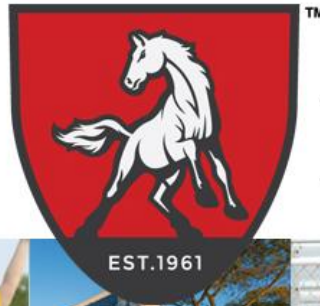


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MHS CORE VALUES: EQUITY GROWTH COLLABORATION

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 10, 2023

## Mustang News: Principal's Blog

Families,

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We will take all of your input seriously and use it to continually review and update our current educational practices. Results will never be connected to your child. No

individual will be identified in the school reports and teachers and administrators will not see individual responses.

The survey is administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago and provides a comprehensive picture of a school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring the five essentials critical for school success:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative teachers
- Involved families
- Supportive education
- Ambitious instruction

The survey results will be sent to District 120 and will be included in the Illinois State School Report Card next fall.

Thanks, in advance, for taking part in this important survey.



In partnership,

**Alexandria Rios Taylor**

Principal

847-949-2200 x1230

[ataylor@d120.org](mailto:ataylor@d120.org)

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### **Important Dates**

- Friday, February 17 - Teacher Institute Day - No School
- Monday, February 20 - Presidents' Day - No School

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**[Friday Focus](#)**

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**MHS 2023-2024 Registration is Now Open**



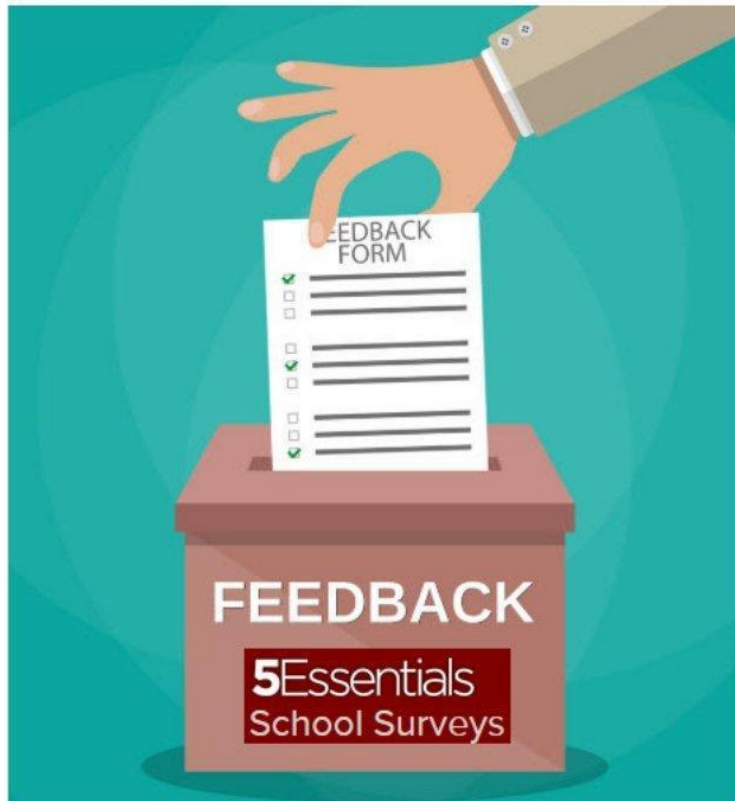
**REGISTRATION FOR THE  
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR  
NOW OPEN**

[Registration](#) is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Information can be found on our [registration page](#).

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**5 Essential Survey**

# 5-ESSENTIAL PARENT SURVEY



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Link to survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

Opens Jan. 24, 2023 and closes March 31, 2023.

