

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – OCTOBER 20, 2025



RED RIBBON WEEK AT MMS! MMS will observe Red Ribbon Week October 27th-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 "Life IS A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free." As a parent/guardian, you can help participate in Red Ribbon Week by keeping the conversations 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. If you would like more information on how to support your child click here to learn more: [6 Parenting Practices that help reduce drug/alcohol problems in children](#)

There will be daily RRW activities to create awareness all throughout the week coordinated by 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 27th to October 31st) - "Life Is A Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free"

- Monday 10/27 - Wear RED to support Red Ribbon Week. Puzzle making activities in the quad. Students will design their own individual puzzle pieces and assemble all pieces together and display. Goal is to show how every choice we make fits into a bigger picture - just like a puzzle coming together. Living drug-free helps build a stronger, brighter future one piece at a time
- Tuesday 10/28 - Put a cap on drugs (wear a cap/hat), Trivia Tuesday to include drug facts and awareness. Continue puzzle making pieces and display on campus
- Wednesday 10/29 - Drugs make you crazy, dress crazy. Pep rally with Deputy Vindell kicking it off with drug awareness & more facts
- Thursday 10/30 - Join a Drug-Free team sports day (wear sports jersey). Sports and games will be played in the quad area
- Friday 10/31 - Halloween Drugs are scary, dress in your Halloween costume. Costume contest at lunch



MMS Halloween GLOW Dance is this
Friday, October 24th
TICKETS ON SALE TODAY
IN THE STUDENT STORE
\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

*****MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES*****
NEW POLICIES IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 3rd
Reduce Distractions Be Present Increase Focus

Beginning November 3, 2025 the following policies will go into effect:

- Middle School students may NOT use cell phones, smartphones, smart watches, or other mobile communication devices on campus.
- Devices must be turned off and placed in pouches during the school day. Students may use phones located in the school office.

The following progressive discipline will apply:

1. 1st Offense
 - a. The student's mobile communication device will be confiscated, and the parent/guardian shall be required to retrieve the device from the appropriate staff member.
 - b. The student may use the school phone to inform their parent/guardian that their parent/guardian is required to retrieve the student's mobile communication device.

- c. The classroom teacher, or designee as determined by the Principal, shall log the student's first offense of the policy in the school's student information system.
2. 2nd Offense - In addition to the items in "a" through "c" listed above, the student shall be required each school day to stow and secure their mobile communication device in a location on campus determined by the Principal or designee (e.g., support services, main office.)
3. 3rd Offense - In addition to items "a" through "c" listed above, the student shall stow and secure their mobile communication device in a provided storage bag/container and leave it in a location designated by site administration. Alternatively, the student may be barred from bringing the mobile communication device to school for a set amount of time as determined by site administration.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM CONTEST: Reflections Art Program "I Belong" submissions **DUE TODAY!** <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: MMS school tutoring is available on Tuesdays with Mrs. Ryan (ELA and Social Studies) and Thursdays with Mr. Mora (Math) from 2:45-3:45pm. Tutoring will take place in the glass classroom next to the library. No need to sign up, just drop in!

ASB CARDS (PARENTS PLEASE READ THIS IF YOU WANT TO SAVE SOME MONEY!): If your student plans on attending school dances and sporting events, consider purchasing an ASB card for them. They are \$55 for the Middle School for the school year. The ASB card includes free admission to the two MMS dances, 10% of student store merchandise, and free admission to the MHS sporting events. ASB cards are available for purchase on the webstore through Myschoolbucks or can be purchased in person at the student store.

FRIENDLY FACES VOLUNTEER APPLICATION: Interested in becoming a MMS/MHS Friendly Faces Volunteer? Here's how to apply:

1. Download the Volunteer Application Form: [Download Form](#)
2. Complete the form as a Level I volunteer (include email, phone, and group name on page 1; sign pages 2 & 4).
3. Email the completed form to: djohnson@smmusd.org
4. Approval – You'll be notified via email once approved (may take up to 2 weeks).

