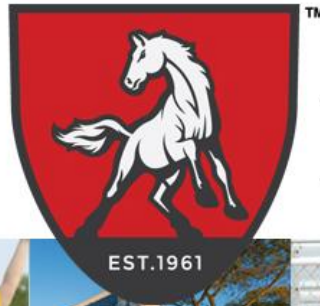


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MHS CORE VALUES: EQUITY GROWTH COLLABORATION

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 24, 2023

Mustang News: Principal's Blog

We are very busy here at MHS, making our way through Semester 2 and working hard to ensure each student's success!

“If winter comes, can spring be far behind?”
— Percy Bysshe Shelley, Ode to the West Wind



In partnership,

Alexandria Rios Taylor

Principal

847-949-2200 x1230

ataylor@d120.org

[Friday Focus](#)

MHS 2023-2024 Registration is Now Open

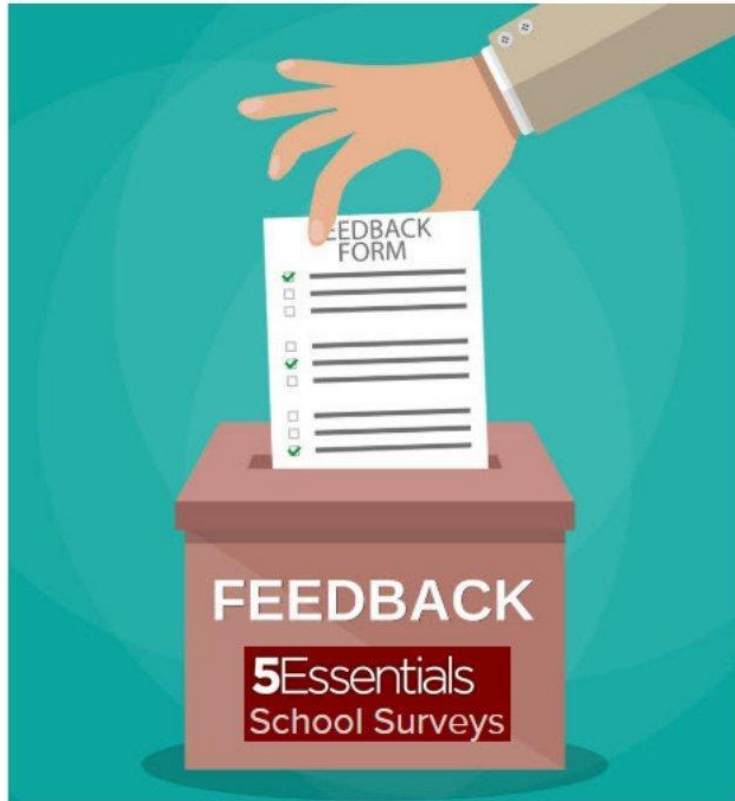


**REGISTRATION FOR THE
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR
NOW OPEN**

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

5 Essential Survey

5-ESSENTIAL PARENT SURVEY



Mundelein High School parents and guardians,

School District 120 is participating with the Illinois State Board of Education in the 2023 statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions. This is your chance to provide input concerning your child's education. We value your opinions about the operations of Mundelein High School.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey provides a unique opportunity for students, teachers and parents to have a voice in improving their schools. The surveys are available

now through Friday, March 31. Please use the following link to complete the survey:

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

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

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.

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](#).