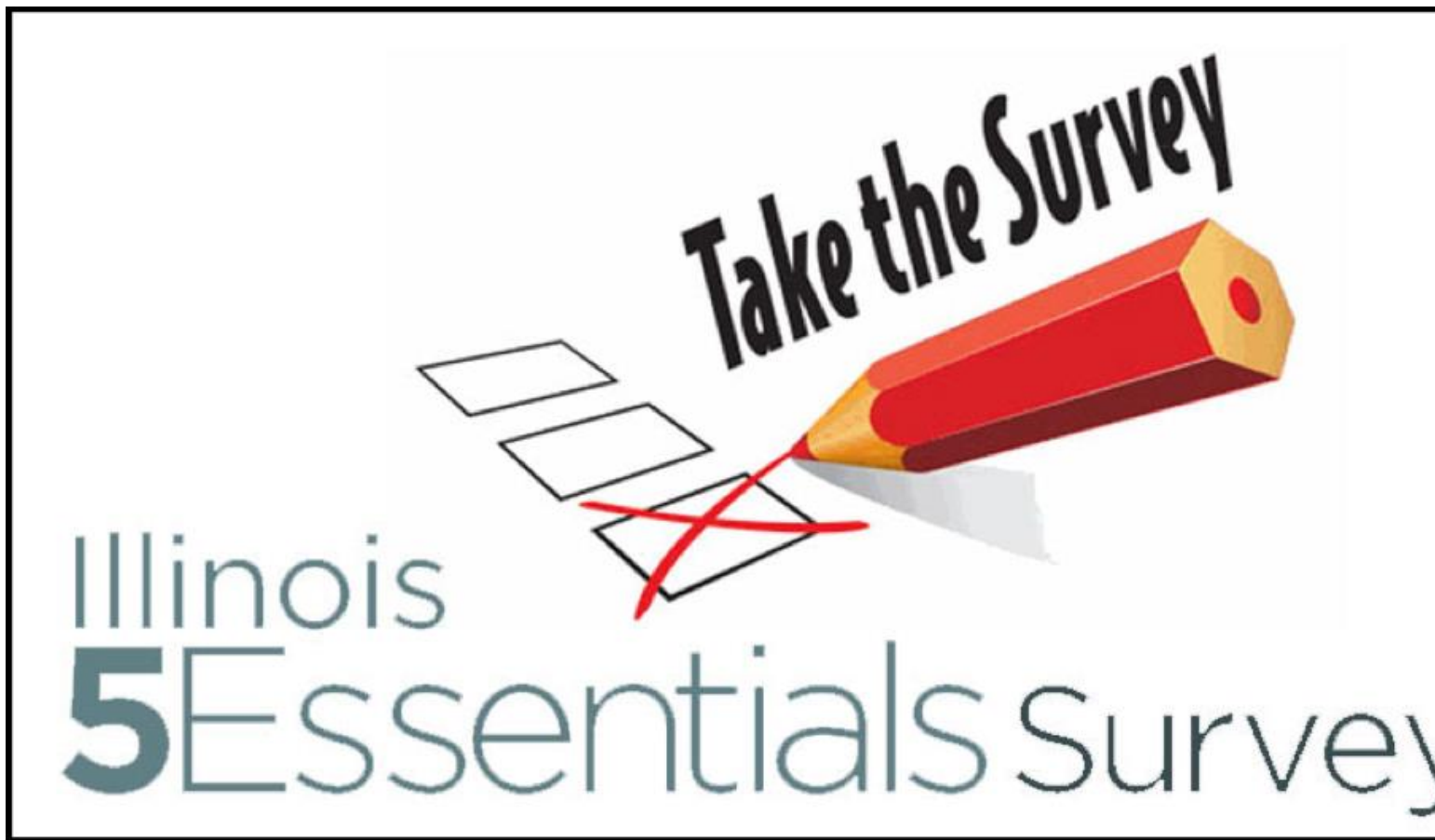
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### **Black History Month**

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](#).