More info: ptsamalibu.membershiptoolkit.com

THIS WEEK AT MMS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS: The Middle School Musical Auditions will be on Thursday and Friday October 23rd and 24th. If you would like to audition, you will need to prepare a short monologue and solo song with instrumental accompaniment (such as a karaoke track or piano). The sign-up sheets will be posted outside of the choir room door. Any questions, please see Dr. Sorensen.

FALL CJSF DRIVE – California (Junior) Scholarship Federation is a state accredited honor society that recognizes California students for academic scholarship and service. Current eligible 8-12th Graders may apply for fall CSF/CJSF membership and eligible 7th graders can join in January for spring CJSF membership. The MMS Fall CJSF Drive will extend & run through October 24th. Your counselor, Mrs. Whitehouse, will be available during lunchtime so please stop by to see her. Fill out a CJSF application and bring the filled-out application & \$5 membership fee to the Student Store. Qualification is based on your JUNE grades from last semester. Any questions, please see your counselor.

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: The next PTSA General Meeting will be **Thursday, October 23rd at 9:00 am** in the Parent Center.

HALLOWEEN DANCE: Malibu Middle School will hold its Halloween Glow Dance on Friday, October 24th from 6 pm - 8 pm. Get your costume (school guidelines apply) ready! Tickets are \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door) and will go on sale starting Monday, October 20th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

RED RIBBON WEEK - OCT. 27th - 31st: Red Ribbon Week promotes a drug free lifestyle and aims to raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

HALLOWEEN - OCTOBER 31st: The Halloween Costume Contest will take place during lunch.

NO SCHOOL: School will be closed Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY: The MHS Fall play “Little Women” will be performed Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15th at 7 pm, and Sunday, November 16th at 2 PM. Buy your tickets here: <https://malibuhs.booktix.com/>

WINTER MUSIC SERIES: Save the dates for our upcoming winter music performances:

- November 20th - Orchestra
- December 4th - Band
- December 11th - Choir

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

MALIBU EDUCATION FOUNDATION: Thank you to everyone who joined us at the MEF Gala! Together we raised \$150,000 for our schools and had an incredible night with our Malibu community. See our impact report and photo gallery at MalibuEducationFoundation.org/gala. If you haven't donated yet, our community ask is \$750 per student to help fund staff and staffed programs across all four Malibu public schools—including instructional aides, arts, athletics, and academic support. Every gift makes a difference.

We also need your volunteer help! Malibu Moves is coming up Sat–Sun, Oct 25–26 at Zuma Beach and we're looking for volunteers. Just a few hours at the beach helps provide our schools with math tutors, instructional aides, and more. (MHS students can receive volunteer hours - see Kim Retts): Volunteer Link:

<https://www.malibumoves.com/volunteer>

Sign up today at Malibu Moves for the following roles:

Saturday, October 25

- All Expo Locations (Zuma Beach)
- Packet Pick-up Crew Shift 1, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 10 volunteers
- Packet Pick-up Crew Shift 2, 12:00 - 4:00 pm, 10 volunteers
- Kids' Run Crew, 2:00 - 5:30 pm, 10 volunteers

Sunday, October 26

- All Finish Line Locations (Zuma Beach)
- VIP Lounge Crew Shift 1, 4:30 - 9:00 am, 10 volunteers (coffee & donuts provided!)
- Gear Check Crew Shift 1, 4:30 - 9:00 am, 10 volunteers (coffee & donuts provided!)
- Start/Finish Line Crew Shift 2, 6:00 - 10:00 am, 16 volunteers
- Beer Garden Crew, 7:00 am - 12:30 pm, 4 volunteers (must be 21 and over)
- VIP Lounge Crew Shift 2, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - 10 volunteers

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 Middle and other parents. Go online to complete this process/form to be included in the PTSA Student/Staff Directory, to volunteer at Malibu Middle and to join the PTSA. PTSA related questions? Want to find out more or get involved? Please email us at PTSAmalibu@gmail.com. Please join today! Go to www.PTSAmalibu.membershiptoolkit.com

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU TEEN CENTER:

Boys & Girls Club of Malibu is committed to youth and community resilience by providing a supportive and inclusive environment where children can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Through exceptional customer service and 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!

BGCM Academic Year Enrollment For grades 6th-12th. BGCM is committed to providing a curriculum that will include a variety of activities geared towards fun, educational, and social experiences.

