

**REGISTRATION/BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT: <https://www.smmusd.org/MMSRegistration>**

## Welcome to the 2020 - 2021 School Year!

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE:

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Dear Malibu Middle Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Students, as you enjoy the last few weeks of summer we hope that you are getting excited for the first day of school on **Thursday, August 20, 2020**. We are ready to welcome our 6<sup>th</sup> graders as they transition to middle school as well as welcome back our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We are looking forward to an exciting, engaging, and productive year whether online or in person!

**Please see recent information sent regarding the start of the 2020-2021 school year:**

- [SMMUSD School Reopening Information](#)
- [Link to message from 7/14](#)
- [Link to message from 7/17](#)

Malibu Middle School is a great place to be! Our students, teachers, counselors, administrators, support staff and community members are looking forward to a great new school year. Although we know it will be anything but normal, we are excited and ready for the challenge to continue to educate our kids through distance learning. We hope to be back together on campus very soon.

Over the summer, our leadership team including counselors, teachers, and administrators have continued to meet to revamp our distance learning plan. We saw some successes and challenges during the Spring semester and are working to make the student experience even better. As we continue to receive updated information from these conversations, we will get that information out to you all.

When we are able to return to campus, you will not believe all the changes you see when you drive up Morning View! Our construction team has been hard at work on our new building and demolishing an old building. Due to some unforeseen delays, our new building is now set to open in January for the spring semester. This building will house offices, 3 science labs for middle school, 4 classrooms, the library, College and Career Center, and Multimedia spaces. With the opening of this building, we will improve campus security with a single-entry point and improve the entrance to Malibu Middle School. With the demolition of Building D occurring now, we will have our middle school quad area back for students to enjoy during lunch, nutrition, and passing periods.

We thank you for all your support through this challenging time. At MMS, our priorities continue to be educating our kids while keeping them safe.

We ask that you carefully review each item contained on the 2020-2021 Back to School/Registration Page. It contains information and forms you will need to submit by email before August 14, 2020.

***Given our current situation, there are more questions than answers and many items that require additional information. Please continue to check your email for upcoming [Monday Messages](#) that will include the following information, once it is known:***

- **Picture Day**
- **Student Store Purchases**
- **Textbook Distribution**
- **Student Schedules**
- **Transportation/Bus Passes**
- **Nutrition Services**
- **Additional Athletics Updates**
- **Distance Learning Plan**
- **Upcoming Parent Meetings**
- **First Day Plans**

If for any reason your child will NOT be attending Malibu Middle School, please email [bsoloway@smmusd.org](mailto:bsoloway@smmusd.org) immediately so we can plan our class configurations and placements as accurately as possible and enroll students who have been placed on our waiting list or have applied for a permit.

We can't wait to "see you" on Thursday, August 20, 2020. Have a wonderful last few weeks of summer!

Melisa Andino  
Principal, Malibu Middle School

Questions?

Scheduling/Classes- Counselor Elle Nickerson, [enickerson@smmusd.org](mailto:enickerson@smmusd.org)

Registration/Enrollment- Registrar Beth Soloway, [bsoloway@smmusd.org](mailto:bsoloway@smmusd.org)

General Questions- Administrative Assistant Tania Jolly, [taniajolly@smmusd.org](mailto:taniajolly@smmusd.org)

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

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**MMS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Visit the MMS website at <https://www.smmusd.org/malibums> for additional information including Bell Schedules, Summer Reading Lists, and other helpful links. There is a Parent Resources page that can be found at: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/1744>

**MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR:** We are pleased to have Ms. Elle Nickerson back this year as the Middle School Counselor!

**WELCOME NEW MMS STAFF!:** We are finalizing hiring a new Life Skills Teacher to replace Ms. Smith who has been a part of the MMS/MHS team for many years. We wish Ms. Smith the best in her future endeavors!

**FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION:** New applications need to be completed annually (one per family). For more information, visit: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4083>.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** The first day of school is **Thursday, August 20th**. Even if students believe there is an error in their schedule, they are to attend all the classes shown on their official schedule until it can be resolved with their counselor. Schedules will be available to pick up with textbooks prior to the first day of school. More information coming soon!

**CALENDARS:** We are in the process of updating our school calendar with all of the 2020-2021 school year events. Please note, that many events will have to be cancelled, postponed, or changed in format. All events and dates are subject to change. However, the calendars are great places to look! The district calendar is available online. Please note start of school, end of school, and all holidays. Please plan vacations and absences of a personal nature around the school/district calendar. Daily attendance at school is extremely important!

