

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – AUGUST 18, 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Malibu High School Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! I am filled with excitement as we open our doors to a brand-new chapter for Malibu High with the opening of our beautiful new high school building. This space represents years of planning, vision, and dedication from our community, and it will provide our students and staff with modern, innovative learning environments that match the incredible talent and spirit of our school.

Just as we celebrate this milestone for our campus, we also celebrate the passion and commitment of our staff, who are eager to bring learning to life in these new classrooms and spaces. Together, we will continue Malibu High's tradition of academic excellence, creativity, and community, now with the added energy that comes from working in a state-of-the-art facility designed to support student success.

At Malibu High, our mission remains to offer a rigorous and supportive college preparatory program while fostering the whole student—academically, artistically, socially, and emotionally. With opportunities such as advanced coursework, performing and visual arts, athletics, and student leadership, we are dedicated to ensuring every Shark has the chance to thrive and shine.

The success of Malibu High is a shared endeavor. I invite all families to remain engaged by attending school events, joining booster clubs, and partnering with us in this exciting new era. Your involvement makes a tremendous difference in shaping the experiences and opportunities available to our students.

This year marks both a new building and a renewed commitment to our values of excellence, community, and care. I look forward to seeing the amazing things our students will accomplish in this inspiring new environment.

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead in our new home! Go Sharks!!

Adam Almeida
Principal
Malibu High School

PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL FIRST WEEK SCHEDULE:

Thursday, August 21st – Regular Schedule – 8:30 – 3:30

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

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

PARKING/PICK UP AND DROP OFF PROCEDURES:

Morning Drop-Off Procedures

- **Middle School Students:** Drop-off for middle school remains in the designated zone near the original middle school entrance and in the football lot. Please follow posted signs and staff directions.
- **High School Students:** Families should use the new driveway entrance off Morning View Drive. Proceed past the newly constructed bus turnaround and continue toward the guard shack to enter the drop off area. The designated high school drop-off zone is located just beyond the guard shack, near the new high school building. Drivers should remain in their vehicles and pull as far forward as possible to help maintain a steady flow of traffic. Staff will be on site to assist and to guide cars in the turnaround area.

Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures

- **Middle School Students:** Pick-up remains in the same area as morning drop-off.
- **High School Students:** Families should use the same route as morning drop-off. Enter via the new driveway, passing the bus turnaround, and proceed toward the guard shack area. This location serves as the designated pick-up zone. Please do not stop in the bus lanes or staff-only areas, and remain in your vehicle during pick-up.

Parking Information

- **Staff Parking:** Clearly marked and reserved for staff only. Please do not park in these areas during school hours.
- **Visitor Parking:** Separate visitor parking is available for both middle and high school families. Please refer to posted signage on campus for guidance.
- **Student Parking:** Students with valid parking permits may park in the designated student parking lot only and is still located in the football lot.

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/cal2526.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.](#)

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: The first day of school is **Thursday, August 21st**. Students should arrive between 8:00am-8:15am for an 8:30am start of school. Official schedules will be distributed to high school students in the quad near the cafeteria. 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 6-8 at 3:30 pm. Do not arrive before 3:30 pm for pick up.

SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL - FULL DAY SCHEDULE: Like last year, **Friday, August 22nd** is also a **Regular Schedule Day** with dismissal at 3:30 pm. Students will attend periods 1-6.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PICTURE DAY: Picture day will be Friday, August 22nd. Student will go to gym during their Social Studies class.

START OF AM/PM PE: The first day of AM/PM PE class is **Monday, August 25th**. 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.

NO SCHOOL: MHS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, September 1st** for Labor Day. Additionally, there will be no school on September 23rd and October 2nd for local holidays.

MINIMUM DAYS: **September 11 and September 25** 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 who did not get their picture taken on August 22nd will be able to take their picture for School ID's, the yearbook, and school pictures to purchase on **Monday, September 15th**.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Malibu High School's Back to School Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 25**. An brief Welcome Meeting will begin at 5:30 followed by Classroom Visits at 6:00pm.

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 Middle School community. The first SSC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday September 18th at 3:45pm** via zoom and is open to the public. More information to follow regarding elections.

FIRST PTSA MEETING: Join us for our first PTSA General Meeting on **Thursday, September 28th at 9:00am** in the Parent Center. Parking Available in the lower Morning View lot or the Bus Lane after 8:45.

GIRLS' GOLF NEEDS YOU: MHS still needs a few more golfers to field a girls' team this fall. We will be practicing one day a week in Lindero Country Club in Agoura or at Westlake GC (either on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday) **starting with tryouts on Tuesday, 8/19 at Lindero Country Club at 4:15 pm**, and playing our 6 league matches on Thursdays, September 18th-October 23rd. We may also add a pre-season friendly. Golfers will need to have a physical on file and to be cleared to play through AthleticClearance.com. Please contact Coach Deshautelle at adeshautelle@smmusd.org if you are interested in playing!

SENIOR COLLEGE KICK OFF NIGHT: **August 28th at 5:00PM** in our new high school building. Parents of Seniors: Please join us as we kick off the college application process for the class of 2026! We will discuss updates on the CSU, UC, private colleges, Common Application, important dates and deadlines, sending the SAT, transcript request, and all of this using our brand new college/career platform SchoolLinks (we are no longer using Naviance). Don't miss this very important event! Email Mrs. Snyder if you have any questions: lsnyder@smmusd.org

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSE AT THE MALIBU COMMUNITY POOL: The City of Malibu, Community Services Department, will host an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course on September 6 and 7, 2025. The course includes online

class work and in-person water skills training. Participants must be at least 16 years of age. Please visit MalibuCity.org/Register to sign up by Friday, August 29. At the successful completion of the course, students are encouraged to apply for part-time lifeguarding positions at the Malibu Community Pool. *Participation in this course, does not constitute a job offer. Applicants must successfully pass the interview process and have valid work authorization. Contact Sspioglou@malibucity.org with any questions.

SUPPORT MEF – STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOLS FOR EVERY MALIBU STUDENT:

This year, we are encouraging all families to contribute to both the *Shark Fund* and the Malibu Education Foundation (MEF). Each plays a vital role in enriching your child's education. While the *Shark Fund* supports important school-specific needs like field trips, assemblies, classroom supplies, and enrichment, MEF is the only organization that can fund staff through the school district across all four Malibu schools. Your gift to MEF directly supports instructional aides, visual arts teachers, math tutors, athletic coaches, and other staff who are shaping your child's daily school experience across the full TK–12 pathway.

A \$750 per-student donation to MEF is the suggested amount — but every gift matters.

👉 Learn more and donate at www.MalibuEducationFoundation.org

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 Middle and other parents. Go online to complete this process/form to be included in the PTSA Student/Staff Directory, to volunteer at Malibu Middle 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>