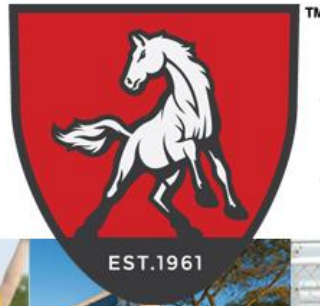


MUNDELEIN



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, February 3, 2023

## Mustang News: Principal's Blog

Families,

This week, our Deans' Office gave a presentation to all students through their PE, Band & Choir classes in the auditorium. They covered important updates and reminders about the following topics:

- Attendance
- Dress Code
- New Cafeteria Expectations
- Student ID Cards
- Bathroom Usage & Damage

Please feel free to view their slideshow presentation at this link: [CLICK HERE](#).  
Thank you for partnering with us from home to promote student safety.



In partnership,

**Alexandria Rios Taylor**

Principal

847-949-2200 x1230

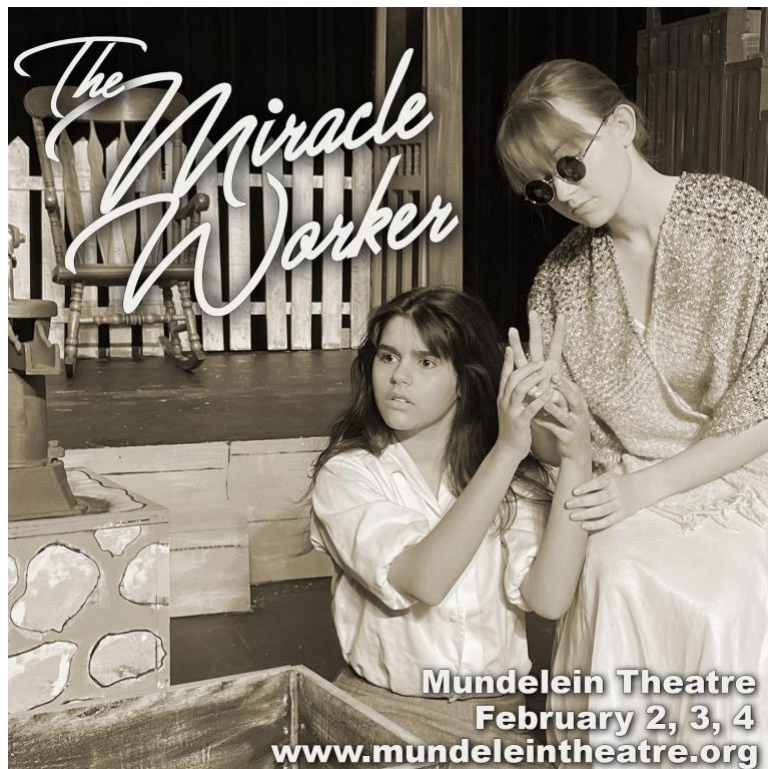
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### **Important Dates**

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

[Ticket link](#)



- Monday, Feb 6 - [Adjusted bell schedule](#) for 5Essentials survey

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## Friday Focus

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### **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](#).



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## **Class of 2023 Important Information**

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

# IMPORTANT Class of 2023 INFORMATION

## Staff Recognition

- Congratulations to our D 120 Transition Center staff! Our Transition center team is receiving a **Those Who Excel TEAM award**. Our D120 Transition Center is a robust program and is a model program in our county!
- Congratulations to Maggie Kirkman on receiving the **Award of Meritorious Service** in the Educational Support Personnel category by the Illinois State Board of Education. Maggie will be formally recognized at the [2023 Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Banquet](#).



- Congratulations to Barb Tegtmeier for being awarded **ESP Star of the Month** by IEA/NEA.



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## 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](#).



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## 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.



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## Pathways

# Mundelein High School Manufacturing Pathways

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7F0SQGtROnM>



**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.

### **What will YOU make in 2023?**

#### **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.

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## 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](#)

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## 2023-2024 Course Selection

Course selection for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

[MHS Manufacturing Pathways](#)

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## CCRC

**Planificación para la universidad para los JUNIORS**  
2/8/23  
7pm  
Registrarse:  
<http://bit.ly/3RpPT6X>

**College Planning Night for JUNIORS**  
2/9/23  
7pm  
Register:  
<http://bit.ly/3jk6WL9>

This is a virtual event!

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!

FEBRUARY 21, 2023  
6PM  
MHS AUDITORIUM

COLLEGE APPLICATION

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](https://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.

## Scholarships

# The Warrior Scholarship

In Memory of Omar Spitz

The \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to one Mundelein High School student.

- Must be a graduating senior at Mundelein High School
- Must submit a high school transcript
- Upon acceptance, the scholarship will be paid directly to the school.
- Must be intending to pursue a degree in Nursing or Fire Safety

**Due Date: Friday, March 31, 2023**

## Omar's Story

Omar was an AMAZING 4 year old boy that lived a short yet FULL life. He was sweet, sometimes grumpy, persistent, easy to love, silly, playful, and courageous. Omar loved fire trucks, Paw Patrols, garbage trucks, fishing, Dunkin Donuts, playing with his sisters, and driving around his neighborhood, across from MHS, on any one of his 3 Power Wheels! He wanted to be a Firefighter but his true passion was cars. Omar is the son of Mrs. Spitz, a special education teacher here at Mundelein High School.

