# MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL MONDAY MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

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### This week's schedule:

Monday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Regular Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Local Holiday - School Closed Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - Regular Schedule Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - Minimum Schedule (MHS BTSN)

Friday, Sept. 26th - Minimum Schedule

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Embrace Malibu Middle School's own identity with a 6,7,8th grade campus!

New Color! New Merch!

Principal Schellenberg and the ASB have come with a New Color scheme to represent Malibu Middle School. Please note that 15% of your purchase goes back to the school directly.

Click HERE to shop MMS

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#### **SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

**REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM CONTEST:** The 2025–26 Reflections theme is "I Belong". Students are encouraged to express themselves through visual art, music, dance, film, writing, or photography. Deadline: October 20

#### Submit online at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTJCXtt5PXUb7y50gxpMZu2FQKKFeH2h28kiy7Q8r7ix4S8Q/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=104495988650991119312

Learn more: ptsamalibu.membershiptoolkit.com

**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: <a href="mailto:djohnson@smmusd.org">djohnson@smmusd.org</a>
- 4. Approval You'll be notified via email once approved (may take up to 2 weeks). More info: ptsamalibu.membershiptoolkit.com

**SMMUSD SECOND ANNUAL PARENT ACADEMY:** Come learn about several topics such as College Pathways, understanding IEPs, 504s and more. Free childcare available, Breakfast and lunch provided. All sessions will be available in English and Spanish.

WHEN: Saturday, October 18, 2025

WHERE: Lincoln Middle School

TIME: 9 am - 3 pm

**NO FOOD DELIVERIES ACCEPTED:** Please note the school will not accept any food deliveries (Doordash, Postmates, Grubhub, etc.)

## THIS WEEK AT MMS:

**ADDITIONAL MINIMUM DAY:** Thursday, **September 25** is a Minimum Day with 1:35 dismissal to allow for MHS Back to School Night.

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: The next PTSA general meeting will be on Thursday, September 25th at 9:00 am in the Parent Center (MMS). Meet the new School Resource Officer, Deputy Vindell, and learn more about his role in the community. Also, learn more about the Friendly Faces campus volunteer program, Mindfulness Education, Al in Education, and the new Cell Phone Policy.

**END OF GRADING PERIOD:** The end of grading period 1 is **Friday, September 26**<sup>th</sup>. Progress Reports will be available in Aeries the following week.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**LOCAL HOLIDAY:** School will be closed on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Local Holiday.

**PTSA EXECUTIVE MEETING**: The next PTSA Executive Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**POMS:** The next POMS meeting (Parents of Middle Schoolers) will be **Friday**, **October 10**<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Parent Center.

**FALL CSF/CJSF DRIVE** – California (Junior) Scholarship Federation is a state-accredited honor society that recognizes California students for academic scholarship and service. Current 8-12th Graders may apply for fall CSF/CJSF. The Fall CSF/CJSF Drive is the **week of October 13 - 17.** Your counselors will be set up at a table during lunchtime near the cafeteria every day during that week. Fill out a CSF/CJSF application (available at the table) and bring your \$5 membership fee. Qualification is based on your JUNE grades from last semester. Any questions, please see your counselor.

**ARTS ANGELS:** The next Arts Angels meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 16**<sup>th</sup> **at 9:00 am** in the Parent Center. Arts Angels is calling for new and active members - whether they have a student who is talented in visual and/or performing arts or are artistically talented themselves, they would love the help.

**GREAT SHAKEOUT:** Our first emergency drill of the school year will take place on **Thursday, October 16**<sup>th</sup> when we participate in the Great Shakeout.

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

#### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION:**

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS/ALERT FM SURVEY**: The City of Malibu is exploring the use of AlertFM for sending emergency notifications via FM radio. This system will work when the power and cell service is out. However, they need the community's help in determining which FM stations people are able to receive inside their homes. To help gauge which stations are best in each neighborhood, volunteers are needed to take an FM radio into their home, see how well the following FM stations come in, and then complete a very short survey.

88.1, KKJZ

88.9 KLMU

93.9 KDAY

102.3 KJLH 103.1 KDLD 103.9 KRCD FM Radio Survey

If you have any questions, please reach out to Malibu's Public Safety Director, Susan Duenas, at sduenas@malibucity.org. Also, if you are willing to participate but don't have a radio, the City has radios to lend out for the test.

