

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – AUGUST 19, 2024

PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL FIRST WEEK SCHEDULE:

Thursday, August 22nd – Regular Schedule – 8:30 – 3:30
Friday, August 23rd - Regular Schedule – 8:30 – 3:30 (NOT Minimum)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Malibu High School Families,

I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to you as we embark on the 2024-2025 school year! It is with great excitement and gratitude that I join the Malibu High School community as your new principal. Having previously been a part of this incredible school, I am eager to return and build upon the strong foundation established by my predecessor, Mr. Patrick Miller.

At Malibu High, we pride ourselves on offering a rigorous college preparatory program that empowers students to excel both academically and personally. Our commitment to fostering a nurturing environment where each student can thrive remains steadfast. With an array of advanced electives in the humanities, sciences, and math, combined with enriching opportunities in music, performing arts, and visual media, we are dedicated to supporting our students' diverse talents and passions.

This year, I am particularly excited about our continued emphasis on creating a vibrant community where every student feels valued and supported. Our comprehensive approach to education integrates academic excellence with personal growth, character development, and student wellness. We believe in the importance of nurturing not only intellectual skills but also emotional resilience and a deep sense of empathy.

The success of Malibu High is a collective effort, and we greatly value the active involvement of our parents and guardians. I invite you to stay engaged by participating in school events, joining our various booster clubs, and attending community gatherings. Your involvement is crucial in creating a thriving, supportive environment for our students.

Let's make this school year an extraordinary one filled with achievements, growth, and joy. I look forward to working closely with all of you and cheering on our students as they pursue their goals and aspirations.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead! Go Sharks!!

*Adam Almeida
Principal, Malibu High School*

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

PARKING/PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES: As we all work to ensure student safety and to keep traffic moving, please remember some of these helpful tips:

- Do not arrive before 3:30pm for student pick up.
- Always pull as far forward as possible and continue to pull forward as space is made available.
- Your student will walk to you. If the car can move, keep moving.

One major change due to the construction on campus will be that High School and Middle School will be dropping off and picking up in the Upper football lot and from the front of school. There is **NO student drop off or pick up from the pool parking lot**. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during construction.

THE MHS GIRLS GOLF TEAM NEEDS YOU! Do you love playing golf? Does your daughter love playing golf? Has she ever thought about just trying out the sport? Malibu Girls Varsity Golf is looking for a few more golfers! No previous experience is necessary, and we can even provide loaner clubs/golf bags/etc. First practice/tryout will be **TOMORROW, Tuesday, August 20th** at 4:15 p.m. at Westlake Golf Course. Our first match will be vs. Viewpoint on Wednesday, August 28th at 3:30 p.m., also at Westlake GC. Please contact Coach Deshautelle at adeshautelle@smmusd.org for more information. You will need to get a physical and be cleared through AthleticClearance.com before joining the team. Come on out and enjoy the great sport of golf!

SMMUSD DISTRICT CALENDAR: The district calendar is available online. Please note the start of school, end of school, and all holidays. Please plan vacations and all absences around the school/district calendar. Daily attendance at school is extremely important. <https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/148/cal2425.pdf>

MHS EVENTS CALENDAR: We are in the process of updating our school calendar with all of the 2024-2025 school year events! These are subject to change. However, it is a great place to look! [See the events on the website, click HERE.](#)

LIBRARY HOURS: The school library is open from 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Thursday and 8:00-3:00 on Friday. After School Tutoring in the library will begin in the library Mon-Thu 3:45-4:45 after Labor Day. Students benefit from having a safe space on campus to study, work, read or simply relax. Mrs. Ryan, Librarian, and Ms. Ledoux, Library Assistant, do a great job of creating a welcoming library full of resources. Please encourage your students to stop by to check out a book, find resource materials, etc.

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: The first day of school is **Thursday, August 22nd**. Students should arrive between 8:10am-8:25am for an 8:30am start of school. Official schedules will be distributed to high school students in the high school quad. Even if students believe there is an error in their schedule, they are to attend all the classes shown on their official schedule until it can be resolved with their counselor. This is a REGULAR period 1-6 Day with dismissal for students in grades 9-12 at 3:30 pm. Do not arrive before 3:30 pm for pick up.

SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL: Unlike previous years, **Friday, August 23rd** is also a **Regular Schedule Day** with dismissal at 3:30 pm. Students will attend periods 1-6.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

START OF AM/PM PE: The first day of AM/PM PE class is **Monday, August 26th**. AM/PM PE class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:15-8:25. Class starts at 7:15. Parents should drop off students in the pool lot by 7:10, students will meet their PE teacher on the blacktop.

