

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – OCTOBER 27, 2025



Don't forget to
“FALL BACK”
Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 am



IT'S 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

*****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:

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:

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.

CLUB DAY: Next Wednesday, October 29th is high school club day. This is a high school event, but middle school is welcome to come with cash after their pep rally and buy anything that is still available. Bring cash to support MHS clubs and enjoy lunch from panda, in n out, Krispy Kreme, boba and more!



HALLOWEEN - OCTOBER 31st:

- The Halloween Costume Contest will take place during lunch. (Please abide by school costume guidelines.)
- After school, stick around for MHS Senior Night - 3:00 pm football vs. Villanova. Enjoy lawn games, food and football!
 - Theme: Once a Shark, always a Shark. Spectators wear BLACK
 - Event: Senior Celebration Tailgate (immediately after school).
 - Food: Camich Taco truck (1:30-3:30) Mr Softee (3:00-6:00)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEW MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY: SMMUSD's new Mobile Communication Device Policy goes into effect on Monday, November 3rd. Students may not use any of these devices on campus.

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/>

THANKSGIVING BREAK: Malibu Middle School will be closed for Thanksgiving Wednesday - Friday, November 26th - 28th.

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

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

FROM THE PTSA: MALIBU TOWN HALL — SCHOOL SEPARATION DISCUSSION

Date: Wed. Oct. 29, Time: 5:30 PM, Location: Malibu City Hall • [Watch Live](#)
https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/ViewMeeting.aspx?S=36030435&MID=44268
The City of Malibu invites all residents, parents, and community members to attend this important Town Hall meeting to learn more about school separation and its impact on Malibu's schools. City representatives will provide updates and answer questions from the public. [Watch Live at 5:30 PM](#)

CITY OF MALIBU BASKETBALL YOUTH LEAGUE: The City of Malibu, Community Services Department is offering a co-ed grades K-8 Basketball Youth League from December 6th - February 14th. Mandatory player evaluations begin Wednesday, October 29th. Check [HERE](#) for registration information.

THANK YOU FOR MOVING MALIBU! The Malibu Education Foundation sends a huge THANK YOU to everyone who **ran, walked, cheered, and volunteered** at **Malibu Moves** this past weekend! Because of you, we raised **\$30,000 for our public schools** — and additional support for our incredible **local Fire Brigades** and the **Emily Shane Foundation's SEA Program**. This was more than a race — it was a community in motion. **We're already planning for next year** and would love to have you on board — as a runner, a sponsor, a volunteer, or a planner! Want in? Email us at info@malibueducationfoundation.org Visit malibueducationfoundation.org to keep up on our events.

THE SHARK FUND would THANK our Shark Fund Donors! Your support helps to support PTSA, Athletic Booster Club, and Arts Angeles to create a vibrant academic, athletic, and artistic community for our students at Malibu Middle and High School. It is never too late to donate, visit TheSharkFundMalibu.org to find out more.

THANK YOU TO OUR SHARK FUND DONORS

Participation Matters: Every Family. Every Gift. Every MMS/MHS Student Benefits.

* WHALE SHARK WARRIORS (\$5,000+) *

Anonymous, Greg Chiate, International Protective Services, the Vanderbilt Family

* MAKO SHARK TEAM (\$1,501+) *

The Aflalo Family, The Behr Family, The Dorsey Family, The Drobny Family, The Gerber Family, The Godbille Family, The Grozdich Family, The Jacobs Family, The Jacobsen Family, The Kelly Family, The Lescure Family, The Marler Family, The Muchmore Family, The Mullally Family, The Neven Family, The Parker/Brunick Family, The Porat Family, The Rosen Family, The Schwimer Family, The Scott Family, The Shanahan Family, The Sichta Family, The Sitkovetsky Family, The Uznis Family, The Webb Family, The Wells Family, The Withrow Family

* TIGER SHARK TEAM (Up to \$1,500)*

The Akbar Family, The Alfano Family, The Al-Hardan Family, The Beckman Family, The Board Family, The Bonnici Family, The Brandau Family, The Bunn Family, The Childress Family, The Clarke Family, The Crocker Family, The Earnest Family, The Geraghty Family, The Goode Family, The Hartuv Family, The Haskell Family, The Kaseff-Zimmerman Family, The Kies Family, The Kincaid Family, The Lambert Family, The Lupo Family, The Marquez Family, The Mastrippolito Family, The Patrick Miller, The Miller Family, The Morra Family, The Newman Family, Carolina and Sebastian Nieto, The Ovsiowitz Family, The Perl Family, The Radcliffe Family, Kim Retts, The Roberts Family, The Robinson Family, The Ryan Family, The Sadigov Family, The Sherkman Family, The Sherman family, The Shorr Family, The Skelton Family, The Tang Family, The Wayman Family, The White Family, The Wolfe Family

MALIBU DADS — THIS ONE'S FOR YOU! Join hosts Steve Clarke and John White for the 8th Annual Malibu Dads' Holiday Get-Together Sunday, December 7, 5PM to Close at the Malibu Brewing Company. No speeches. No pressure. Just great company, cold drinks, and a chance to catch up with fellow Malibu dads before the holiday rush kicks in. ALL Malibu dads are welcome — so spread the word and bring a friend!  Please RSVP to help us give Malibu Brewing a solid headcount:  [RSVP Here](#) Let's raise a glass to a great cause and an even better community.

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 27 — during lunch (lunch is included!) For more information, contact: hannahmatheson@bgcmalibu.org
- **JOHNNY STRANGE LEGACY INSPIRE SKATE PROGRAM** - Join us for the second session of our skate program: build skills, confidence, and community through athletics, education, and creative skate activities. Monday from 3:30PM – 4:30PM for 4 weeks (Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24) at the BGCM Teen Center. Cost: \$100. Available to grades 6th–12th. Spots are limited, so sign up today! [Click here](#) to enroll and see attached flyer for more information.

WELLNESS

- **BGCM Wellness Center** provides no-cost mental health counseling and social support services to our school community. Stop by to explore the space, meet our new 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.
- **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. 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

Please expect to hear from someone on our team within 2-5 business days

EVENTS

- Run Malibu Half Marathon, 5K & Kids Race: Run for a great cause! A portion of every Half Marathon, 5K entry and VIP upgrade will go directly to BGCM to provide no-cost mental health service in all Malibu schools. 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