Student Recognition

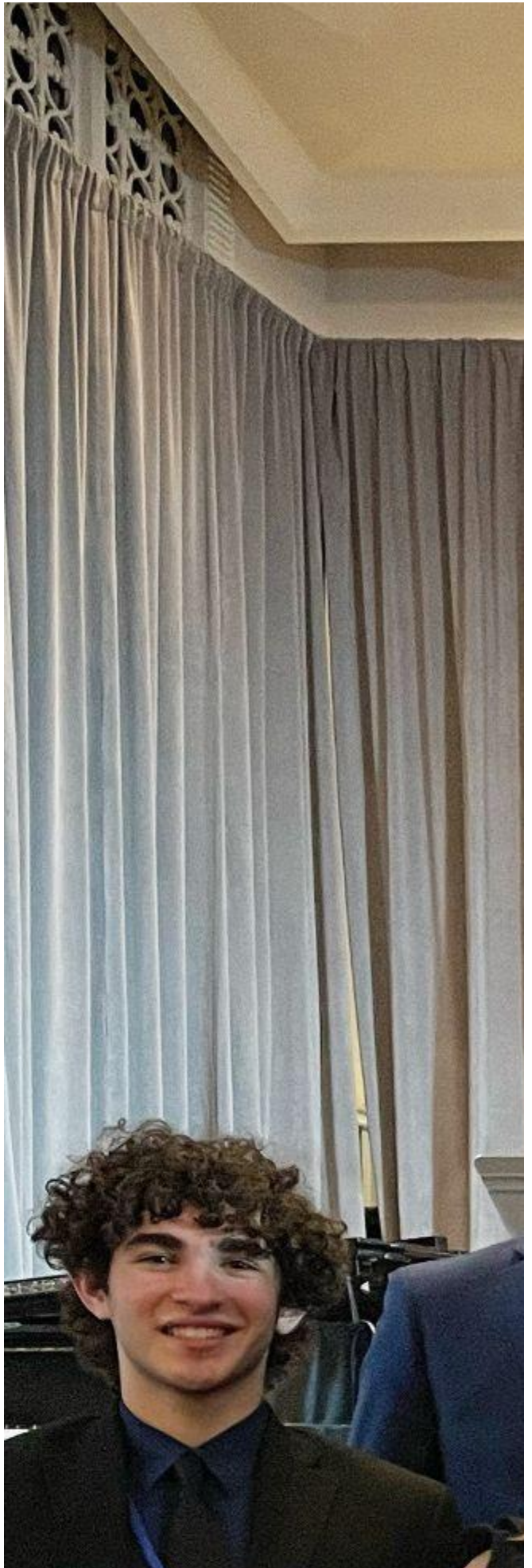
Congratulations to Alex Torralba on his “Best Male Soloist” award at the Great River Show Choir Invitational on February 18!



The past two days have been fantastic for our Jazz Ensemble students. On Wednesday night the students performed at the iconic Jazz Showcase in Chicago and heard the Bob Lark Alumni Big Band. Then on Thursday, the Jazz Ensemble was invited to participate in the Elmhurst Jazz Festival with sectional clinics from the jazz faculty at Elmhurst University and additional big band clinics from jazz greats: Terrell Stafford, Dennis Mackrel, & Tamir Hendelman.

It's been an inspirational couple of days for our students.

A local high school educator said this about the Mundelein High School performance from Thursday: “(The Mundelein High School Jazz Band) gave what can only be described as one of the best sets I’ve seen a HS band do in a long time.”





Mundelein High School Science Olympiad competition at Loyola Academy on
February 11.

The MHS team posted its best showing ever with gold medals in three categories.
Overall 13th place finish (30 teams) for Varsity and 9th place (24 teams) for Junior
Varsity!



Medalists:

First Place

Remote Sensing
Write It Do It
Scrambler

Students

Nia Buxton, Gwen Alviar
Sara Choi, Sreya Kannappan
Michael Nunez, Emilio Garcia

Third Place

Flight
Trajectory
Forestry

Max Keil, Damian Harrison, Gwen Alviar
Ciara West, Ava McQuain
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Fourth Place

Staff Recognition

Thanks to our Supported Learning Program team for presenting at the Special Education Conference and teaching other educators about our student based businesses here at MHS.



Class of 2023 Important Information

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

IMPORTANT Class of 2023 INFORMATION

Student Life

Common Ground Culture Fair

Come celebrate the many cultures of Mundelein at Mundelein High School's annual cultural fair, Common Ground! Our evening portion is open to the whole community on Friday, March 3rd at 4pm. Common Ground contains booths with cultural artifacts, music, a buffet-style dinner, multiple raffle baskets, and performances ranging from student-played musical pieces, as well as cultural dances. Show starts at 7pm in the auditorium. It's a night you don't want to miss! Bring your friends and family. All are welcome to celebrate Mundelein's diversity with us!

Winter Dance Canceled

Unfortunately, due to low attendance, we will be canceling Saturday's Winter Dance. Students that paid by credit/debit card will automatically receive a refund. Students who paid cash can visit Mrs. Olson in the bookstore for a refund. We look forward to hosting a successful winter event in the future. Please reach out with questions.

