

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – January 19, 2026

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 19th - Martin Luther King Day



PLAN AHEAD!

CONTACTS ON FILE FOR EMERGENCIES

MMS/MHS had their annual Lockdown Emergency Drill this past Friday and it reminded us to remind you to make sure your Emergency Contacts are updated!

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. Do you live near Pepperdine and know someone who lives in Camarillo? Add them to the list! There's no limit! Give yourself flexibility and save on frustration! Please log into your Aeries Parent Portal, Click Student Info, Click Contacts and Click ADD.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

SUPPORTING MALIBU SCHOOLS — THIS IS OUR MOMENT

This is a defining year for Malibu's public schools. With new campuses, evolving programs and pathways, recovery from recent wildfires, and important decisions shaping the future of public education in Malibu, our school community is at a pivotal moment. The Malibu Education Foundation exists to support students during times like this — funding academic, arts, and athletic programs, as well as staff roles that would not otherwise be possible. Families who have not yet contributed to this year's Annual Campaign are encouraged to participate at a level that works for them. Every contribution helps strengthen programs that directly support Malibu students. malibueducationfoundation.org/donate There are also easy, community-based ways to get involved:

- Food For Thought — Tuesday, January 20 (all day): Dine at participating local restaurants (Marmalade Cafe, OLLO, Sushi by Howdy, Howdy Malibu) to support Malibu schools and local businesses. *MEF and AMPS will be at Marmalade from 5-6 - to provide information on our organizations and answer any questions!*
- Malibu Schools Showcase — Saturday, January 24, 9-11 at MHS: MEF is proud to support this opportunity for families to explore the excellence of Malibu's public schools, meet principals and teachers, and learn more about the Malibu Pathway and the partnerships that support our students. Events like this help re-engage families and reinforce the strength of public education right here in Malibu.

Support looks different for everyone — and every form of participation matters.

MMS ATHLETICS:

Sign up now for the Middle School Athletic Season! Practices will take place twice a week from 2:45 - 4:00 pm (exact schedule to be announced.) Click [HERE](#) for registration. Sports included are:

Girls soccer
Boys soccer
Co-ed Volleyball
Track and Field

Join MMS Athletic Director Daryl Adams for the Malibu Middle School Athletics meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 8:45 am in person at the MMS Parent Center or on Zoom. Daryl will discuss Spring Sports, Track Meets, Event Vendors, MS Cheer Competition, league transition and more.

Join Zoom Meeting

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THIS WEEK AT MMS:

MLK DAY: All SMMUSD schools will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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CJSF SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: 7th and 8th graders! The CSF/CJSF spring membership drive is coming up! It will run from January 20th through January 30th. Your counselor will be out at lunchtime all week at a table in the quad area. You must be a current member during spring semester to be eligible to attend the annual awards breakfast and Universal Studios field trip, so don't forget to visit the CSF/CJSF table, bring your \$5 for membership dues, and sign up! Upon sign up you will be given information about the recognition breakfast and optional field trip to attend. The hard deadline to return the completed fieldtrip permission slip and funds is March 3rd at lunchtime 12:35pm. NO EXCEPTIONS! Don't know if you are eligible? See your counselor during the membership drive!

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: The next general meeting of the PTSA will be Thursday, January 22nd at 9:00 am in the Parent Conference Center.

Join the January 22, 2026 Meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9462314618?pwd=eGkrOGR4dTAxem9Sbm5OYndNMzVWUjT09&omn=88240667716> Meeting ID: 837 9802 3266; Passcode: 999721

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JAZZ REACH: On Friday, January 30th MMS is pleased to be hosting JAZZ REACH once again on our campus. JR is dedicated to the promotion, performance, creation and teaching of jazz music. Through the presentation of innovative, widely acclaimed live multi-media educational programs for young audiences, captivating main-stage concerts for general audiences and informative clinics and master-classes for student musicians and ensembles, JazzReach is steadfastly dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation, awareness and understanding of this rich, vital, ever-evolving American art form. Learn more here: www.jazzreach.org

PRESIDENTS' DAY: All SMMUSD schools will be closed Monday, February 16th for Presidents' Day.

END OF GRADING PERIOD: The end of grading period 4 is **Friday, February 20th**. Progress Reports will be available in Aeries the following week.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL: The MMS Musical "Shrek" will be presented Thursday, February 26th through Sunday, March 1st. Ticket details available soon!

FROM THE PTSA:

HOW TO BECOME AN APPROVED SCHOOL VOLUNTEER: IN THREE EASY STEPS! V.I.V. — VERY IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER

All steps can be completed in person on January 22, *immediately following the PTSA meeting.*

- **Step 1:** Fill-out school/district paperwork: [LINK HERE](#)
- **Step 2:** Come into the front office (please call ahead) to complete TB questionnaire (in-person) and Verkada safety screening (in-person) with Tiffany Mulligan (MMS) or Sam Duran (MHS).
- **Step 3:** Review/watch training slides/video (you can do this during your office visit for step 2). [Link to slides HERE](#)

Next Steps: Volunteer Opportunities at Malibu Middle & High School

Once you are an approved volunteer, there are many ways to get involved, including:

- Front office support
- Classroom assistance
- Special events and school activities
- Lunch and passing period support
- General campus support

To get started, please contact:

- Tiffany Mulligan MMS – tmulligan@smmusd.org
- Sam Duran MHS – sduran@smmusd.org

Thank you for supporting the Malibu Middle and High School community!