Before Omar was born, he was diagnosed with a serious congenital heart defect (CHD) called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). 1 out of 100 babies born have a congenital heart defect and 1 out of 3,841 babies are born with HLHS. Omar was born with a Left Ventricle that was underdeveloped and not able to do its job, which is to pump oxygenated blood to the body. Some people describe this condition as having half of a heart. In order for Omar to survive, he had to undergo 3 open heart surgeries, all between a few days old to about 4 years old, with an almost indefinite possibility of a heart transplant in his future.

Omar had his 3rd open heart surgery on October 12th, 2021 and devastatingly, did not survive the complications after this surgery and we said goodbye, for now, to our beautiful boy on October 29th. Throughout his life, Omar braved many doctor appointments, procedures, and surgeries. Despite everything he weathered, Omar LIVED his life to the FULLEST and was LOVED immensely by so many people!

#OMARSARMY



[Warrior Scholarship](#)

Mundelein  
Automotive

## Scholarship for the trades



This \$2,000 scholarship is available to any Mundelein High School senior who intends to pursue a career in a trade field (automotive, cosmetology, culinary, etc.) at a 2 or 4 year accredited institution.

Return materials to the MHS CCRC (B105) or email to Ms. Amy Bogseth (abogseth@d120.org) by March 17, 2023

### [Mundelein Automotive Scholarship for the Trades](#)

## Athletics

### Gymnastics Coaches Corner

The Varsity Girls Gymnastics team took 2nd in their Conference meet last week at Lake Forest High School with a score of 139.450. Libertyville took the win with a 139.500. Highlights of the meet: Megan nailed her pirouette on bars, Riley's back tuck was flawless, Kihara stuck her bars dismount, Liz soared over the vault, Kate landed her double back dismount on bars, Lexie rocked a flip flop layout step out on beam, and Isla stuck her cartwheel full beam dismount. Next up for the girls, Regionals on Thursday,

February 2nd at Lake Forest High School followed by Sectionals on Wednesday, February 8 at Stevenson.





## **Boys Bowling Coaches Corner**

Varsity boys bowling competed at state this past weekend. The team didn't finish where they wanted but had a great season. Congratulations Mustangs.





## Cheerleading Coaches Corner

Your varsity cheer squad competed in the IHSA Sectional meet and finished 6th place, just missing the cut off to advance to state. We are proud of you.





## **Wrestling Coaches Corner**

The Varsity beat Lake Zurich and Lake Forest in the Double Duals on Friday taking 4th in the NSC.

Saturday the JV Team took 2nd place in the JV Conference. Place winners include: 113 Persinski 5th place, 120 Cernas 2nd place, 126 Krusinski 2nd place, 126 Martinez 5th place, 132 Bahena 1st place, 138 Calixto 1st place, 145 O. Hernandez 5th place, 160 Lara 1st place, 195 Lopez 2nd place, 220 Carbera 4th place, and HWT Coleman 4th place.

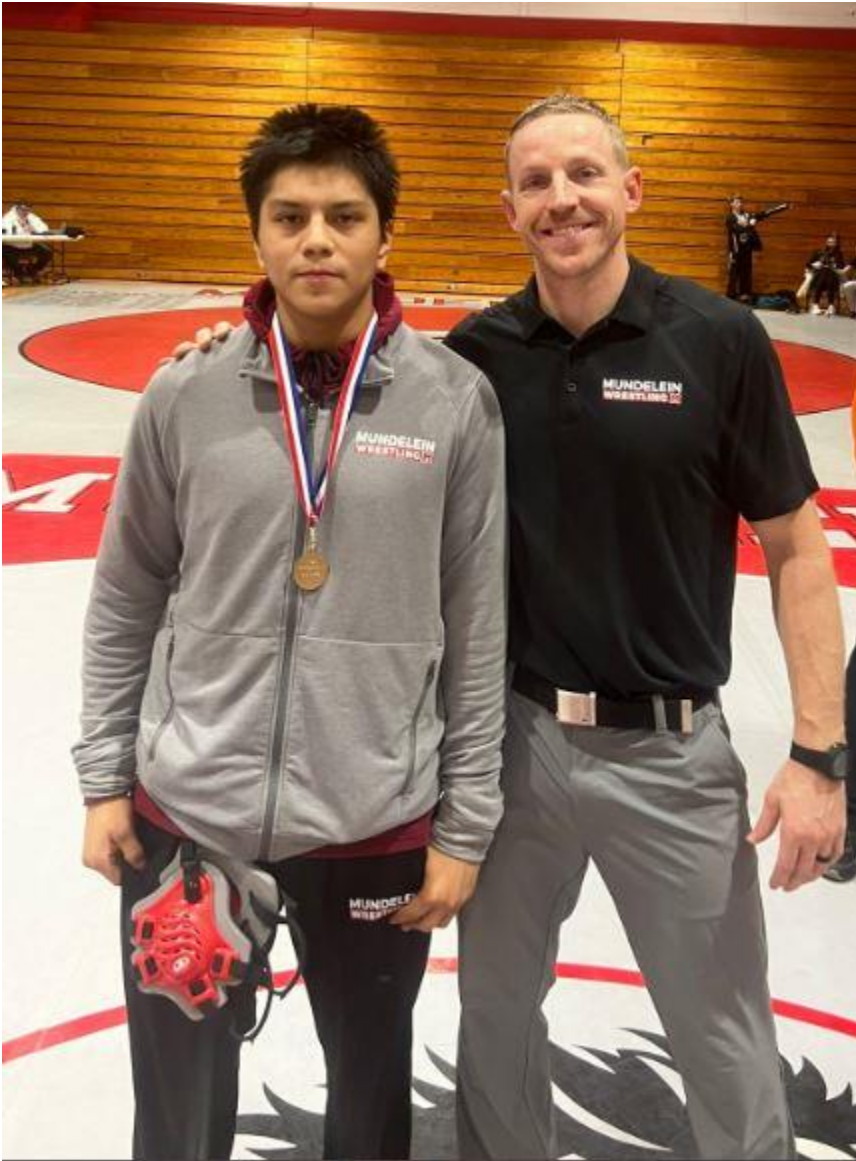
Good Luck to Varsity the weekend in Regionals at Grant High School. Top 3 advance to Sectionals.

