MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL
MONDAY MESSAGE – November 9, 2026



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Monday, November 9th:	Regular Schedule
Tuesday, November 10th:	BLOCK Schedule - 1/3/S/5
Wednesday, November 11th:	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
Thursday, November 12th:	BLOCK Schedule - 2/4/S/6
Friday, November 13th:	Minimum Day

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:



MMS SEE'S CANDY ONLINE STORE: Stock up on holiday gifts or just get something sweet for yourself, all the while supporting Malibu Middle School. Purchase world famous See's Candy through the MMS link and part of the proceeds will go to the school. What could be sweeter?! https://www.yumraising.com/store/winter-2026-malibu-middle-school-asb-55a8/JulJon42764 But don't wait too long! The store closes on 12/4.

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.

MHS NEWSPAPER: Please check out The Current - the new site of Malibu High School - here: https://mhscurrent.com/

FREE ONLINE TUTORING: Free online tutoring with Pepperdine students is available for students in grades 6-12. All subjects are covered! Parents and students - you can inquire with Siugen Constanza sconstanza@smmusd.org to schedule tutoring time.

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!

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.



THIS WEEK AT MMS:

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

THRIVING THURSDAY: It's Thriving Thursday time and the next one will happen this Thursday, November 12th with Mrs. Whitehouse, MMS Counselor and the Wellness Center. This month we will focus on having gratitude and how being grateful can boost your mental health. Contact Mrs. Whitehouse for a pass to come during Support time this Thursday.

POMS: The next Parents of Middle Schoolers meeting will be Friday, November 13th at 9 am in the Parent Center. Alexis Jordan from the Wellness Center will share with parents more about the WC, the recent visits to Meet Ups & how the WC is offering group sessions to students, new MMS lunchtime openings, and how to set up individual counseling.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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:

Last week, Malibu PTSA sponsored **the annual Red Ribbon Week**, which encourages students to choose a drug-free, healthy lifestyle.

Daniella Arnold led Red Ribbon Week this year and Daniella reports that the event wrapped up with an amazing Halloween Red Carpet Walk, and the children went all out. Their costumes were amazing, and they brought so much great energy to the carpet. (You can check out photos on Malibu PTSA's Instagram.) It was the perfect way to end a week all about making healthy, drug-free choices while having fun!

Every child who participated in Red Ribbon Week was entered into a raffle as a thank you for taking part. Daniella gives a huge shout out to our sponsors who donated raffle prizes: Aviator Nation, Malibu Brewery, The Bunker, D'Amore's Pizza, Starbucks and Sweet Bu Candy. The Malibu PTSA is so grateful for their support of our students and school community.

Thank you, Principal Schellenberg, for letting us be creative and take the reins. Thank you to the entire PTSA for helping promote and fund a full week of fun! Thank you to our teachers for judging the contest, to Ms. Whitehouse for keeping everything flowing smoothly and organizing fun activities, to Coach Daryl for his Athletic Day, and to the BCG for their fun activities. Thank you to ABS for their leadership during Red Ribbon Week and for throwing an awesome dance!

Most of all, thank you to our students for being heroes, showing up, participating in and signing the Red Ribbon Week pledge wall to make healthy, drug-free choices. You made the week!

In other news, the Malibu PTSA added **eBikes safety** to our Be Safe on PCH program. Our SRO Deputy Carlos Vindell will lead a special workshop for students before Thanksgiving where he will go over the rules of the road, local laws, and eBike safety tips. Malibu PTSA will share related information with parents after Deputy Vindell's workshop is conducted with the students.

Lastly, please check out these two resources from the **City of Malibu and SMMUSD** to help you, your family, and your neighborhood prepare for the El Nino season:

https://malibucity.org/ElNino

https://www.smmusd.org/departments/communications/ready/smmusd-ready

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

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 9th — 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.