

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 7, 2026



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Monday, September 7th - HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, September 8th - BLOCK SCHEDULE - 2 / 4 / S / 6
Wednesday, September 9th - Block Schedule - 1 / 3 / S / 5
Thursday, September 10th - MINIMUM DAY
Friday, September 11th - MINIMUM DAY

MAKE WAVES WITH THE SHARK FUND!

Help make this a great year for every student at Malibu Middle & Malibu High School! The Shark Fund is the primary fundraising entity that raises money to support the Athletic Booster Club and MMS/MHS PTSA, including Arts Angels—helping provide the programs, activities, arts, athletics, and experiences that make our schools special.  Our 2026–27 Goal: \$343,000



Giving Week is September 14–21!

There are lots of ways to get involved. Every donation—large or small—makes a difference, and 100% of the funds raised support students this school year. Have a donation of a gift card, merchandise, or an experience that could help our Giving Week fundraiser? We'd love to hear from you! Please email karenporat@yahoo.com.  Let's come together and make waves for our students! For more information: SharkFund90265.org

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

ITEM DROPOFF CHANGES: While your parents are welcome to leave lunches, water bottles, jackets, etc, in the Attendance Office, we can no longer interrupt classrooms to let students know to come and get their things. You can always come down to Attendance to see if something has been dropped off or call your contacts from a "land line" if you forgot something.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: After school Math tutoring is available after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays with Ms. Jarman in the library. No appointment needed - just stop in!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ASB CARDS: Middle School ASB cards are on sale now in the student store or online student store for \$90 for the school year. Perks include free admission to all High School Athletics home games, all MS ASB events- Dances, Movie Nights and 20% off student store merchandise!

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

NO SCHOOL: MMS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** for Labor Day.

PRN COFFEE & DONUTS: The SMMUSD Parent Resource Network of Malibu is hosting a back-to-school meetup for all parents of Special Education students, or students with IEPs. Join us for coffee & donuts as we celebrate the beginning of a new

school year. Malibu PRN representatives, plus special guest Zhanna Hazlett, school Psychologist, will be there to support and answer any questions about the Special Ed program, and the IEP process. The PRN meetups, held once a month, are a great way to meet parents who may share your experiences. Please join us at Malibu Middle School, Wednesday, September 9, 9-10am. Please direct any questions to denise.prn.smmusd@gmail.com.

MINIMUM DAYS: September 10 is a Minimum Day with 1:35 pm dismissal to allow for the MMS Back to School Night.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Malibu Middle School's Back to School Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 10**. Arrivals begin at 5:30 pm followed by Classroom Visits at 6:00pm.

POMS: Please join Principal Greg Schellenberg for our first Parents of Middle Schoolers meeting in the Parent Center at 9 AM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 17th at 3:00pm** via zoom and is open to the public.

NO SCHOOL: MMS and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on September 21st for a local holiday.

MINIMUM DAY: September 24 will be a Minimum Day with 1:35 pm dismissal to allow for the Back to School Night.

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: You are invited to attend our next Malibu PTSA General Meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 9 AM when we will have the [Malibu Facility District Advisory Committee \(M-FDAC\)](#) present an update on the Measure MM construction projects underway on the Malibu Middle School campus, the timeline for the subsequent phases of construction on both the Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School campuses, and a Q&A session for parents, teachers, and staff. This next

Malibu PTSA General Meeting will be held at the Malibu Middle School Parent Center with a virtual Zoom participation option.

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY: Students who did not get their picture taken on August 24th will be able to take their picture for School ID's, the yearbook, and school pictures to purchase on **Monday, September 28th**.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

POINT DUME NATURAL PRESERVE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Earn volunteer hours by joining in the Volunteer Weeding at Point Dume Natural Preserve. Help keep our coastline resilient and beautiful!

Saturday, September 12

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Point Dume Natural Preserve

29245 Cliffside Drive

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/point-dume-volunteer-weeding-california-state-parks-tickets-1998781073998>

FROM THE MALIBU PTSA: Do you want to know what is happening with construction on the middle school and high school campuses? Are you curious about when the new Aquatics Center, Performing Arts Center, and other facilities will be completed—or what the next phases of construction will include this year, next year, and beyond?

