

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – January 26, 2026

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

PLAN AHEAD! CONTACTS ON FILE FOR EMERGENCIES: MMS/MHS recently had their annual Lockdown Emergency Drill 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.

MALIBU EDUCATION FOUNDATION UPDATE: "THIS IS OUR MOMENT" is MEF's current giving campaign. Parent and community donations at any level help support staffing and continuity across all four Malibu schools — including math tutors at Malibu Middle & High (a key resource as state testing approaches), strength & conditioning coaches, a community service liaison, and a musical accompanist supporting student programs. MEF's work complements that of the Shark Fund, which supports our booster organizations to fund student programs and materials — PTSA, Arts Angels, and the Athletic Booster Club — and we encourage families to support both efforts. Families who have not yet contributed are encouraged to consider making a donation at a level that works for them: <https://www.malibueducationfoundation.org/donate>
Thank you to our Food For Thought restaurant partners (Marmalade Cafe, OLLO, Howdy's Malibu, and Malibu Sushi by Howdy) and to the families who participated by dining locally in support of Malibu schools.

AN UPDATE FROM THE SHARK FUND: The Shark Fund financially supports the PTSA, Arts Angels, and Athletic Booster Club by funding the programs and resources that enrich the student experience at Malibu Middle and High School. These efforts depend entirely on community support and make possible student safety initiatives, arts programming support, athletic equipment, uniforms, and promotion — the "extras" that bring school life to life but are not covered by public funding. As of now, The Shark Fund is at **27% of its annual fundraising goal.** Without additional donations, some programs may need to be reduced. Contributions at any level help sustain the programs that support student safety, creativity, and athletic opportunity. If you have not yet donated to the Shark Fund, please consider making a donation at any level to help support the efforts of these parent volunteer-led organizations. Donate today at thesharkfundmalibu.org

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

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!

MASQUE TRYOUTS: Auditions for MASQUE, the annual MHS/MMS talent showcase celebrating creativity, performance and expression, will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, January 28th and 29th in Mr. Kibler's room. The shows will take place on March 5th, 6th and 7th.

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

MMS ATHLETICS THIS WEEK:

Come out and support our MMS Athletes!!! Here are this week's sports events you can attend- we encourage parents and students to attend even if their child is not playing- SCHOOL SPIRIT COUNTS!! Let's cheer our Manta Rays on to victory and support our kids!

Wednesday Jan 28th: Boys AND Girls Basketball FIRST HOME GAMES of the season!!

GIRLS GAME: Home @ 3:30

BOYS GAME: Home @ 4:15

Come watch our teams play and the Cheer Team will be there as well!!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for Spring Season: Click [HERE](#) for registration.

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.)

Spring Sports are:

Girls Volleyball; Tryouts March 16th

Boys Volleyball

Track & Field

Strength & Conditioning

Upcoming Events MMS is hosting on our campus to put on your calendar: (We need volunteers to help make these events successful and prosperous!!)

Saturday March 21st: FIYA League Cheer Competition

Sunday March 22nd: FIYA Track Competition

Sunday March 29th: FIYA Track Competition

We have over 300-700 students participating at each event so there will be many families on our campus which is very exciting!!

Please contact Coach Daryl or Heather Gardner for further information.

dadams@smmusd.org

heather@heathergardner.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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:

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 26** — during lunch (lunch is included!) For more information, contact: hannahmatheson@bgcmalibu.org
- **Homework Help** Looking for extra academic support for your child? BGCM provides homework help for all subjects and grade levels on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00–5:00 PM, helping students stay on track and feel confident with their schoolwork.

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.
 - **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@bgcmlibu.org.

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