

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL MONDAY MESSAGE – March 9, 2026



Don't forget to get your tickets for Outdoor Movie Night this Friday!

MALIBU HIGH & MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS NEED YOU — NOW!

Spring Giving Week is underway! The Shark Fund is working to close the gap from our Fall drive to ensure arts, athletics, and PTSA-supported programs at Malibu High and Malibu Middle Schools remain fully funded. Our goal is 70% family participation, and we are currently at 19%! Every gift counts, and all donors will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win great prizes.

As an added bonus - if we reach 70% participation, Dr. Almeida and Principal Schellenberg will get pied!

Donate today: thesharkfundmalibu.org

PTSA BYLAWS AMENDMENT VOTE – MARCH 26: In accordance with our PTSA bylaws, this is formal notice that members will vote on proposed amendments at our association meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the MMS Parent Room. Adoption of the amended bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting. Proposed updates include increasing annual membership dues from \$10 to \$20 (with required allocations to National, State, District, and Council PTA remaining unchanged); aligning board structure with California State PTA bylaws by

adding an Executive Vice President and Financial Reviewer and clarifying appointed roles; aligning officer duties with the CA State PTA Toolkit and establishing procedures for officer nonperformance or resignation; clarifying meeting notice requirements and allowing teleconference participation when appropriate; clarifying Executive Board composition, authority, and financial oversight responsibilities, including restrictions on paid employees serving as voting board members; and confirming Robert's Rules of Order and updated amendment procedures per California State PTA requirements. Members are encouraged to review the full proposed bylaws prior to the meeting; a complete copy is available upon request at ptsamalibu@gmail.com. We hope you will join us and participate in this important vote.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

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 will be there to answer any questions about the Special Ed program, the IEP process, and can share resources with those in need. The PRN meetups, held once a month, are a great way to meet parents who may share your experiences. **Please join us at Malibu Elementary, Wednesday, March 11th, 9-10am.** Please direct any questions to denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com

ADDRESS CHANGES: Please double check the address you have on file with the school is current! We have been receiving quite a bit of return mail. If you have moved, please contact our Registrar, Beth Soloway (bsoloway@smmusd.org), with your new address.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS DAY: Calling all student superheroes! Get ready to power up on **March 23** for our action-packed Health & Wellness Day. You can grab some Brain Fuel, find your Zen in the Relax & Reboot Zone, get active at Move Your Mood, or sharpen your skills in the Strong Minds Corner. It's going to be an epic day of feeling good and finding your flow!

- Nutrition Time: From 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM
- Lunch Time: 11:35 AM TO 12:10 PM

SIGN UP GENIUS LINK :

Calling all parents to volunteer to be part of this special event

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4DABA62DA2FF2-62754767-malibu>

PTSA ANNUAL ELECTION – MARCH 26, 2026: This is official notice that the PTSA Annual Election of Officers will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the MMS Parent Room (in person only). The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate for the 2026–2027 term:

President: Kevin Keegan

Vice President: Denise O'Connor

Secretary: Laurie Principe

Treasurer: Larry Givertz

Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the vote (with nominee consent and eligibility). Please note that only current PTSA members may vote. We hope you will join us and participate in this important process!

HIGH SCHOOL INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM APPLICATION WINDOW:

SMMUSD will continue to offer the Independent Study EDUCATIONAL Program during the 2026-2027 school year for **Grades 9 to 12**. ISP is a voluntary, alternative instructional model for students whose needs may be best met through study outside of the traditional classroom setting. Applications for the ISP Program for the 2026-2027 school year must be received before the application deadline, **March 27, 2026** at 6:00pm. Completed applications must be emailed to ISPapplication@smmusd.org. For more information and to access the application, visit the [ISP Webpage](#).

MMS YEARBOOK

ORDER YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK!: Middle school yearbooks are available for order at <https://plicbooks.com/go/LMY4LW>

- Hardcover Yearbook - *early bird* \$40 (until 3/27/26) then \$50 until 4/16/26

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

WORLD LANGUAGE DAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH FROM 8:30 AM - 1:35 PM: World Language Day will take place on Friday, March 13. French and Spanish students will present their projects—in French and Spanish—on solutions to help create a better school and community. Families and other classes with their teachers are welcome to attend. Presentations will take place during regularly scheduled French and Spanish class periods. We hope you can join us to celebrate our Language students' work.

POMS: The next Parents of Middle Schoolers meeting will be Friday, March 13th at 9:00 am in the Parent Conference Room.

“FREAKY FRIDAY” ON FRIDAY THE 13TH! - ASB MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT: Bring your own lawn chair, blanket, or pillow and join us for a showing

of “Freaky Friday” starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan. Tickets are \$15 ahead of time, \$20 at the door. Your ticket includes pizza, drink, popcorn, and cotton candy. Hope to see you there! Details:

- ASB Middle School Outdoor Movie Night
- Friday, March 13 - 6:30-9:00 pm
- Entry (and door ticket sales) close at 7:00 pm
- Students can get advance tickets starting Tuesday, March 10th for \$15 in person at the student store OR online at the MMS store: <https://malibums.smmusd.org/students/mms-store>. The online student store ticket sales will close at noon on Friday, March 13th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OPEN HOUSE: MMS/MHS Open House will take place on Thursday, March 19th. To facilitate, school will be on a Minimum Day schedule.

BLOCK DAY/MINIMUM DAY: Due to Open House on March 19th, Tuesday, March 17th will be a 2/4/S/6 Block Schedule day and Thursday, March 19th will be a Minimum Day.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS! MMS is hosting several events on our campus. Add them to your calendar and volunteer! (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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2026-27 ACADEMIC

YEAR The City of Malibu is accepting applications for Council appointment to the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission beginning February 9, 2026. Students in grades 7 through 12 during the 2026-27 school year, are encouraged to submit an application to serve on the Youth Commission. Students must live in the City of Malibu limits or attend a Malibu school. The application deadline is **Tuesday, March 31 2026**, at 11:59 PM. Please visit [//MalibuCity.org/YouthCommission](http://MalibuCity.org/YouthCommission) to submit an online application. Contact sspiroglou@malibucity.org with any questions.

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 Teen Center Summer Camp Enrollment

[Click here](#) and see the attached flyer to learn more and enroll in our upcoming BGCM Teen Summer Program!

- Available to incoming 6th–12th grade.
- Enrollment is required to participate.
- Where: BGCM Teen Center (30215 Morning View Dr)
- When:
 - June 22nd through August 7th
 - Closed July 3rd for holiday
 - Monday - Friday,
 - 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM
 - Weekly calendars highlighting our themes and featured activities will be shared in advance.

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, March 16** — 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.