ALL SPORTS PARENT MEETING: On **August 26th at 6:30pm** in the lower gym there will be a mandatory all High School Sports parent meeting to go over athletics for the entire school year. If your students plans on playing sports this coming school year, come to this meeting! Remember, all students are required to get a doctor's clearance before they can tryout for or participate with a team. Please start the clearance process at www.athleticclearance.com. **The Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation**

form must be signed by a doctor. It can then be uploaded to the www.athleticclearance.com website.

NEW STUDENT LUNCHEON: ASB will host a lunch for all “New to MHS” students on **Wednesday, August 28th** in the ASB Room. Learn about ASB Clubs, activities, and get all your questions answered!

SENIOR COLLEGE KICK OFF NIGHT: August 28th at 5:00PM in our Parent Conference Room. Parents of Seniors: Please join us as we kick off the college application process for the class of 2024! We will discuss updates on the CSU, UC, private colleges, Common Application, important dates and deadlines, Naviance, and more. Don't miss this very important event! Email Mrs. Snyder if you have any questions: lsnyder@smmusd.org

NO SCHOOL: MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, September 2nd** for Labor Day. Additionally, there will be no school on October 3rd for a local holiday.

MINIMUM DAYS: September 12 and September 26 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: Students unable to attend Get Your Stuff Day, or students who enrolled after August 15, will be able to take their picture for School ID's, the yearbook, and school pictures to purchase on **Thursday, September 12th**.

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 18th at 9:00am** in the Parent Center.

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 19th at 3:45pm** via zoom and is open to the public.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Malibu High School's Back to School Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 26**. 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.

FIRST PTSA MEETING: Join us for our first PTSA General Meeting on **Thursday, September 26th at 9:00am** in the Parent Center. Parking Available in the lower Morning View lot or the Bus Lane after 8:45. Following the planned PTSA Agenda, school staff will be available to answer any questions and provide a short “parent orientation” as we start the new school year.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

CHILI COOK OFF TICKETS: Join us at the 41st Annual Malibu Chili Cook Off August 30th – September 2nd! Event Admission [Tickets Are On Sale NOW!](#)

PTSA DIRECTORY, VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERSHIP FORM: Parents (and students) are highly encouraged to participate in our PTSA. Our PTSA is an important resource for parents seeking to stay connected with Malibu High and other parents. Go online to complete this process/form to be included in the PTSA Student/Staff Directory, to volunteer at Malibu High and to join the PTSA. PTSA related questions? Want to find out more or get involved? Please email us at PTSAmalibu@gmail.com. Please join today! Go to www.PTSAmalibu.membershiptoolkit.com

DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND: The Shark Fund is the primary fundraising organization for Malibu Middle and Malibu High Schools, providing funds raised to the PTSA, Athletic Booster Club and Arts Angels. Your donation helps to make Malibu secondary schools exceptional by supporting the efforts of these three organizations to infuse community, sports and the arts across our schools. Additionally, the Shark Fund directly supports the schools by supplementing staff and staffed programs not provided by the district. The Shark Fund is seeking 100% participation from parents. We request an annual donation of \$2,500 per student, but welcome any amount you are able to contribute. The Shark Fund is a parent volunteer run organization. If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact us at: thesharkfundorg@gmail.com. Please donate today: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/1256>

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!

Warrior Academy - Bruce Lee Foundation: This program was designed by Bruce Lee's daughter, Shannon Lee, who shares the wisdom of her father's teachings through weekly martial arts and mindfulness training. Fun, engaging sessions facilitated by professional martial arts instructors will challenge students to grow physically, mentally, and emotionally. This program will take place on Thursdays from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM and is available to 6th and 7th grade members. To learn more, please email violetway@bgcmalibu.org

Malibu Chili Cook-Off, 2024 TICKETS FOR SALE! Visit www.malibuchilicookoff.org to purchase your tickets! Don't delay as ticket prices increase at the door. Follow us @malibuchilicookoff

Malibu Chili Cook-Off 2024 - Volunteer with Us! Your support is a huge part of what makes this event successful! Please consider volunteering with us Aug 30-Sept 2, 2024. We've got some pretty AWESOME perks for our volunteers. To learn more, please email mcco.volunteer@gmail.com

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/>

Third Space is OPEN at Malibu Village! Third Space is a storefront, gallery and an innovation space for youth to be mentored and inspired. A project of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, made possible by many generous community contributors. A percentage of all store purchases benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu:

- Safe spaces after-school
- Mental health services for youth, families and aging population
- Drug and alcohol prevention programming
- Innovative and inspiring opportunities for youth
- Regenerative systems and educational initiatives

Here, in our vibrant community, we value care, connection, and creativity. We offer youth, families, and visitors of all ages the chance to explore products from local, sustainable and social entrepreneurs. To learn more, visit thirdspacemalibu.org
Follow us on IG/FB: @thirdspacemalibu

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