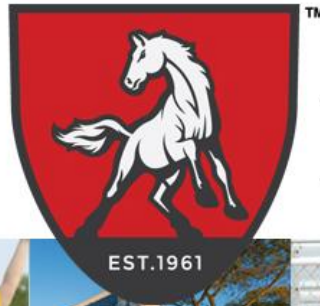


MUNDELEIN



HIGH SCHOOL



MHS CORE VALUES: EQUITY GROWTH COLLABORATION

A weekly principal's blog to share what is happening at Mundelein High School!

For a copy of the blog in google drive- [English here!](#) [Espanol aqui!](#)

Friday, January 27, 2023

Mustang News: Principal's Blog

Families,

This week, Dr. LeVar Ammons, Director of Equity in Valley View Dist 365, led our faculty in an “Exploration of The N-Word: Navigating The Complexity of Race Relations in American History, Language, Performance & Identity”. Our staff engaged in critical reflection and dialogue and had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of this racial slur.

Additionally, our Black Student Union (BSU) and Student-Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) students participated in facilitated breakout sessions. Within their breakouts, students discovered the multidimensional impacts of the N-word and digested their role in its dissemination and use.

Kijuana Boulrege, an Educational Chair from the NAACP, applauded our staff's receptiveness to this extremely complex Professional Development and praised our students who spoke their truths.

As we move forward in our pursuit of fostering a safe, inclusive and respectful community here at MHS, please support us from home. Please read the two biggest takeaways that are important to note.

- The majority of students, regardless of ethnicity, feel uncomfortable or unsafe when the N-word is used in school settings. Therefore, we want to encourage educators to disrupt the social use of the N-word in school settings by asking students to refrain from using it. At the end of the day, the N-word does not promote a culture of inclusivity which is ultimately what we seek to foster and promote here at MHS.
- The N-word, if used as hate speech, will be reported and subject to disciplinary consequences as outlined in our student handbook. Racial slurs, derogatory language and hate speech will not be protected. There is no place for it on our campus.



In partnership,

Alexandria Rios Taylor

Principal

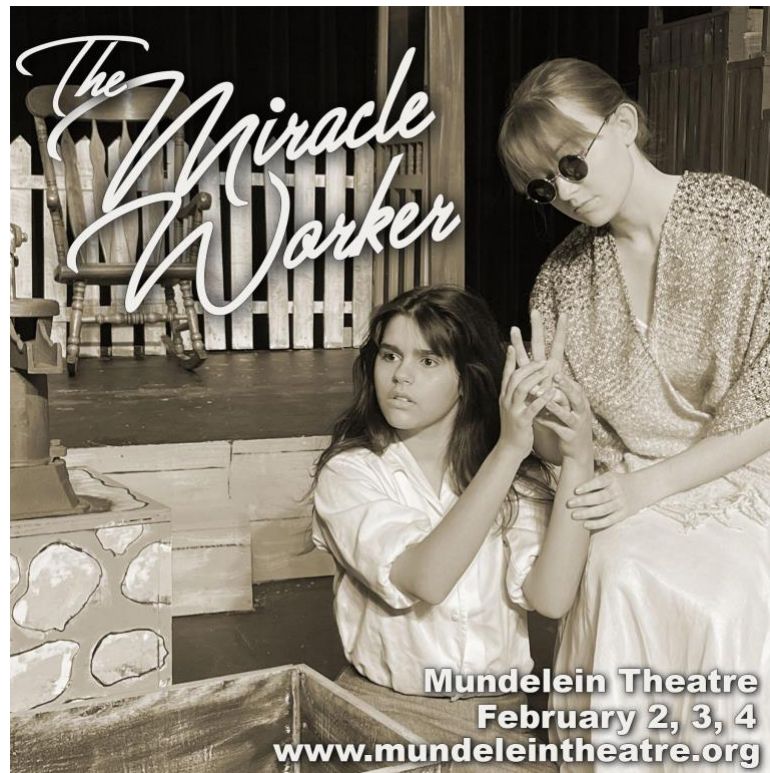
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Important Dates

- February 2, 3 & 4 Mundelein Theatre presents “The Miracle Worker” 7:30pm
 - February 3-3:45pm
 - February 4-Understudy performance 2:00pm

[Ticket link](#)



[Friday Focus](#) →

Black History Month

Black History Month is celebrated **February 1-28** and it is a time to acknowledge key African American figures from the past and present. Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans and honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history. It is also an opportunity to spotlight and celebrate the achievement, triumphs and successes of the Black community.