If so, please plan to attend the next Malibu PTSA General Meeting on Thursday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m. in the Malibu Middle School Parent Center or via Zoom.

The Malibu PTSA will host a special guest from the Malibu Facility District Advisory Committee (M-FDAC), who will provide an update on current construction projects, share an overview of the planned phases of construction on our campuses, and answer questions from parents, teachers, and staff.

The Malibu PTSA thanks the parents and teachers who attended our first General Meeting of the school year on August 27. Principal Almeida shared an update on the start of school, and parents heard from the Arts Angels Committee, Parent Resource Network, Welcoming Committee, and others. We also reviewed the budget and discussed fundraising with Karen Porat from The Shark Fund.

To help clarify the relationship between The Shark Fund and the Malibu PTSA, middle and high school enrichment programs—including theater, music, art, photography, MMS athletics, PRN, robotics, AI, mindfulness, Be Safe on PCH, safety awareness, and more—are funded through donations from The Shark Fund to the Malibu PTSA.

If you want to ensure that your 2026–27 school donation directly supports student programs at the middle and high schools, please donate to The Shark Fund during Giving Weeks in September.

SUPPORT MALIBU STUDENTS: GIVE TO MEF THIS YEAR: Community giving keeps the sunny days going. The Malibu Education Foundation funds instructional aides, tutors, coaches, academic recovery & acceleration, and support staff across *all four* Malibu schools — the extra support our students need, at every grade level, to succeed. 100% stays in Malibu. At MMS, MEF funds math and academic tutors, a musical accompanist, strength and conditioning coaches, and secured a grant for targeted tutoring support. MEF is also pursuing funding for a student broadcasting program. Start with \$25, that funds a student for a week. Every gift helps.

Give at MalibuEducationFoundation.org/donate

The Shark Fund needs your support too. Both matter, and neither replaces the other.

Mark your calendar:

✨ MEF Gala — October 17 (info and tickets: <https://onecau.se/mefgala>)

✨ Malibu Moves — October 24–25 (Use code MEF26 for 10% off at malibumoves.com)

✨ Tree Lot — November 27–December 13

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU TEEN CENTER:

At the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, our mission is to significantly enhance the lives of all youth to fulfill their potential as caring, productive, and contributing citizens. Through 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!

ACADEMIC YEAR ENROLLMENT: [Click here](#) and see the attached flyer to learn more and enroll in our upcoming Academic Year program at the Teen Center. Available to grades 6th-12th. 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!

BGCM ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS: High school students who only participate in on-campus programs (such as Brent's Club and Goals for Graduation) can register using our short enrollment form. Membership is free and helps us communicate with parents/guardians about these programs. **If your child already has a BGCM membership, no additional registration is needed.** [BGCM Short Teen Enrollment Form](#). For questions or more information, please contact **Tyler Hawkins**, at tylerhawkins@bgcmalibu.org.

BRENT'S CLUB: 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, September 14th — during lunch (lunch is included!)

For more information, contact: hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org

GOALS FOR GRADUATION is where peers will reflect on what they hope to accomplish before graduating high school and begin thinking about their future. Through guided discussion and activities, participants will identify academic, personal, and career goals while creating realistic steps they can take now to work toward them. Next meeting: Monday, September 28th — during lunch (lunch is included!) For more information, contact: hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU WELLNESS CENTER provides no-cost mental health counseling and social support services to our school community. Stop by to explore the space, meet our 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.

LONG TERM DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES The Malibu Community Long Term Recovery Group (A Disaster Recovery Coalition established by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu) is here to support Franklin and Palisades Fire survivors with long-term recovery services. Our dedicated Care Coordination Team is ready to assist those who qualify with:

- Personalized recovery planning: Working to identify your most pressing current and ongoing needs and creating a recovery plan tailored to your individual situation.
- Resource connection: Helping 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.