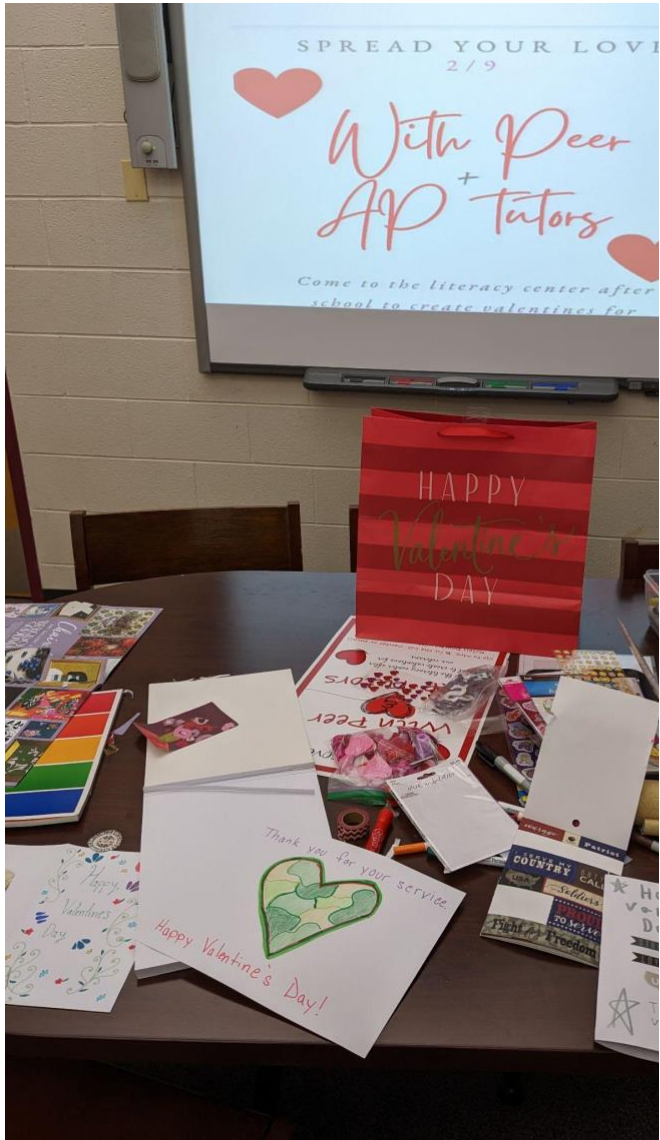


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### **Student Recognition**

Peer tutor Riley Demko wanted to give back to the community so she gathered the necessary crafts so all MHS students could create valentines and show their love for our country's veterans. These hand crafted valentines will be delivered to the James Lovell Federal Health Care Center just in time for Valentine's Day.





## Class of 2023 Important Information

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



**IMPORTANT**  
*Class of 2023*  
**INFORMATION**

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**Staff Recognition**

**Happy National School Counseling Week!**



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## Student Life

**Tickets \$20  
online**

**Ticket  
Sales are  
from 2/13-  
2/23**

**WINTER  
WONDERLAND  
DANCE**

**FEB 25TH 7-10 PM**

# ***Spirit Week:***

***2/20-2/24***

***2/22:***

***White Out Wednesday***

***2/20:***

***Mismatched Monday***

***2/23:***

***Tacky Sock Thursday***

***2/21:***

***Twin Tuesday***

***2/24:***

***Flannel Friday***



## ***Student Services Parent Nights:***

- Student services will be hosting an upcoming family education event around family wellness. Our staff will share information about strategies they use to support student mental wellness and how you can incorporate this at home with your students! Learn about the importance of mental wellness and the impact our services can have on your student's success.
  - RSVP to attend here: <https://forms.gle/f8UEWPHoJ6YcDoPx9>



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*Family*

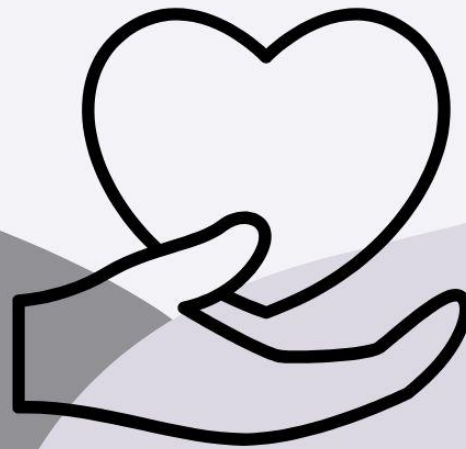
# WELLNESS NIGHT

**Thursday, February 23**

Mundelein High School  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Learn with our student services staff!