Family Engagement

Members of our Student Services staff hosted a "Family Wellness Night" on Thursday, February 23rd. We were thrilled to connect with families about supporting student mental health at home and at school. Our presentations are linked below and will be posted on the Student Services webpage. If you have

questions about this content, please reach out to:

English: Marisa Graham, School Psychologist: mgraham@d120.org
Carly Schwartz, Social Worker: cschwartz@d120.org;

Spanish: Aracely Lawrence, Counselor: alawrence@d120.org
Gwen Lopez, Counselor: glopez@d120.org

Presentation in English: [HERE](#)

Presentation in Spanish: [HERE](#)



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Parent Network Night

Target audience: Parents of D120 students that have an IEP and parents of middle schools that will feed into Mundelein High School that have an IEP.

Padres de estudiantes que tienen un IEP de D120 y de escuelas intermedias que ingresaran a MHS

What: Parent Network Night. Que: Noche de red para Padres

Presentation will be: What you will find at MHS when your student gets here + an opportunity to meet and greet with other parents.

Lo que usted encontrara en MHS cuando su estudiante llegue aqui ademas de una oportunidad de conocer y saludar otros padres

When: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Miercoles 15 de Marzo, 2023

Where: Mundelein High School - District Meeting Room. Mundelein High School- Sala del Distrito

Enter main entrance, DMR is up the stairs by the media center. Entrar por la puerta principal y subir las escaleras

Kindly, RSVP on or before Wednesday, March 8, 2023 below:

Por favor confirme su asistencia antes del 8 de Marzo, 2023

<https://forms.gle/UNkj3j5Es143LaMq7>



For additional information please contact:

Michelle Bank/D120Transition Center
mbank@D120.org / 847.949.2200x1261



OPTIONS FAIR 2023

A fair to connect individuals with disabilities to essential resources
for future planning

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL D120 (ANNEX)

1500 W Hawley Street

Mundelein, IL 60060

GUEST SPEAKERS: Tina Lowry & Milan Myers, Aspire

6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Organization Fair

6:30 - 8:00 PM

OPTIONS WEBSITE: [CONSIDEROPTIONS.ORG](https://www.consideroptions.org)

Spanish interpreting is available.

If requesting additional accommodations, please contact your home
district by March 15, 2023

Agencies and resources at the OPTIONS FAIR areas of focus:

Educational Opportunities • Employment Services • Vocational Day
Programs • Government Programs • Health Services • Legal Resources •
Recreational Opportunities • Referral Sources • Residential Programs •
Transportation Resources



FERIA DE OPCIONES 2023

Una feria para conectar a personas con discapacidades con recursos esenciales para la planificación futura

JUEVES 20 DE ABRIL DE 2023

6:00 p. m. - 8:00 p.m

MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL D120 (ANNEX)

1500 W Hawley Street

Mundelein, IL 60060

INVITADOS: Tina Lowry y Milan Myers, Aspire

6:00 p. m. - 6:45 p.m

Feria de Opciones

6:30 - 8:00 p.m

SITIO WEB DE OPCIONES: [CONSIDEROPTIONS.ORG](https://www.consideroptions.org)

Habra interpretación en español disponible.

Si solicita adaptaciones adicionales, comuníquese con su distrito de origen antes del 15 de marzo de 2023

Agencias y recursos en las áreas de enfoque de OPTIONS FAIR:

Oportunidades educativas · Servicios de empleo · Programas vocacionales diurnos · Programas gubernamentales · Servicios de salud · Recursos legales · Oportunidades recreativas · Fuentes de referencia · Programas residenciales · Recursos de transporte

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](#).



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.

[Maker Faire Lake County](#)

CCRC

Scholarship Completion Workshops

Wednesday, March 1st
3rd & 4th period

Thursday, March 2nd
5th & 6th period



Location: CCRC-B105
Register in Naviance!

COLLEGE VISIT

The United States Military Academy at West Point

Friday, March 3rd

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

College and Career Resource Center

Register
on
Naviance!

Speaker

**CDT Owen Hodges
Class of 2025**

**Major: Civil Engineering
Hometown: Gurnee, Illinois**



Presentation will discuss academics at the academy, cadet life, military training, and career benefits of attending the preeminent leadership institution in America.

#1
Most Accessible
Professors

#2
Top Public Schools

#4
Overall Engineering
Program

96
Rhodes Scholars
Attended West Point

100%
Cadets Receive Full
Scholarships

For More Info: <https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions>

UW PARKSIDE
COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

REGISTER ON NAVIANCE!
April 6th
Lunch periods
CCRC-B105

You Got This!

Mini
College Application Day!

HERZING UNIVERSITY
DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY
WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY
APPLY TO COLLEGE!