PRE-PERMIT TEEN DRIVERS AND THEIR PARENTS:

 REGISTER NOW | Free In-Person Workshop

Brought to you by MMS & MHS PTSA as part of our #SafeOnPCH initiative 

 Monday, February 9, 2026

 3:30–5:30 PM

 Malibu Middle School

Learning to drive is a big milestone — and preparation matters. This FREE, 2-hour AAA workshop helps families feel confident before teens get behind the wheel.

- ✓ Graduated Driver Licensing
- ✓ Risks & responsibilities of driving
- ✓ Parents' role in the learning process
- ✓ How to pick a safe vehicle
- ✓ What to look for in a driving school

 Free resources & giveaways for attendees!

 Register at AAA.com/Safety4Teens (QR code on flyer)

Together, we're building safer drivers — and safer roads — for Malibu.

#SafeOnPCH #MalibuSchools #TeenDrivers #MMSPTSA #MHSPTSA #RoadSafety
#ParentingTeens #AAAWorkshop #MalibuCommunity

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU TEEN CENTER:

Boys & Girls Club of Malibu is committed to youth and community resilience by providing a supportive and inclusive environment where children can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Through exceptional customer service and impactful after-school programs, we focus on academic success, character development, and health and wellness, catering to the unique needs of Malibu's youth. By addressing the needs of families, we foster a sense of safety, support, and community engagement, promoting a brighter future for all!

BGCM

- **ACADEMIC YEAR ENROLLMENT FOR GRADES 6TH-12TH.** BGCM is committed to providing a curriculum that will include a variety of activities geared towards fun, educational, and social experiences.
 - Due to the impact the fire has had on our community, the Teen Center is offering a No cost membership by entering UNIQUE CODE: TEENMEMBERSHIP25. [Click here](#) to enroll and see the attached letter for personal testimonial that highlights some of the benefits of joining the Club! ***Please note, you will still need to enter your CC information to process the application, but if the UNIQUE CODE is entered, you will not be charged.***
 - Programs include: Kindness Is Free, Manners Matter, Brent's Club, Managers in Training, Career Launch, social emotional wellness, STEM based projects, arts & crafts, and more!

PROGRAMS

- **Brent's Club** is where peers come together to support one another, learn about living healthy and drug-free lifestyles, and build leadership skills for the future. Through fun activities and open conversations, members strengthen friendships, explore positive choices, and take an active role in creating a safe, supportive school community. Next meeting: **Monday, January 23** — during lunch (lunch is included!) For more information, contact: hannahmatheson@bgcmalibu.org

WELLNESS

- **BGCM Wellness Center** provides no-cost mental health counseling and social support services to our school community. The Wellness Center also provides **FREE** academic tutoring in **Math, Chemistry, English, and Social Sciences** through our **partnership with Pepperdine**, available during the support period and after school at Malibu High School. Stop by to explore the space, meet our new Wellness Center team, and make an appointment for any of our services! [Click here](#) to learn more and email wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org or call 310-457-0360 ext 60146 to request services for you/your child.
- **Upcoming Wellness Center Events - A YEAR AFTER THE WILDFIRES: COPING WITH PERSISTENT GRIEF AND LOSS with Dr. David J. Schonfeld, M.D.**
- This session will explore how trauma, grief, and loss can continue to affect children and adults in the year following the wildfires. The one-year mark can unexpectedly bring up emotions, stress, or exhaustion, even for those who thought they had already moved forward. We will discuss the ripple effects of loss and ongoing stress, share practical ways to support children as they cope, and create space for questions and conversation. Together, we'll focus on healing, resilience, and supporting families as they continue to move forward.
 - **Virtual via Zoom Webinar - TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH from 6:00-7:00 PM** [Click here to register](#)
 - **In-Person at BGCM Disaster Recovery Center in Malibu - TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH from 10:00-11:00 AM** [Click here to RSVP](#)
- **BGCM Long Term Disaster Recovery Services:** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in partnership with The Malibu Community Long Term Recovery Group (MCLTRG) is here to support Palisades and Franklin Fire survivors with long-term recovery services. Our dedicated Care Coordination Team is ready to assist those who qualify with:
 - Personalized recovery planning: We will collaborate to identify your most pressing current and ongoing needs, creating a recovery plan tailored to your individual situation.
 - Resource connection: We will help you access the latest available support and resources by assessing your individual needs and connecting you to available resources based on qualifying criteria.
 - Advocacy: You won't navigate this alone. By understanding community needs, we can advocate for increased financial resources for the community.

To be connected with a Care Coordinator, please email drc@bgcmalibu.org.

Please expect to hear from someone on our team within 2-5 business days