*Have the opportunity to engage with our student services staff to learn about strategies they use to support students mental wellness at school and how you can incorporate them at home!*



**Questions? Contact:**  
**Stevee Libert, Assistant Principal**  
**of Student Life**  
[slibert@d120.org](mailto:slibert@d120.org)

ESCUELA PREPARATORIA MUNDELEIN



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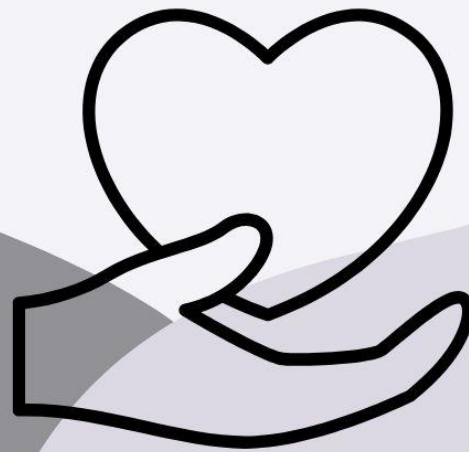
# BIENESTAR FAMILIAR

**jueves, 23 de febrero**

Escuela Preparatoria Mundelein  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

¡Aprende con nuestro personal de servicios estudiantiles!

*¡Tenga la oportunidad de interactuar con nuestro personal de servicios estudiantiles para conocer las estrategias que utilizan para apoyar el bienestar mental de los estudiantes en la escuela y cómo puede incorporarlas en casa!*



**¿Preguntas? Contacte a:**  
**Stevee Libert, Subdirectora de**  
**Vida Estudiantil**  
**[sliberted120.org](mailto:sliberted120.org)**

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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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## 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.

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](#)

**CCRC**



**LET US HELP YOU COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA!**

**SENIORS!**

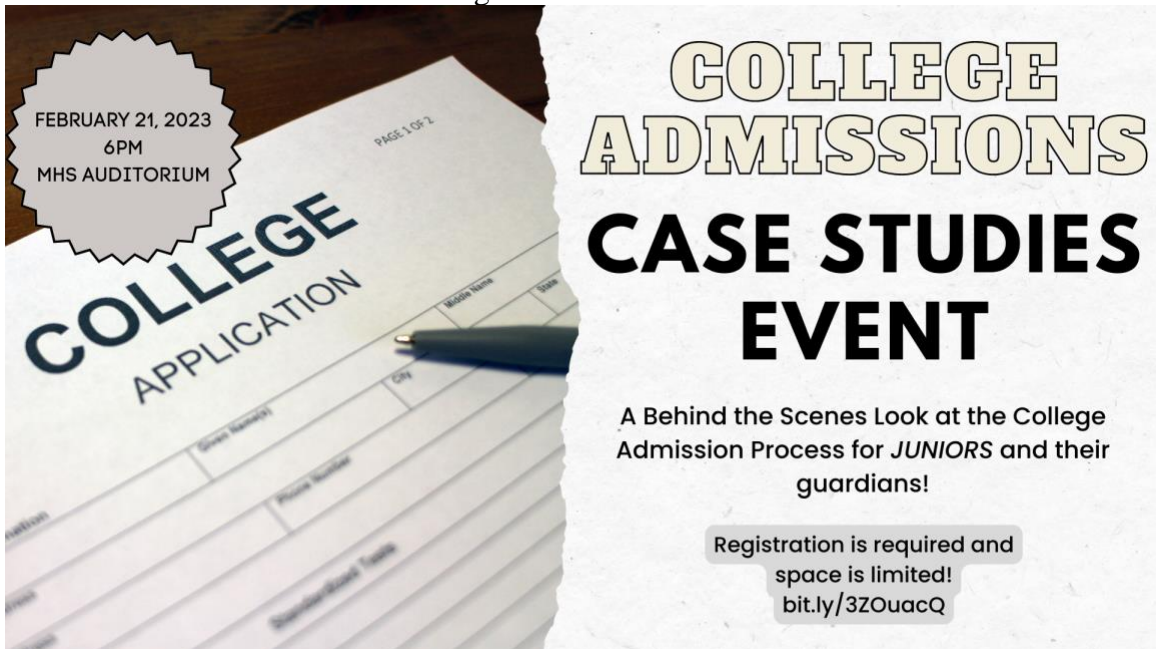
**FAFSA**

**WORKSHOP**

**FEBRUARY 13TH**  
**ALL CLASS PERIODS**  
**CCRC-B105**

[Click here for tips on preparing to do FAFSA](#)

Check out Step 3 so you know what to bring to the FAFSA Workshop!  
Register on Naviance!



**COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CASE STUDIES EVENT**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2023**  
**6PM**  
**MHS AUDITORIUM**

**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

# MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions

MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions is looking for a student who demonstrated achievement, creativity, leadership and the "entrepreneurial spirit" in activities at school, in their community and in other areas of their life!

The \$3,000 renewable MacLean-Fogg Scholarship will be awarded to one graduating senior from Mundelein High School.

Due: February 15, 2023  
Before noon!

**Scan the QR code to go straight  
to the application!**



**[Link to scholarship](#)**



[Link to Scholarship](#)

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## Athletics

### Gymnastics Coaches Corner

The Varsity Girls Gymnastics team competed at Regionals on Thursday, February 2 at Lake Forest High School. The team took 2nd and narrowly missed the opportunity to continue on to Sectionals. While they won't be continuing on in the team competition, they did have several girls qualify as individuals. Congratulations to Lexie and Kate for qualifying for vault, bars, beam, floor, and all around; Isla for qualifying for beam and floor; and Rylee for qualifying for floor. Sectionals will take place at Stevenson on Wednesday, February 8. Good luck to all the girls that qualified!





Lexie Ede is going to state on bars with a 4th place finish tonight. We wait for tomorrow to see if we make it in anymore events with at large scores.



## Girls Bowling Coaches Corner

Mundelein Varsity Girls Bowling had Regionals over the weekend at Bertrand Lanes where the top 4 teams advanced to Sectionals after 6 games. Though we held strong to one of the top four places, it didn't pan out to our success. We finished 6th out of 14 teams. It was a great finish with two individuals advancing to Sectionals: Samantha Sciortino and Brianna Merner.



### **Boys Bowling Coaches Corner**

Winston Petri, Andrew Hampsey, and Shawn Mastandrea were voted all conference for bowling. Sam Gottfried got Honorable Mention



### **Girls Basketball Coaches Corner**

Coach Teipel and NSC sportsmanship winner Diana Nanos





## **Alumni Corner**

Alum Patti Volpert was in the house at a Girls basketball game. Patti was part of the graduating class of 1969 at MHS and currently works as the Warren Girls basketball team statistician. Thank you Patti for still representing MHS!



## **Wrestling Coaches Corner**

### **Boys Sectionals:**

Last Saturday the Mundelein Mustang's wrestled in the Regional Tournament at Grant High School. Top 3 advance to the Sectional Tournament this weekend at Barrington High School. Top 4 in Sectionals will advance to the State Tournament to get an opportunity to place Top 6 in the State and get on the podium. The Mustang's advanced 5 wrestlers to the Sectional Tournament. 120 Durlacher, 126 Albavera, 138 Thomas, 145 K. Hernandez, and 220 A. Hernandez. Friday Nite 138 Thomas, 145 K. Hernandez, and 220 A. Hernandez will all wrestle the 1st Round. 120 Durlacher and 126 Albavera will have a bye 1st Round since they both won the Regional Tournament. Good Luck this weekend.

### **Girls Sectionals:**

Friday and Saturday the Girls Sectional will be at Evanston High School. Wrestlers include: 106 Ashley Alvarado , 132 Jocelyn Guadarrama, 138 Khole Heerdegen,

138 Val Victoria, 152 Axel Warzecha, 152 Yanneth Estrada 4-17, and 170 Claire Schiro. Let's Go Mustangs.



### **Boys Basketball Coaches Corner**

Boys basketball is staying competitive. They lost a close game 71-70 at Warren last week and a 3 point game vs. Lake Zurich this week. Something to note, Michael Farina is closing in on the school record for charges drawn in a season. He is currently at 29 with 4 regular season games left. The school record is 35. Michael drew 6 charges in the game vs. Lake Zurich.

Next games:      Friday @ Lake Forest

                         Saturday home vs. St. Charles East – Senior Night

                         Tuesday 2/14 home vs. Stevenson- Let's pack this Place!!!