To learn more, click [here](#).



Class of 2023 Important Information

Seniors, click [here](#) to read important information regarding graduation!



Student Recognition

MUSTANG PRIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS

“Intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character... that is the true goal of education.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Emmanuel Willoughby

Presented by Troy Parola

Sophie Hammer

Presented by Jenna Lumsden and Caroline Gully

Yamilet Hernandez

Presented by Sydney Hamilton

Mariela Ramos

Presented by Kristen Behrens

Ava McQuain

Presented by Andrea Rusk

Viviana Gonzalez

Presented by Blair Winter and Juan Lopez

Mariano Rodriguez

Presented by Blair Winter and Juan Lopez



Referendum Information

See below if you would like to learn more information about our referendum, click [here](#) for a quick one pager or visit our [Facilities Plan website](#).



Visit MHS

Thank you for your interest in visiting Mundelein High School! We are proud to host visitors to learn more about our programming and facilities. In order to minimize the impact on the educational environment, we have chosen to host visitors on select days through the school year.

Therefore, to secure a visitation time, please fill out our online form so we are able to provide the necessary information and personnel during your visit to MHS. Click on the image below for the list of tour dates available January - May.



Pathways



Save the date for Maker Faire Lake County

April 15, 2023

College of Lake County

You are invited to build new skills, showcase projects and make connections. There are a variety of ways to get involved with the Greatest Show & Tell event in Lake County.

Sign up to be a Maker

Maker Faire Lake County is a great place to showcase the projects you or your students are creating. Think about those amazing builds happening in PLTW, Entrepreneurship focused classes, as well as robotics or other after school clubs. Looking for inspiration, sneak a peek at the Makers from 2022. The application opens Feb 1, 2023.

Participate in the Robotics Competition

High school students may participate as part of a school team, on a team formed independently, or by signing up for the Lake County Robotics Competition Engage class. The Engage CLRC class will meet on Saturdays live in person at the Grayslake Campus AND Lakeshore Campus in Waukegan: 9AM-Noon in February, March, and April. To register for the LCRC Explore class: Engage Registration The competition will be held during the Maker Faire. Interested in

learning more? Attend the kickoff on **Jan. 28th** at 10am in room T114 at the College of Lake County campus.

Younger students interested in robotics may register for CLC's 4H Robotics Spin clubs, which will also meet on the same day (Saturdays) from February to March. Explore Program The 4H Robotics teams will participate in the 4H Robotics Showcase at CLC on April 22nd. Participants will also be invited and encouraged to demonstrate their robots at Maker Faire Lake County,

Volunteer to host a booth

Not quite sure what your project could be, but you still want to get involved? Or maybe you are looking for a way to earn community service hours. We are in need of volunteers to host a booth where we provide the activity and the training. Or maybe you are more comfortable with setup and providing general assistance. You provide the energy and we will provide the fun. Sign up to volunteer.

What will YOU make in 2023?

Summer School 2023

As we approach the cold winter season, it is time to start thinking about Summer School!

Important: For those who have had students in MHS summer school before, our registration procedure has changed. Students will now register for their desired summer school class **during course registration with their counselor.** Families will be billed through RevTrack at a later date. Please visit our summer school course guide (linked below) for more information.

Students should print and fill out the “Summer School Course Selection” page and bring it to their course selection appointment. Printed copies are available in the Guidance Office.

[Summer School Course Guide - English](#)

[Summer School Course Guide - Spanish](#)

[Summer School Course Selection](#)

2023-2024 Course Selection

Course selection for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on Monday, November 28th with our grade 11 students. Students in grades 10 and 9 will select courses after the winter break. The following resources are available to our families to assist with the course selection process.

