dr., Malibu, CA 90265. Due date to receive packages is Thursday, February 27, 2025. Thank you for supporting our athletes! GO SHARKS!!!

**SUPPORTING MALIBU'S STUDENTS IN A TIME OF NEED:** The recent wildfire has deeply impacted our Malibu school community, displacing families and staff, and bringing new students into our classrooms. As we focus on helping our community rebuild, the Malibu Education Foundation—which funds essential staff and programs for all four Malibu public schools—is committed to ensuring our students have the academic and emotional support they need. Wildfires leave lasting effects, and history has shown that learning loss can persist for years. With your support, we can provide the resources our students need to recover and thrive. As a newly established foundation, our fundraising efforts have been temporarily sidelined, but the need has never been greater. If you are able, please consider donating to help us meet this critical moment. Every contribution makes a difference.

Donate today at [www.malibueducationfoundation.org](http://www.malibueducationfoundation.org)

**TIME TO SHINE! NOMINATE A LOCAL HERO FOR AN HSA!** Know someone who goes above and beyond for our school community? Maybe that tireless volunteer, the teacher who does way more than their job description, or an organization that always steps up? It's time to give them the spotlight they deserve! Honorary Service Award (HSA) Nominations are OPEN! This is your chance to recognize the amazing individuals and groups making a difference for our kids. Nominations close March 31st, so don't wait—nominate your school hero [HERE!](#)

**WE SEE YOU, PARENTS!** We need 3-5 awesome parents to help shape the future of our PTSA by joining the Nominating Committee! Think of it as scouting for the next PTSA all-stars—no experience required, just a good eye for leadership and a willingness to help. Be the one who helps pick the team that keeps our school community strong! Email [PTSAMalibu@gmail.com](mailto:PTSAMalibu@gmail.com) to join in. Bonus: It's a great excuse to hang out with cool parents and feel like a VIP.

**SENIORS! ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN NOW:** Order your cap, gown, and class of 2025 tassel now! Check google classroom for direct link. You are all going to look sharp in those caps and gowns, so order now as your first big step toward graduation! [https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1009385/Malibu-High-School/-/2592352513/CATALOG\\_REPOSITORY/Cap-Gown-and-Tassel-\(Unit\)/2592352551/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1009385/Malibu-High-School/-/2592352513/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/Cap-Gown-and-Tassel-(Unit)/2592352551/)

**CONTACTS ON FILE / EMERGENCIES:** Parents, please update your Emergency Contacts. Remember, **students will only be released to the current contacts on**

**file.** You can add family, neighbors, other students' parents – whoever you would trust to pick up your child in an emergency when you are not close by or able to come yourself right away. **Give yourself flexibility and save on frustration!** If the phones and email are out, there may be no way to let us know it is permissible for your student to leave with someone else once the emergency has happened. Please log into your Aeries Parent Portal, Click Student Info, Click Contacts and Click ADD.

**HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK:** Buy your Yearbook now! *Prices increase in March.*  
<https://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

## THIS WEEK AT MHS:

**PRESIDENTS' DAY:** All SMMUSD schools will be closed Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day.

**ARTS ANGELS:** The next Arts Angels meeting will be Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Parent Center.

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL:** The next SSC Meeting will be Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 pm.

**END OF GRADING PERIOD:** The end of grading period 4 is **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**. Progress Reports will be available in Aeries the following week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**WINTER SPIRIT WEEK:** Winter Spirit Week kicks off Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and runs through Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>! This year's theme is "Favorites Week!" Start planning your outfits now!

- Monday 2/24: Favorite Sport
- Tuesday 2/25: Favorite Fashion Decade
- Wednesday 2/26: Favorite Hobby
- Thursday 2/27: Favorite Character
- Friday 2/28: Class Colors

Spirit Week events include:

- **Food trucks** will be on campus for both middle and high school lunches on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget to bring cash. Menus will be sent out next week.
- The **Pep Rally** will take place in the lower gym on **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. (Leave student backpacks outside the gym.)

- The **Spring Fling Dance** is set to take place at **Cielo Farms** from 7 to 9 pm on **Saturday, March 1st**. **Tickets** for the dance will go on sale starting **Tuesday, February 25th** at the Student Store.

**COFFEE WITH COUNSELORS:** The next Coffee with Counselors will be Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am with our guest speaker, the Director of Admissions at USC.

**PTSA GENERAL MEETING:** The next general meeting of the PTSA will be held on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Parent Center.

**MMS MUSICAL:** Malibu Middle School presents Beauty and the Beast JR! Beauty and the Beast tells the story of Belle, an adventurous young girl, and the Beast, her hideous captor who is actually a young prince trapped under a spell. In order to break the spell, the Beast must learn to love another and earn her love in return before time runs out. With the help of the castle's enchanted staff, including a loving teapot, a charming candelabra, and a nervous mantel clock, Belle and the Beast find a beautiful friendship and love that neither knew was possible. Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR will be playing at the MMS/MHS auditorium on February 27, 28, and March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM and March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM. Come out and support our talented students and enjoy this timeless classic! Tickets can be purchased at [malibuhs.booktix.com](http://malibuhs.booktix.com).

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

### 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.

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu is **HERE FOR YOU!**

We are here to ease some of the challenges in the aftermath of the Palisades Fire. At the BGCM, we aim to be a lifeline to the Malibu community. **Please do not hesitate to access these resources.** They are for **YOU** and anyone who has been impacted by the Palisades Fire. Visit us and share this information with your friends and your network. Thank you!

- BGCM Disaster Relief Center: Boys & Girls Club of Malibu has opened a Disaster Relief Center in response to the Palisades Fire. If you have been impacted by the Palisades Fire, please visit us to receive emergency grants

support, essential supplies, mental health services, and resource connections ALL at no cost.

- BGCM Emergency Relief Fund: The BGCM Emergency Relief Fund supports Palisade Fire victims and is made possible by generous donations from private donors, corporations, and the community at large. BGCM is prioritizing families and individuals in the greatest need.
- BGCM Wellness Center: The BGCM Wellness Center continues to provide mental health and social support services to support families, students, the aging population and labor workforce through this difficult time.
  - Mental Health Support + Services: contact 310-457-6801 ext 74141, [wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org)
  - Mindfulness Workshops: Every Thursday starting 2/6 at the BGCM Disaster Relief Center 12:30-1:30p (For adults 18+, no RSVP necessary). Join us for a free drop-in mindfulness workshop designed to help you and your family navigate stress, anxiety, and uncertainty.

**Come visit us at the BGCM Disaster Relief Center (23357 Pacific Coast Hwy, Wed-Fri 10a to 5p, Saturday 11a to 4p). SHOP, LEARN MORE, ACCESS RESOURCES AND CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY!**