MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – October 19, 2026



NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND YONDR POUCHES:

Due to the number of students continuously forgetting their YONDR Pouch or phone, Wednesday, October 14th we instituted 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!

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS: This year's auditions for the middle school musical will be Thursday and Friday, October 22nd and 23rd after school. For the audition, the student will need to prepare a short monologue and a solo song from a Broadway musical or Disney movie. Students can sign up for an audition time outside of the choir room.

REFLECTIONS 26-27 - DEADLINE EXTENDED!: 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~~ **Monday, October 19th**. 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!

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 runs through **October 21st.** 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.

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

MMS MUSICAL AUDITIONS: Thursday and Friday, October 21st and 22nd in the Choir Room. Sign up for a time!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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!

FROM THE MALIBU PTSA:

Hi Manta Ray & Shark Families! **I'm Erika O'Brien** – new to beautiful Malibu and an MMS & MHS Mom! I'm honored to be a Malibu PTSA exec board member by serving as the chair of the POMS (Parents of Middle Schoolers) committee! I'm delivering today's PTSA message to "drum up" some more wonderful parents to join me as a WASC volunteer.

WASC (Western Association of Schools & Colleges) will be visiting our schools in January to determine if our schools get accreditation. This "stamp of approval" is super important for academic credibility & another lens that colleges/universities use to evaluate quality of education (e.g., academic records/transcripts, school culture, leadership, and student needs/environment).

We only have THREE meetings left! The meetings are **only 45 mins** long (at MHS) and your comments and insights will directly impact the report that our schools are preparing for accreditation! Additionally, this will give you a unique perspective on our schools' academics and programs – directly from our staff, teachers, and principals.

It's casual, informative, and fun! The principals are requesting AT LEAST 4 MORE VOLUNTEERS! Minimal commitment!

WASC Meetings at Malibu High School
Friday October 30th: 1:45-2:30pm
Friday, November 13th: 1:45-2:30pm
Friday, December 4th: 1:45-2:30pm

Please consider joining me as a WASC volunteer for MMS or MHS! If you are interested and want to learn more, please email Asst. Principal Johnson, MHS (djohnson@smmusd.org) or Ms. Whitehouse, MMS (lwhitehouse@smmusd.org).

Another important update! The Malibu PTSA successfully advocated/implemented two awesome improvements at MMS:

(1) a new shade structure for the MMS quad area;

(2) enrichment of the lunch/recess periods with **outdoor games** delivered by the PTSA.

At long last(!), students have a place to enjoy shade while outside during lunch or recess. While there, students can enjoy outdoor games (ping pong, cornhole, frisbee, & more!). Student volunteers are helping set/up and manage these stations! **Please let your kiddos know** about the new fun things going on!

A BIG THANK YOU to parents **Melissa Akkaway, Amanda Blakley, Lily Harfouche, Barbara Adler, and Marielle Hadid** for making this happen for our students!

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**
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.