### **Girls Track & Field Coaches Corner**



WHEELING INDOOR

# QUAD-MEET TOP FINISHERS

**4 x 300 RELAY**

**3:25.68**

**Paige Prochnow  
Brooklyn D'Ambrosio  
Amber Dean  
Praise Oyebanji**

**SHOTPUT**

**10.38m**

**Sharron Kagan**

#MUSTANGS

## Open Gyms

All volleyball enthusiasts are invited to join us for Open Gyms which will be held in the main gym





**Athletic Dept Corner**

Mundelein Athletics @GoMHS\_Athletics · 18h

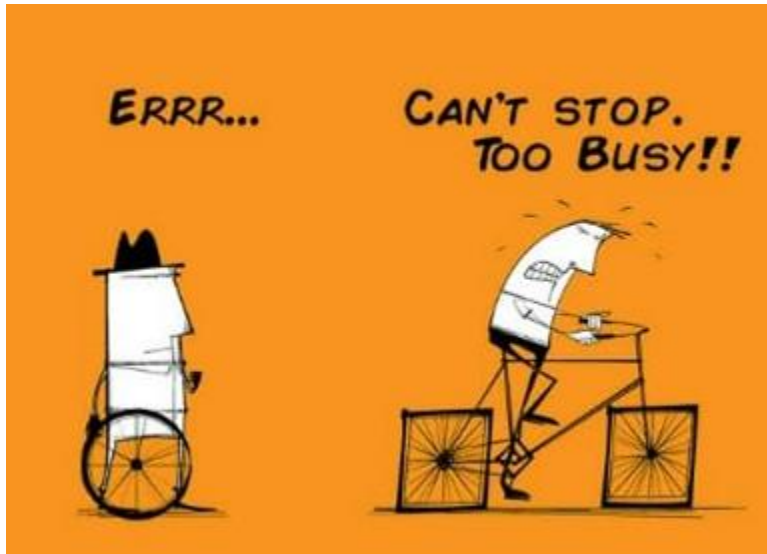
Dwayne Gordon made the 1000 LB club at [@MundFootball](#)



The Foundation



**MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**FOUNDATION**



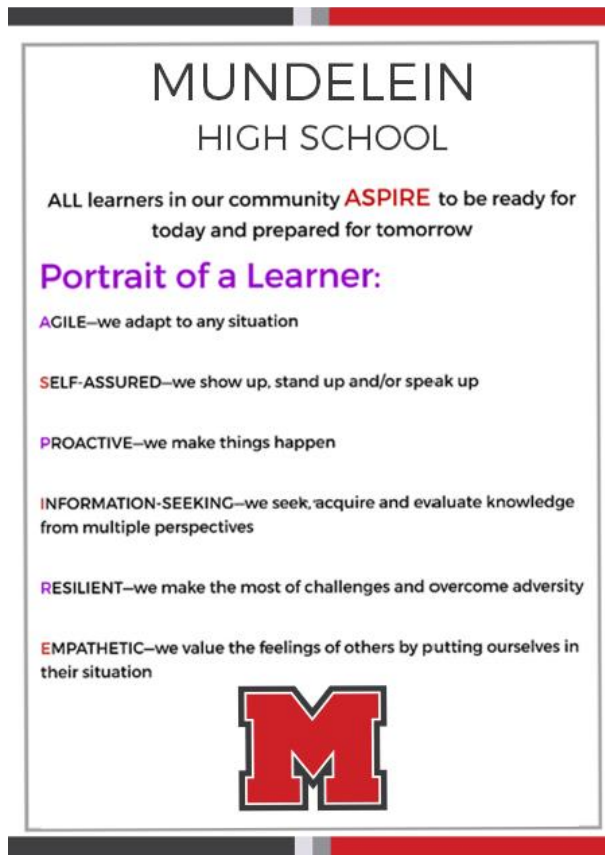
The Mundelein Foundation is seeking new members!  
Do you have one night a month to make a difference?  
Contact Jennifer for more information on how you can have some fun helping the  
next generation:  
847-987-7955 or [brunkow4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brunkow4@sbcglobal.net)

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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> <b>5-8 días</b></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/>