

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – May 5, 2025

This week's schedule has changed since the beginning of the school year. Please note we are now on our regular weekly schedule:

Monday, May 5 – Regular Day
Tuesday, May 6 – Regular Day
Wednesday, May 7 – Block Day
Thursday, May 8 – Block Day
Friday, May 9 – Minimum Day

AP TESTING: AP Testing is here! AP testing will take place May 5-16. All AP exams will be digital or hybrid digital so please make sure students arrive to school with a fully charged Chromebook and have their College Board username and password with them on test day. Please have students make sure they have their log ins as they will not be able to test without it. If your student does not have a working Chromebook or missing the bluebook testing app on their Chromebook, please see Ms. Morales in the tech office to check out a new one. Personal computers are NOT allowed. More info and AP exam testing schedule is here: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/7701> Please note that Morning exams will begin at 8:00AM and afternoon exams will begin at 12pm. Please make sure your student arrives on time! If your student has not paid for AP exams, they can still do so in the student store. Any no shows will be subject to a \$40 unused exam fee from College Board. Good luck to all the AP testers! Any questions contact Mrs. Samsel

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS: Books will be available this week for presale purchase on the school student store website. Books purchased through the school's website will be able to be picked up from the student store AFTER 5/19. Books will be sold for \$110. If you pre-purchased from the Ubuildabook site, then those books will be distributed on 5/19 (seniors and juniors) and 5/18 (sophomores and freshman) in room 402 by the Amphitheatre at lunch. List of those that pre-purchased from Ubuildabook can be accessed here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rWK1vRIkYAh_IW5QVLV3fbRliFI3jP9bVmSkTgMp-9U/edit?usp=sharing

THE WILDFIRE YOUTH MEDIA INITIATIVE: The Wildfire Youth Media Initiative at the USC Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership and Policy is a new four-week summer program that trains high school students to collect community stories of the devastating January 2025 wildfires and their aftermath. The initiative will bring together about 12 students—all aged 16 and above, six with connections to the Pacific Palisades and six to the greater Altadena area—two to three times a week during July/August. As a cohort, students will attend community listening sessions in both the Palisades and Altadena, documenting the stories of each other and their communities. At USC, students will be taught how to turn those interviews into local news products, such as podcasts. KCRW, one of LA's NPR member stations, is a partner of the initiative. The deadline to apply is May 16. Eligible students include rising and current sophomores, juniors, and seniors. For more information and the opportunity to apply, please visit our website: <https://communicationleadership.usc.edu/wildfire-youth-media-initiative>. Any questions can be directed to program coordinator Talia Abrahamson at taliaabr@usc.edu.

MALIBU HIGH FILM FESTIVAL: Do you want to make a short film for the Film Festival? Submit a script by May 9th and the finished film by May 20th. Scan the QR code on the posters in classrooms or come by to talk to Ms Stowell in P1.

SAVE THE DATE: FINAL PTSA MEETING & AWARDS CELEBRATION! Join us as we close out the year together at our final PTSA meeting — happening Thursday, May 22nd at 9AM in the Parent Center. We'll be voting on next year's board and honoring incredible members of our school community with this year's Honorary Service Awards. Hospitality will be provided — come for the coffee, stay for the connections, and help us celebrate a great year! The list of board nominees is available at PTSAmalibu.membershiptoolkit.com. All are welcome — we hope to see you there!

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT: Make the most of your summer! Are you a student in rising 9th-12th grade? Join the High School Concurrent Enrollment Program at SMC for an amazing summer experience. Take a course from a variety of engaging summer offerings for FREE! SMC Summer classes begin June 23, 2025. Enrollment begins May 13. The priority deadline to apply is March 31 to April 29 (but parent/counselor/principal's approvals must have been received). More information and application here: <https://www.smc.edu/admission-aid/apply/high-school-students/summer-experience-at-smc.php>

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/)

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK: All online sales are currently closed for purchasing a yearbook. The student store will be doing the next pre-sale event sometime after Spring Break.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PENNANT DAY: Parents of Seniors: Our Pennant Day is May 5th. Seniors are encouraged to wear their college gear and we will take pictures with their college pennant during lunch at 11:45 AM. Parents are welcome to attend and join in on our annual Pennant Day celebration.

