

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – October 12, 2026



NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND YONDR POUCHES:

Due to the number of students continuously forgetting their YONDR Pouch or phone, starting this Wednesday, October 14th we will be instituting Nutrition/Lunch Clean Up detention on the third offense. Continuing offenses will lead to Full Day Fridays.

Save Local. Support Our Schools.

Shark Perks is the new Malibu community discount card, giving families exclusive savings at 60+ local restaurants, shops, services and favorite brands — all while supporting Malibu Middle and High School.

Enjoy offers at businesses including Bui Sushi, Howdy's, Malibu Brewing Company, Ollo, Paradise Cove Cafe, Kreation, PAIGE, Faherty, Barefoot Dreams, Jen's Pirate Booty and many more. With discounts of 10–20% at many participating businesses, the savings can add up quickly throughout the year. Your Shark Perks card is valid through August 31, 2027, so you'll have plenty of opportunities to use it while shopping, dining and supporting businesses in our community.

Visit <http://www.sharkfund90265.org/shark-perks> to view all participating businesses and to purchase your card today!

Dinner for a Cause: Chipotle Night for Our Schools!

Join The Shark Fund's Chipotle fundraiser Wednesday, October 14, from 4–8 p.m. at 3822 Cross Creek Rd #3834, Malibu. Enjoy your favorites while 25% of qualifying sales support MMS and MHS programs! Show the flyer at sharkfund90265.org/events or use code 8EX2E2M for online pickup at the Malibu location during fundraiser hours. Bring a friend—and your appetite!

MEF GALA:

LAST CHANCE: MEF GALA TICKETS + SILENT AUCTION NOW LIVE:

The 2nd Annual Malibu Education Foundation Gala is Saturday, October 17th at Malibu High School, and tickets are almost gone. Join us for an evening celebrating and supporting all four Malibu public schools, featuring performances, dinner, DJ, and dancing.

Be in the room for the live auction, including a one-of-a-kind sculpture reveal by artist Rogan Gregory, premiere tickets, and a helicopter ride with a Hollywood stunt pilot, and help fund what's next for Malibu students: academic recovery and acceleration programs at middle and high school.

Get your tickets: onecau.se/mefgala

Can't make it? The silent auction is live now, and anyone can bid from their phone. Browse and bid before it closes on October 17th: onecau.se/mefgala

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

THRIVING THURSDAY: It's Thriving Thursday Time! October's topic is: Don't Ghost Your Mental Health! Come join Mrs. Whitehouse and Wellness Center for a wellness activity on Thursday, October 15th during Support Period. Come learn more about taking care of your Mental Health. Get a pass from Mrs. Whitehouse to attend. This will take place in the Counseling Office. See you then!

REFLECTIONS 26-27: The theme of this year's Reflections contest is "What My Culture Means to Me." Reflections is the National PTSA's arts program. Create something original - art, photos, writing, music, film or dance! Submissions are due Thursday, October 15th. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Questions? Email helen.y.deboer@gmail.com.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE DISTRICT? All new students listen up! This is for you!

Hey! New School, new vibe and maybe a little overwhelming? We get it and are here for you! We are starting a New Student Group just for you! This is a laid-back, fun space to hang out, play some quick games, share our thoughts & ask questions, and meet other students who are also new here. Plus, the School Counselor, Mrs. Whitehouse, will bring some treats to sweeten the deal!

- When: Every Thursday during lunch in October
- Where: Room A-232 (The Counseling Group Office)
- What to bring: Just yourself, your lunch, and your sweet tooth!

You don't have to figure everything out on your own. Come grab some candy, make a few friends, learn more about MMS and kick back! See you in the counseling office at lunch on Thursdays!

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:

FALL CSF/CJSF DRIVE – California (Junior) Scholarship Federation is a state-accredited honor society that recognizes California students for academic scholarship and service. Current 8-12th Graders may apply for fall CSF/CJSF. The Fall CSF/CJSF Drive is **October 12 - 21**. Your counselor will be set up at a table during lunchtime in the quad. Fill out a CSF/CJSF application (available at the table) and bring your \$5 membership fee. Qualification is based on your previous JUNE grades from last semester. Any questions, please see your counselor.