JV place





NSC sportsmanship winner Michael Nieves-Pena



## **Girls Bowling Coaches Corner**

What a week it has been! The Girls Bowling team went into Conference 14-2, tied for 1st place. After an exhilarating roller coaster of a day, the MHS Varsity team ended up earning 2nd place within the Conference by a mere 5 pins. We averaged 861 per game. Of the top 7 bowlers, Mundelein earned 3 spots. Samantha Sciortino earned 2nd place (1176 total pins), Mia Ryan earned 6th place (1027 total pins), and Caitlin Sciortino earned 7th place (1021 total pins). The JV team outbowled all of their competition and were unstoppable. They earned first place as a team with Rebecca Gohkman (903 pin count), Anna Kuznetsova (887 pin count), Rhiannon Ellis (876 pin count), and Alexia Pacheco (771 pin count) earning 3, 4, 5, and 11 places respectively. Next up, Regionals at Bertrand Lanes on Saturday February 4.





NSC sportsmanship winners





**Dance Coaches Corner**

Congratulations to the mustang varsity dance team for competing at state this past weekend. The team finished 26th place, we are proud of you



## **Basketball Coaches Corner**

### Senior Night

Varsity had a great team win 37-34 vs Warren! Came together, believed, and executed for one another. Seniors, it was great to celebrate & honor you tonight!

Gracie Werner 12 points, 5 boards, 3 assists

Rylan Foster 11 points

Casey Vyverman 8 points, 8 boards







JV seniors



Program breakfast



### **Boys Swim/Dive Coaches Corner**

The Mustangs defeated Warren last night to finish 3-3 in the NSC with a slew of season bests, PB's and the highlight -senior Johnny Anno breaking the oldest existing school record we have for 6 dives





### **Athletic office Corner**

Congratulations to Praise Oyebanji on her NLI commitment to the University of Illinois Chicago. Go Flames



**The Foundation**



# MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION



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.

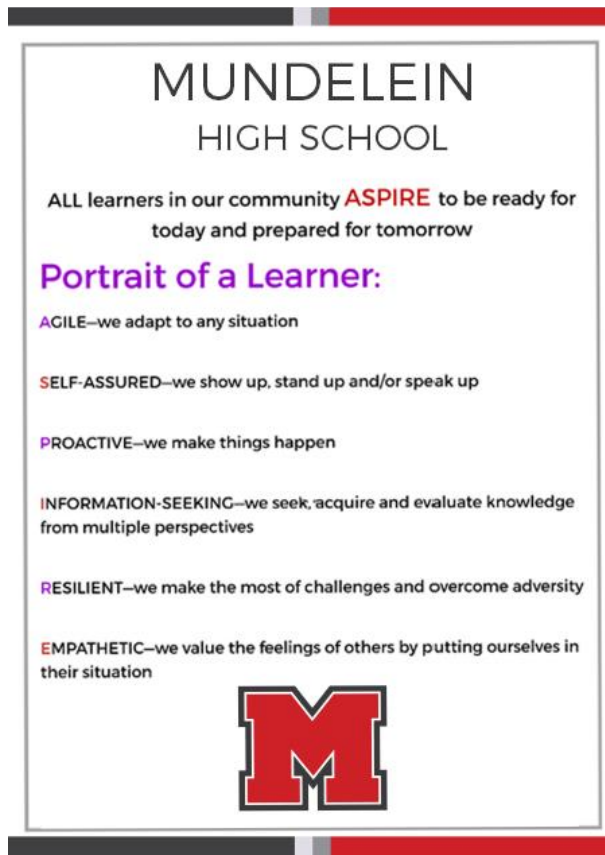
Please call Jennifer at 847-987-7955 for more information.

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

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**Go Mustangs!**



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

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