MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL
MONDAY MESSAGE – October 26, 2026



Don’t miss the Halloween Dance and Haunted House!
Friday, October 30th - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

IT'S RED RIBBON WEEK AT MMS:

MMS will observe Red Ribbon Week October 26th-31st. Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign that promotes a drug-free lifestyle and aims to raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Throughout this week, in collaboration with resources from the National Red Ribbon Week Campaign, Counselors, PTSA, ASB, and Boys and Girls Club, MMS will facilitate activities that tie in with this year's theme **"Make a Difference. Be a Hero Stay Drug Free."**

As a parent/guardian, you can help participate in Red Ribbon Week by keeping the conversation going at home. By providing a safe and supportive environment that promotes health and well-being, your child can be led down a path where they can grow, learn, and thrive, drug and alcohol free.

There will be daily RRW activities to create awareness all throughout the week coordinated by PTSA, Counseling, ASB, Wellness Center and the Boys and Girls Club. There will be daily morning announcements read to share facts and informative information about making healthy decisions.

MMS students will also participate throughout the week with the following activities and themes:

RRW week (October 26th to October 30th)
"Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free"

- Monday 10/26 - Wear RED to support Red Ribbon Week and visually demonstrate unity around the commitment to healthy, drug-free living. RRW activities in the quad. Fill out RRW pledge to live a drug-free lifestyle.
- Tuesday 10/27 - Heroes Make Healthy Choices. Students dress as a personal HERO, community helper, positive role model, or superhero. Trivia Tuesday to include drug facts and awareness.
- Wednesday 10/28 - Your Future is Bright. Wear bright colors or sunglasses while discussing goals, dreams, and the healthy choices that can help students build bright futures.
- Thursday 10/29 - Team up Against Drugs. Students wear clothing representing their favorite team, school organization, club or activity. Sports and games will be played in the quad area
- Friday 10/30 - Halloween Drugs are scary, dress in your Halloween costume. Costume contest at lunch.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

MHS FALL PLAY "THESE SHINING LIVES": "These Shining Lives" by Melanie Marnich tells the true story of women working at the Radium Dial Company in the 1920s. These women painted watch dials with luminous, radium-based paint, unaware of the devastating health consequences. As they fall ill, the play follows their fight for justice against a corporation that values profit over the lives of its employees. The play bravely illuminates a dark chapter in American labor history while exploring themes of corporate negligence, female resilience, and the enduring need for workers' rights. RATED PG Presented Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, November 15th at 2:00 pm. Purchase tickets HERE.

REMINDER REGARDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND YONDR POUCHES: Due to the number of students continuously forgetting their YONDR Pouch or phone, on Wednesday, October 14th we instituted Nutrition/Lunch Clean Up detention on the third offense. Continuing offenses will lead to Full Day Fridays.

FALL BACK: Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 am. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

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:

CLUB DAY: Wednesday, October 28th is High School Club Day. High School Clubs will be selling food during both High School and Middle School lunches. **BRING CASH** to support the MHS clubs. (Clubs CANNOT accept any other forms of payment.)

- ASB: Chick-Fila-A
- I Save Animals: In N Out
- Malibu Shark Tank: Krispy Kreme
- Career Council: Chips, Coke, Root Beer, Orange Fanta, Dr. Pepper, Swedish Fish, Sour Patch Kids
- Amnesty international: Panda Express

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. Come enjoy pizza, cotton candy, and popcorn while enjoying the music, dancing, photo booth and more! Tickets are available for $15 in advance at the Student Store (before school or at nutrition and lunch,) or $20 at the door, or free with your MMS ASB card!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VETERANS DAY: In honor of Veterans Day, all SMMUSD schools will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th.

POMS: The next Parents of Middle Schoolers meeting will be Friday, November 13th at 9 am in the Parent Center.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY: This year's MHS play is "These Shining Lives" presented Friday, November 13th, Saturday, November 14th and Sunday, November 15th. Tickets available at malibuhs.booktix.com

WINTER CONCERT SERIES: Mark your calendar for the MMS/MHS Winter Concert Series:

- Orchestra - Thursday, November 19th
- Band - Thursday, December 3rd
- Choir - Thursday, December 10th

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving break begins Wednesday, November 25th. We'll see you back at school on Monday, November 30th.

FROM THE MALIBU PTSA:

We're looking for parent volunteers for Red Ribbon Week!

SignUpGenius:
https://m.signupgenius.com/?utm_source=ig&utm_medium=social&utm_content=link_in_bio#!/showSignUp/10C084BADA62DAAFEC61-66760766-redribbon?useFullSite=false

Here are the details and spirit themes:

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Activities:

- Monday- BGC activity
- Tuesday- Activity Trivia
- Wednesday - BGC Activity
- Thursday - Activities/sports played in the quad directed by Athletic Coordinator Daryl Adams.
- Friday- Halloween costume contest
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    - Line up and walk “red carpet” in costume categories
    - Teacher volunteers to judge

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: Monday, November 16th — 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.