[MHS Course Guide](#)

[Course Preference Sheet](#)

[Tech Campus Program Guide](#)

[4-year planning document](#)

Free SAT prep in the Literacy Center!

[Free SAT prep](#)

CCRC

Planificación para
la universidad
para los
JUNIORS

2/8/23
7pm

College
Planning Night
for
JUNIORS

2/9/23
7pm



¡Regístrese en Naviance y se le enviará por correo electrónico el enlace de Zoom!

This is a virtual event!

Register on Naviance and you will be emailed the Zoom link!

This event is specifically meant for juniors or early graduates who will be beginning the college application process in the summer/ fall of 2023. We will talk about resources available at MHS for our students and you will hear directly from a college representative who will provide tips and insight to the process!

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CASE STUDIES EVENT

A Behind the Scenes Look at the College Admission Process for *JUNIORS* and their guardians!

Registration is required and space is limited!
bit.ly/3ZOuacQ

You **DO NOT** want to miss this event! For the first time ever, MHS students will be able to gain inside access to the college admissions process. During the Case Studies event, students and parents will meet in small groups with an experienced admissions officer who leads a discussion on what colleges look for in an applicant, as well as what every college values.

Students learn first-hand how they will be evaluated, which helps them begin thinking of the qualities and strengths they bring to the process and what they will need to do to prepare for the application process. This event is strongly recommended for MHS juniors who plan to apply to college.

Athletics

Boys Bowling Coaches Corner

Varsity boys bowling advanced through the Rockford sectional to the IHSA state finals. Team shot 5887 over 6 games. High individual games Sam Gottfried 278, Andrew Hampsey 251, and Winston Petri 234.



Dance Coaches Corner

The Varsity Dance team is headed to state, congratulations!!!



Wrestling

Frosh / Soph had a Tournament over the weekend and had three wrestlers on the podium. 182lbs Dylan Coe took 3rd and Celso Cabrera placed 4th at 220lbs and James Krusinski took 2nd place.



Dylan Coe

The Varsity Team was at the Lake County Invite hosted by Libertyville High School with 17 teams. Mundelein placed 5th overall as a team. The Mustangs had a few on the podium. 5th place finishers include: 113lbs Pablo Bacerra, 132lbs Ethan Thomas, 160lbs Ty Murray, 170lbs Mac Rastrelli, and 182lbs Mike Nieves. Mundelein's Abisi Hernandez placed 3rd at 220lbs. We also had 2 champions at Lake County: 120 Bryce Durlacher and Benji Albavera. Congratulations and Good Luck in Regionals.



Baseball

Congratulations to Head Coach Randy Lerner for being chosen as the Class 4A baseball Coach of the Year by his peers. We are so proud of you!



The Foundation



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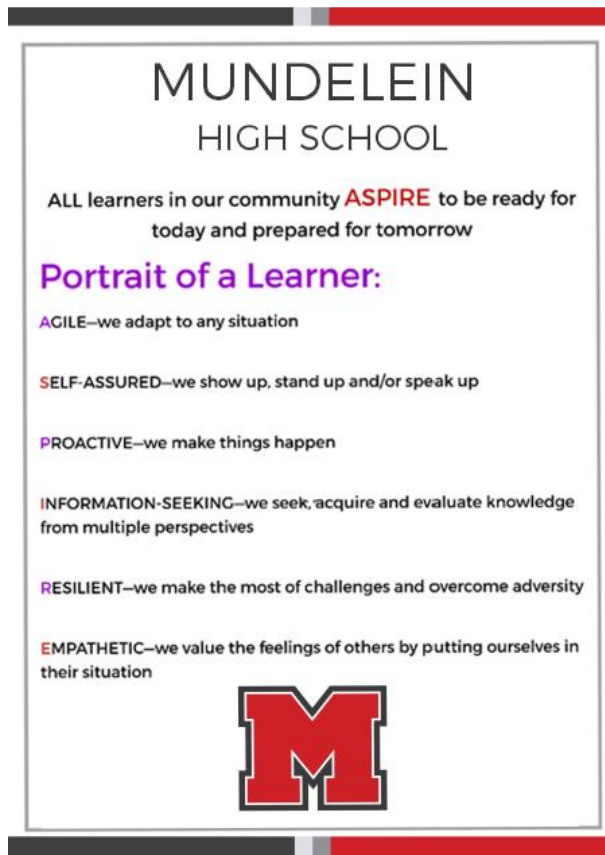