**MMS EVENTS CALENDAR:** <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/18#calendar11/20200727/month>

**SMMUSD CALENDAR:** <https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Shared//calendars/cal2021.pdf>

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION/REGISTRATION FORMS:**

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***It is very important that you read all of the information on the Back to School/Registration website and return signed forms by email to [malibuforms@smmusd.org](mailto:malibuforms@smmusd.org) before August 14, 2020! Below is a summary of the materials you are being asked to read and/or sign.***

### **REGISTRATION 2020-2021 – TO READ AND KEEP:**

**SMMUSD Rights and Responsibilities Information Booklet** – Each year, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District publishes a booklet informing parents and students of their rights and responsibilities. Please read and review the booklet with your student. Retain the booklet or bookmark the electronic link for future use.

**SMMUSD District Policies** - Controlled Substance, Weapons, Bullying, Hate-Motivated Behavior, Mobile Device Guidelines, Tobacco Use and Telecommunications Acceptable Use Policies – We ask all students and parents to carefully review the District’s policies regarding controlled substances, forbidden weapons, bullying, hate motivated behavior and tobacco use. We encourage parents to discuss these policies with your student to ensure that he or she understands the policies and the consequences for violating them. These policies are important in ensuring a safe and healthy campus for all students. We will go over these in classrooms with our students as well.

**MMS School Policies** - Dress Code Policy, Civility Policy, Attendance Guidelines and Tardy Policy, and Cell Phone and Electronics Policy - Parents, please review the dress code, tardy and cell phone/electronics policies we use at MMS with your student(s) to ensure an understanding of the policies and the consequences for violating them. We will go over these in classrooms with our students as well. In addition, review the civility policy to assure all adults engage in courteous discourse.

**Student Accident and Health Insurance Program Application** – Applications for low cost accident insurance for students are available in the main office and online. The accident insurance is an affordable insurance option for students including student athletes. Completed applications are to be returned to the Main Office (Athletic applications must be returned to the school office) or mailed directly to Myers Stevens.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION 2020-2021 – TO BE RETURNED BY EMAIL TO [MALIBUFORMS@SMMUSD.ORG](mailto:MALIBUFORMS@SMMUSD.ORG):**

1. **Student Emergency and Information Form** - It is very important that we have accurate emergency contact information for every student. Please complete and return by emails the emergency form. It should be completed by the parent. (If you are a High School athlete, print additional copies of the emergency form – one copy for the athletic trainer and one copy for every sport you intend to play.)
  
2. **District and School Policy Signature Page** - This is a comprehensive sign-off page that needs to be completed and returned on GYSD. This provides a sign-off for the following policies and practices:
  - a. SMMUSD Rights and Responsibilities Booklet
  - b. District Policies: Controlled Substance, Weapons, Bullying, Hate-Motivated Behavior, Tobacco Use and Telecommunication Acceptable Use (AUP) Policy, Mobile Device Guidelines
  - c. MMS School Policies: Dress Code Policy, Civility Policy, Tardy Policy and Cell Phone/Electronics Policy
  
3. **General Filming and Recording Student Release Form** – During the school year, students are occasionally photographed, filmed and/or recorded during school activities and field trips. The recordings may be exhibited at school as part of curricular and extracurricular activities; published in internal/external newsletters, public relations materials and other District publications; and released to news and documentary organizations to recognize the work of the school and our students. They may also be published and shown as parts of other broadcasts. This release allows your child to be recorded and allows the District to use and circulate these recordings. Return one of these forms per student.

**REGISTRATION 2020-2021 – COMPLETE ONLINE:**

1. **PTSA Directory, Volunteer and Membership Form** – Parents (and students) are highly encouraged to participate in our PTSA. Our PTSA is an important resource for parents seeking to stay connected with Malibu High and other parents. Go online to complete this process/form to be included in the PTSA Student/Staff Directory, to volunteer at Malibu High and to join the PTSA. **Go to:** [malibuhptsamembershiptoolkit.com](http://malibuhptsamembershiptoolkit.com)
2. **Donate to The Shark Fund** - Even in our current situation, there are staff, programs, and materials that are dependent on donor funds. We continue to ask all families to donate to the Shark Fund with a suggested donation of \$2,000. Believe it or not, your donations are more important now, than ever before given shortfalls the previous couple years. Please consider giving at [www.thesharkfund.org](http://www.thesharkfund.org).

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