

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – February 24, 2025

IT'S SPIRIT WEEK! DON'T FORGET TO DRESS UP!

- Monday 2/24: Favorite Sport
- Tuesday 2/25: Favorite Fashion Decade
- Wednesday 2/26: Favorite Hobby
- Thursday 2/27: Favorite Character
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DROP OFF REMINDERS: Please remember student drop off is located in the Football parking lot and out front of the school. Please DO NOT drop students off in the Pool parking lot. There is heavy construction equipment and supplies in this area.

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SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

ATTENTION SENIORS – CHECK YOUR DIPLOMA! Please refer to the name lists posted in Mr. Panish and Mr. Ryan's classrooms. Check how your name appears. This is how it will appear on your diploma, so it's important! Please see Mrs. Dahm before March 6 to make any changes. No change will be made after March 6!

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) . If you have questions about online school bucks account, please contact Amariah Taylor (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_vl9N6aVUqmiRSaXrhh4ofLTFy7NFuX1oB_d17SNQw/viewform?usp=sf_link

TRACK MEET: The Marie Smith Track and Field Invitational will take place on March 1st. 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) and monetary donations:

Stripe - <https://buy.stripe.com/4gwg1LeE7dtjfcMM>).

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!!!

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 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:

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

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Spirit Week events include:

- **Food trucks** will be on campus for both middle and high school lunches on **Wednesday, February 26th**. 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 28th**. (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 26th 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 27th 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 1st at 7:00 PM and March 2nd at 1:00 PM. Come out and support our talented students and enjoy this timeless classic! Tickets can be purchased at malibuhs.booktix.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MMS/MHS OPEN HOUSE: Malibu Middle and High School's annual Open House will take place on **Thursday, March 20th at 5:00pm**. To accommodate the event, school will be on a Minimum Day Schedule.

ARTS ANGELS: The next Arts Angels meeting will be Thursday, March 20th at 9 am in the Parent Center.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

DINE & SHINE TUESDAY IS BACK – SUPPORT MALIBU SCHOOLS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 25th, and enjoy a meal while giving back! 10% of your purchase at participating local restaurants will support the Malibu Education Foundation, funding essential programs for all four Malibu public schools, including Middle School Athletics at MMS and Math Tutors at Malibu High School. Where to Dine In or Take Out:

- Howdy's & Sushi by Howdy
- Irv's Burgers
- Prince Street Pizza
- Ollo
- Scott's Malibu Market

Your participation helps sustain vital programs for our students while also supporting local businesses. Learn more at www.malibueducationfoundation.org.

HELP REBUILD MALIBU FAMILY LIBRARIES: Feb 20-26th: The Webster PTA is doing a big book drive in order to help people affected by the fire to rebuild their libraries. Gently used books for children of all ages and adult books (fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks) and needed. Also, if you have some gently used games that have all the pieces, we would love to offer those to the families as well. So please take the next three days to go through your books and bring them to the attendance office (or library) to help us help fire victims. The event is on Feb 28th at Webster, so please spread the word! Thank you

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
 - 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!