The MHS Foundation is seeking for board members and volunteers. We are looking for parents, alumni and community members who are able to share a little of their time and talents making a difference in the MHS community. The Foundation supports the whole school community including classrooms, programs, afterschool activities, athletics, arts, music, to name a few. We would love to talk to you about joining MHS Foundation. Please call Jennifer at 847-987-7955 for more information.

Previous Reminders

ASPIRE

Our [MHS Portrait of a Learner](#) tenets affirm student identity through schoolwide values, expectations and practices.



Dress Code

Although we take great pride in a dress code that encourages self-expression, we do want to remind students of our student dress code policy as found in our [student handbook](#).

- Clothing **must** cover all undergarments (waistbands and straps excluded).
- Fabric covering all private parts must **not** be seen through.
- Clothing that depicts, advertises or advocates the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances **is prohibited**.
- Clothing that depicts pornography, nudity or sexual acts **is prohibited**.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is required and necessary to develop the academic and intrapersonal skills needed for success. Students are expected to attend each class and be on time. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. If your student is

going to be absent from school, please call the Attendance Line 847-949-2200 ext. 1998 (Spanish) ext. 1999 (English) by 10:00 am.

What is Good Attendance?

Our MHS Attendance Committee felt it was important to create a simple and clear visual that students and families can reference to understand our expectations surrounding what good attendance looks like.

What is Good Attendance ?	¿Qué es Buena Asistencia ?
 <p>Chronic Absences: 9 or more days</p> <p>Warning Sign: 5-8 days</p> <p>Good Attendance: 4 days or fewer</p> <p>Missing only one day each month is the same as missing 9 days in a school year = Chronic absences</p> <p>When a student has chronic absences, it is difficult to catch-up</p>	 <p>Ausencias Crónicas: 9 días o más</p> <p>Señal de advertencia: 5-8 días</p> <p>Asistencia Buena: 4 días o menos</p> <p>Faltar solo un día cada mes es lo mismo que faltar 9 días en un año escolar = Ausencias crónicas</p> <p>Cuando un estudiante tiene ausencias crónicas, es difícil ponerse al día</p>
<p>Valid Excuses for Absences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illness (including mental health) • Observance of a religious holiday • Death in the immediate family • Family emergency • Other approved situations 	<p>Excusas válidas para las ausencias:</p> <p>Enfermedad (incluye la salud mental)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Observacion</u> de una fiesta religiosa. • Muerte en la familia inmediata • Emergencia familiar • Otras situaciones aprobadas
<p><u>Have you decided:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many days are “too many” days to miss in a school year? • How would you define “good attendance?” 	<p><u>Has decidido:</u></p> <p>¿Cuántos días son “demasiados” días para perder en un año escolar?</p> <p>¿Cómo definiría “buena asistencia”?</p>
<p><small>*Mundelein High School Permits 8 excused absences per semester.</small></p>	<p><small>*Mundelein High School permite 8 ausencias justificadas por semestre.</small></p>

Bus Notifications

Would you like to know when your student’s bus is going to be late? For Mundelein bus routes, Lakeside Transportation is using the Bus Bulletin notification system to notify parents and students when there are bus delays and schedule changes. For

more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, please visit: www.busbulletin.com/parents (*Find Mundelein Area Schools when prompted for a district*) ***Note - This is managed by Lakeside Bus Company and not MHS.**

Technology Use

Students will utilize technology to support their learning in class. Students are reminded to use their Chromebooks and cell phones appropriately at all times. For further information about technology use, please refer to the student handbook located on the District web page - [2022-2023 Student/Parent Handbook](#)

Go Mustangs!



The Principal's Blog: Mustang News is available weekly at

<http://mundypride.blogspot.com/>