Athletics

Gymnastics Coaches Corner

Congratulations to Sophomore Isla Rehm and Freshman Lexie Ede for a spectacular performance at State this past weekend! Isla finished 8th on Beam with a score of 8.975 with two days of flawless routines. Lexie finished 12th on Bars with a score of 9.15 with a strong finish to her season. Way to represent Mundelein ladies! With the majority of the team returning next year, the Mustangs are sure to be strong competitors in the 23-24 season.



Boys Swim/Dive Coaches Corner

Congratulations to Edwin Serrano (200 Free) and Johnny Anno (Diving) who are both headed to State. Best of luck.



Boys Volleyball Coaches Corner

With only one month until Boys Volleyball Season, the countdown has begun!

Tryouts for Boys Volleyball will begin March 6 immediately after school until 6:00 pm in the Main Gym. In order to participate in tryouts, all student-athletes must have a physical on file with the school nurse. Please be sure to register online on the Athletic Department Home page. We are looking forward to the season! Go Mustangs!

Fundraiser

MHS Cheerleading is selling yard signs this spring! Support you MHS Student Athlete or customize for your Students activity. Also NEW Senior Yard signs available for your MHS Grad! Online Store Opens Monday February 27 and closes after two weeks. See online store for additional information about pick up of signs and cost. Make sure to order your sign before time runs out. Go Mustangs! [Online Store Link](#)



YARD SIGN SALE

SUPPORT YOUR MHS STUDENT



CUSTOMIZE YOUR SIGN

Options include:
Varsity
Name/ Team number

CHOOSE YOUR SPORT/ACTIVITY:

All Sports, Theater, Show Choir, Band, and more!

PICK UP/ SHIPPING DETAILS:

-Select Ship to home
OR
-Pick Up from Ultimate Screen Printing

Signs start at \$23, options cost \$2 each



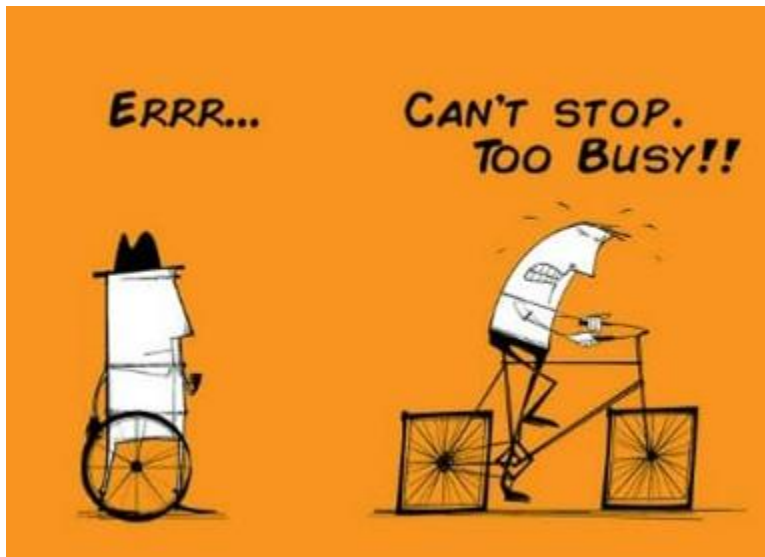
**ONLINE STORE
OPENS FEB 27**

Thank you for
your support!

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

Previous Reminders

ASPIRE

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

MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL

ALL learners in our community **ASPIRE** to be ready today and prepared for tomorrow.

Portrait of a Learner:

AGILE—we adapt to any situation

SELF-ASSURED—we show up, stand up and/or speak up

PROACTIVE—we make things happen

INFORMATION SEEKING—we seek, acquire, and evaluate knowledge from multiple perspectives

RESILIENT—we make the most of challenges and overcome adversity

EMPATHETIC—we value the feelings of others by putting ourselves in their situation



MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL

TODOS los alumnos de nuestra comunidad **ASPIRAN** a estar preparados para hoy y preparados para mañana.

El retrato de aprendiz:

ÁGILES—nosotros nos adaptamos a cualquier situación

SEGUROS DE NOSOTROS MISMOS—nosotros estamos presentes, somos valientes, y somos vocales

PROACTIVOS—nosotros aseguramos que las cosas sucedan

INFORMADOS—nosotros buscamos, agregamos, y evaluamos la información de varias perspectivas

RESILIENTES—nosotros aprovechamos de los retos y superamos la adversidad

EMPÁTICOS—nosotros valoramos los sentimientos de los demás por ponerse en su lugar



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>Observación</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/>