- Due to the impact the fire has had on our community, the Teen Center is offering a no cost membership by entering **UNIQUE CODE: TEENMEMBERSHIP25**. [Click here](#) to enroll and see the attached letter for personal testimonial that highlights some of the benefits of joining the Club! ***Please note, you will still need to enter your CC information to process the application, but if the UNIQUE CODE is entered, you will not be charged.***
- 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!

Programs

- **Brent's Club on Campus** 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, October 20** — during lunch (lunch is included!) For more information, contact: hannahmatheson@bgcmalibu.org
- **Johnny Strange Legacy Inspire Skate Program** There is still time to join us for action-packed skateboarding sessions designed to build skills, confidence, and community through athletics, education, and creative skate activities! Spots are limited (only two spots left!) so sign up today! [Click here to enroll](#) and see the attached flyer for more information.
 - When: Mondays from 3:30–4:30 PM
 - Dates: Session 1: October 6–October 27 | Session 2: November 3–November 24

- Who: Available to grades 6th–12th
- Where: BGCM Teen Center (30215 Morning View Drive, Malibu, CA 90265)
- Cost: \$100 per 4-week session
- Skaters are encouraged to provide their own skateboards, helmets and safety equipment, however, BGCM has equipment to lend, if needed.

Wellness

- **BGCM Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** Our newly renovated BGCM Wellness Center at Malibu High School was thoughtfully designed to support the mental health and wellness of Malibu students, SMMUSD faculty and staff, parents and families, and more. We continue to provide and expand access to essential resources, offering a welcoming environment where wellness, connection, and care come first. The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center provides no-cost mental health counseling and social support services to all in the community. [Click here](#) to learn more or to request services for you/your child. You can also email wellnessinfo@bgcmalibu.org or call 310-457-0360 ext 60146.
- **BGCM Long Term Disaster Recovery Services** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in partnership with The Malibu Community Long Term Recovery Group (MCLTRG) is here to support Palisades and Franklin Fire survivors with long-term recovery services. We understand that this journey can be overwhelming, and we want you to think of us as your partners every step of the way.
 - Our dedicated **Care Coordination Team** is ready to assist those who qualify with:
 - Personalized recovery planning: We will collaborate to identify your most pressing current and ongoing needs, creating a recovery plan tailored to your individual situation. Some common goals for residents we currently support include rebuilding of homes, securing permanent housing after displacement, regaining financial stability after wage loss, and replacing furniture, appliances, and family vehicles.
 - Resource connection: We will help you access the latest available support and resources by assessing your individual needs and connecting you to available resources based on qualifying criteria. We have been able to help families and individuals receive cash assistance.
 - Advocacy: You won't navigate this alone. By understanding community needs, we can advocate for increased financial resources for the community.
 - Personalized recovery planning: Together, we'll identify what you need most right now and ongoing
- If you haven't met with us in a while or would like to know what services you qualify for; now is a great time to reconnect as new resources are being made available to Palisades Fire survivors, and we want to make sure you're able to access them. To be connected with a Care Coordinator, please email drc@bgcmalibu.org. **Please expect to hear from someone on our team within 2-5 business days**

Events

- **2025 St. Mel Halloween Carnival** Get ready for a frightfully fun time with rides & attractions, giant inflatables and bounce houses, delicious food, and classic carnival games for all ages! Dress up, bring the family, and enjoy a night full of thrills, treats, and Halloween magic. [Purchase tickets here!](#)
 - Dates:
 - FRIDAY: October 24th, 5pm – 10pm
 - SATURDAY: October 25th, 3pm – 10pm
 - SUNDAY: October 26th, 2pm – 8pm
 - Location: St. Mel School (20870 Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91367)
- **Run Malibu Half Marathon, 5K & Kids Race** On November 15th and 16th, wellness, community, and endurance come together at Run Malibu. Runners of all levels will be treated to stunning views along the Pacific Coast Highway! Featuring:
 - The Dolphin Dash Kids Race, set entirely within the beautiful California State University Channel Islands campus
 - Traditional Half Marathon and 5K along scenic PCH

Learn more and register here: www.runmalibu.com