

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – February 9, 2026

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

SHARE YOUR MMS PHOTOS FOR THE 2026 YEARBOOK! DUE anytime before Tuesday, February 17th! Help us make the Malibu Middle School yearbook unforgettable by emailing your favorite photos of sports, dances, and school events to mmsyearbook@smmusd.org. Please send your photos as JPEG attachments and include the name of the activity and student names in your email. Since school accounts often block external attachments, we kindly ask that you send these from a parent or personal email address. We want to see every student represented, so please send us your best shots of club fun, pep rallies, and campus memories today!

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

PRN COFFEE & DONUTS: The SMMUSD Parent Resource Network of Malibu is hosting a Coffee & Donuts meetup for all parents of Special Education students, or students with IEPs. This is an opportunity to meet other parents, share resources, and support one another. Malibu PRN representatives, plus special guest Victoria Hurst, Special Ed Director, will be there to answer any questions about the Special Ed program, and the IEP process. Please join us at Malibu High School, Wednesday, February 11, 9-10am. Please direct any questions to denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com

THRIVING THURSDAY ACTIVITY: Come join your Counselor, Mrs. Whitehouse and the Wellness Center for the next Thriving Thursday Wellness Activity during Support on Thursday, February 12th. February's theme is a special Valentine's topic, Self Esteem/ Self Love. Typically, during Valentine's month, we send Valentines to the ones we care about and appreciate. This is a great thing to do because it is always nice to be reminded that people love us, but it's also important to take time to remind ourselves of the many reasons we love ourselves. Come learn more this Thursday for our February Thriving Thursday Wellness Activity. Get a pass to attend from Mrs. Whitehouse in the counseling office. Supplies and snacks provided.

POMS: Please join your MMS Principal, Mr. Schellenberg and MMS Counselor, Mrs. Whitehouse for our next POMS on Friday, February 13th at 9 AM in the PCR. Parents of Middle Schoolers (POMS) are all welcome to join other parents, the Principal and

Counselor for middle school coffee talk and middle school updates. Special guests this month will be our MHS Counselors along with our MHS Athletic Director. Malibu High School counselors will speak about transitioning to high school, course options, 4-year plans, and more! Mr. Neier, our MHS Athletic Director, will speak about how sports play a part in high school.

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: Malibu Middle School will be presenting **Shrek the Musical Jr.** on **February 26th, 27th, and 28th at 7:00 PM and March 1st at 1:00 PM in the MHS auditorium.** "Shrek's unique story of discovery encourages each of us to examine our prejudices, review what we believe to be our limitations and work to better understand ourselves and others" says Freddie Gershon, CEO of Music Theatre International. The family-friendly musical comedy follows the adventures of an ogre named Shrek who sets off on a quest to save a princess from a dragon. However, it turns out that in order to ultimately succeed, Shrek must battle an even bigger obstacle: learning how to believe in himself and open his heart to others. Please come join us for a spectacular show! Buy your tickets here: <https://malibuhs.booktix.com/>

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!

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

FROM THE PTSA:

TODAY! 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, February 9** — 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.

- **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