PTSA PRIVATE SHOP NIGHT AT VUORI: PTSA is collaborating with Vuori Malibu at Cross Creek on September 27th starting at 5:30 pm for a private shopping event exclusive to Malibu MS and HS parents. Vuori will offer 20% off every purchase. Enjoy and evening of a sound bath by Veritas Yoga, shopping, and beer tasting and bites from Malibu Brewing Co. You must RSVP to participate. Reserve your spot HERE.

SUPPORT MALIBU SCHOOLS - AND HAVE A BLAST DOING IT! There are so many fun ways to support the Malibu Education Foundation this fall to ensure all of our schools have the staff and programs needed this year, and into the future:

- 1. MEF Gala SAT OCT 4: An unforgettable evening under the stars at the NEW Malibu High School—drinks, dinner, dancing, and supporting the staff and programs that power our schools. TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST! BUY YOURS TODAY.
  - Tickets/Tables: onecau.se/mefgala
- 2. Malibu Moves SAT OCT 25 & SUN OCT 26: All ages are invited to register to run or walk, and volunteer at Zuma Beach with MEF at the Kids Run, Beer Garden (21+), or VIP Charity Lounge. This event moves our mission forward.
  - Registration: malibumoves.com



Learn more & get involved at: <a href="https://www.MalibuEducationFoundation.org">www.MalibuEducationFoundation.org</a>

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

**DONATE TO THE SHARK FUND:** The Shark Fund is the primary fundraising organization for Malibu Middle and Malibu High Schools, financially supporting PTSA, Athletic Booster Club and Arts Angels to create a robust academic, athletic, and arts community for our students.

- 100% of your donations stay at Malibu Middle & High School
- We are seeking 100% participation from parents, with a recommended donation of \$1,500 per student, but every donation counts.

The Shark Fund is a parent run organization and our grant commitments this year total \$325,000. Please donate today: <a href="https://thesharkfundmalibu.org/">https://thesharkfundmalibu.org/</a> If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact us at: <a href="mailto:thesharkfundorg@gmail.com">thesharkfundorg@gmail.com</a>.

#### **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 is LIVE! Aug 21-June 11: Visit <a href="bgcmalibu.org">bgcmalibu.org</a>
  to learn more and enroll. For grades incoming 6th-12th. BGCM is committed to providing a curriculum that will include a variety of activities geared towards fun, educational, and social experiences. 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 Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings: We're thrilled to announce the newly renovated BGCM Wellness Center, located on the campus of Malibu High School! This beautiful new space 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 operates remotely and also in-person to provide no-cost mental health counseling and social support services to all in the community. Visit <a href="https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/">https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/</a> to learn more or to request services for you/your teen.
- Brent's Club on Campus: Join a supportive community focused on drug prevention, social-emotional wellness, and youth empowerment. Brent's Club encourages students to make healthy choices, build strong peer connections, and become advocates for change—all while engaging in meaningful conversations around racial justice and youth leadership. Connect with other students from diverse communities in a safe, welcoming space. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Mondays during lunch—and yes, lunch is provided! For more info, contact: hannahmatheson@bgcmalibu.org.
- **BGCM Disaster Recovery Services:** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is supporting Palisades Fire survivors with long-term recovery services by *appointment only*. Our Care Coordination Team is here for you. Moving forward, think of us as your partners through this journey, we are here to support this process.
  - Here's How We Can Help:
    - One-on-one guidance:
    - You'll be paired with a dedicated Care Coordinator
    - Personalized recovery planning:
    - Together, we'll identify what you need most right now and ongoing
    - Resource connection:

- We'll help you access the latest available support
- Advocacy:

We're here to make sure you're not navigating this aloneTo schedule or update an appointment, please email <a href="mailto:drc@bgcmalibu.org">drc@bgcmalibu.org</a>. \*Please expect to hear from someone on our team within 2-5 business days\*.

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, which will be set entirely within the beautiful California State University Channel Islands campus, and the traditional Half Marathon and 5K. Learn more and register here: <a href="https://www.runmalibu.com">www.runmalibu.com</a>