SPRING CONCERT SERIES: Save the dates for our Spring Concert Series:

- Band Concert – Thursday, May 15th
- Orchestra Concert – Thursday, May 29th
- Choir Concert – Wednesday, June 4th

MALIBU HIGH FILM FESTIVAL: The Malibu High Film Festival will be held on Friday, May 30th in the Library. Do you want to make a short film for the Film Festival? Submit a script by May 9th and the finished film by May 20th. Scan the QR code on the posters in classrooms or come by to talk to Ms Stowell in P1.

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.

- **BGCM Enrollment is LIVE!** Visit bgcmalibu.org to learn more and enroll. We provide Malibu families and its community members with a place for their children to be able to participate in developmental programs in a safe and nurturing environment. Members receive positive mentorship, helping them to feel supported and accepted. Our Clubhouses offer fun, educational activities, social emotional learning experiences, and more!
- **BGCM Summer Enrollment Coming Soon!** Join us at the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Teen Center for an exciting summer program running from June 23rd, 2025 to August 8th, 2025, Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. More details will be shared soon—stay tuned!
- **Goals for Graduation (Grades 9–12)** Monthly workshops to support college and career readiness. Meetings will take place once a month on Mondays during lunch on the school campus. Students do not need to be Club members to participate. The next meeting is on 9/9. To sign up, please email hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org.

- **Brent's Club on Campus** 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 held bi-weekly on Mondays during lunch on the school campus. Lunch will be provided at every meeting! For more information, please email hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org.
- **BGCM & Prince Street Pizza:** For your next family night out, please consider supporting BGCM! BGCM & Prince Street Pizza teamed up on a pizza design contest. Order the Roasty Toasty featuring spicy marinara, smoked mozzarella, pepperoni, mushrooms, and olive oil drizzle. The specially-designed pizza is available at Prince Street Pizza (Malibu location only) **20% of the proceeds benefiting BGCM's mental health services and educational initiatives for youth.**

BGCM 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. There is currently NO WAITLIST for services. PSA: Parents! If you've missed any parent workshops, they are available on our website at <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center-resources/>

Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Emergency Relief Fund

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu (BGCM) is committed to supporting our neighbors in this time of need. We have re-established the BGCM Emergency Relief Fund to directly assist those impacted by the Palisades Fire.

**** In 2018, the BGCM established the Emergency Relief Fund and emergency relief services in response to the Woolsey Fire. This fund raised and distributed \$2 million dollars plus in-kind items directly to the affected community. ****

Please donate [HERE](#). Every donation will make an immediate difference and enable us to:

- **Maintain stability** for youth by continuing our programs and services, providing a safe space to heal and recover
- **Resource Connection** Connect people with needed resources (English & Spanish)
- **No-cost trauma-informed mental health services** for youth, families and the community at large
- **Provide physical location** for Disaster Relief Center in Malibu
- **Support finding temporary housing** and shelter needs for those who have lost their homes or are displaced
- **Essentials** like food, water, clothing, and toiletries to displaced families
- **Provide emergency grants** to qualifying Palisades Fire victims

Emergency Grants are available to:

- Palisades Fire victims who have been impacted through home loss, displacement, or loss of job

- BGCM is prioritizing the families and individuals in the greatest need - INQUIRE IN ADVANCE OF APPLYING TO LEARN IF YOU MAY QUALIFY AND WHAT SUPPORTING INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED

Your kindness and generosity support those facing these difficult times. Together, we can ensure that no one has to go through this alone.

Here's How YOU Can Help:

- Donate: [HERE](#) to contribute to the Emergency Relief Fund. Every dollar counts and proceeds will go to support Palisade's Fire victims
- Spread the Word: Share this message with your networks to amplify the impact
- In-Kind Donations: We can only accept pre-approved, **NEW** items. For approval please email, mollyscott@bgcmalibu.org
- Volunteer: contact volunteerrelief@bgcmalibu.org for volunteer opportunities

If YOU Need Help:

- For Emergency Relief Assistance or General Inquiries, Contact: emergencyrelief@bgcmalibu.org
- For Mental Health Support & Services, Contact: 310-457-6801 ext 74141 wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org
- BGCM Disaster Relief Center Pop-Up Shop, Location: 23357 PCH, Malibu
Hours: Wednesday-Friday 10AM TO 5PM, Saturday 11AM TO 4PM
(Hours subject to change)