GREAT SHAKEOUT: Our first school emergency drill of the year will take place on Thursday, October 15th when we participate in the world's largest earthquake drill.

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 next SSC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 15th at 3:00pm** via zoom and is open to the public.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: The next PTSA General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22nd at 9:00 am in the Parent Conference Room.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST: The annual Halloween Costume Contest will take place on Friday, October 30th at lunch. Start planning your costumes now!

HALLOWEEN DANCE: The Malibu Middle School Halloween Dance and Haunted House will be held on Friday, October 30th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The spooky specs are coming soon!

MMS SPORTS - SEPTEMBER UPDATE:

As the fall sports season gets under way at Malibu Middle School, September has been an exciting month filled with growth, energy, and school spirit with **over 60% of our students registered for Fall Sports**. Our athletic program places a strong focus on team chemistry, sportsmanship, and mastering the technical aspects of each sport—all while ensuring our student-athletes have fun along the way. Both our boys and girls flag football teams are actively competing, working hard to build team cohesion while mastering the strategies and rules of the game. Meanwhile, our girls tennis team has seen an incredible turnout. Although they do not compete against other schools, our dedicated coaching staff is actively creating internal competitive opportunities that build skill, athletic culture, and camaraderie.

In individual and performance sports, our athletes are discovering that true strength comes from within. The Malibu Middle School cross country team is learning that distance running is far more than just lacing up running shoes; it requires mental fortitude, emotional toughness, and the discipline to run against oneself. On the sidelines, our cheer team continues to serve as the beating heart of our sports program. They have taken immense pride in perfecting their dance routines and are collaborating

closely with the high school cheer program to build a seamless transition for athletes as they move up in their academic and athletic careers.

Looking ahead, we are excited to transition into the second half of our fall season with middle school girls and boys soccer. Player evaluations begin this week, and we are eager to keep the momentum going as we finish out a fantastic fall. At the end of the day, our overarching goal for every Malibu Middle School student is simple: to experience sports, build friendships, give their best effort, compete with passion, and create lasting memories. Thank you to all of our staff, coaches, and parents for your continued support of our student-athletes!

FROM THE MALIBU PTSA:

Are you wondering what the status of the new Malibu Unified School District (MUSD) is and when the separation process will be completed?

If so, then plan to join us on Thursday, October 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the MMS Parent Center for the next Malibu PTSA General Meeting when the City of Malibu's "Unification" team will visit, including Malibu City Councilmembers Haylynn Conrad (current MHS parent) and Marianne Riggins (MHS alumnus and former Malibu parent), former MHS principal Mike Matthews, and the city's attorneys and financial experts. They will share an overview of the recent history of the school district separation negotiations with SMMUSD, the next key milestones, and estimated timelines. Malibu parents, teachers, and students who attend the October 22 PTSA meeting will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Thursday, October 15 is the PTA Reflections annual art contest deadline. If your child has art work in any of these categories, please consider submitting them to Helen DeBoer at helen.y.deboer@gmail.com: Film Production, Music Composition, Accessible Arts, Dance Choreography, Literature, Photography, and Visual Arts. This is a national PTA annual program led by the PTSA's Arts Angels Committee and is an excellent opportunity for Malibu students to showcase their artistic and creative skills. Again, send inquiries to Helen at helen.y.deboer@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the Malibu students, teachers, and parents who have reached out to the Malibu PTSA over the past couple of weeks asking about the district's efforts regarding El Nino preparations and the recent heat wave mitigations. Your outreach, questions, and classroom-based examples assisted the Malibu PTSA in our advocacy for Malibu schools, and our efforts are not done. We will be following up and you can expect to receive more updates in the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

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](https://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, November 2nd — 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: Thursday, November 19th — 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.