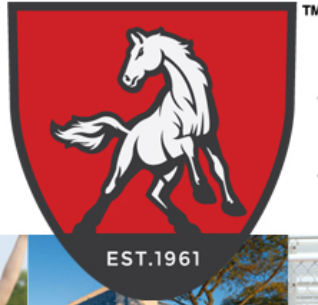


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HIGH SCHOOL



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!](#) [یہاں اردو](#)

Friday, December 9, 2022

## Mustang News: Principal's Blog

Mustang Families,

We are very busy here at MHS, making our way through Semester 1 and working hard to ensure each student's success. Encourage your students to finish strong!

Stay safe and warm this weekend.



In partnership,  
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## Important Dates

- **Thursday and Friday, Dec 22 and 23-** Final Exams
  - **Monday, Dec 26-** Winter Break Begins
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## Upcoming

### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Parking Permit Lottery is finally here.**

A very small number of 2022-2023 parking spots are available and a randomized draw will occur. The lottery will be accepting applications Friday, December 9th at 8:00am through Monday December 12th at 11:59pm.

Remember, in order to be eligible to obtain a parking permit, students must:

- be a Senior or Junior – No Sophomores will be accepted
- be in good standing with all outstanding fees paid, have limited parking violations while a student at MHS, be in good academic standing, and
- CANNOT HAVE ANY SERVICE HOURS
- have a valid driver's license
- have proof of current insurance and current registration &
- have a vehicle

See the [MHS website](#) for more information.

## Dias Festivos

**Puertas Club** is hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Dias Festivos** event on **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 PM in the cafeteria!** This is a **free event**, and **all are welcome** to enjoy the festivities with their families. There will be activities for children ages 3 and up, including:

- Bilingual Holiday Themed Loteria (bingo)

- Letters to Santa/Papa Noel/Los Reyes Magos
- Navidad/Invierno (Christmas/Winter) coloring
- Ornament decorating
- Casita de jengibre (gingerbread house) making
- Rifas (raffles) for pinatas, gift cards, and other prizes
- Traditional Latin American foods such as tamales, pozole, and more for purchase

Families are welcome to come any time during the 6:00-8:00pm event time.

Activities will be run in both Spanish and English. Stay for a little while, or stay for a long while! The Puertas students are excited to welcome you and your families during this time of year! [Dias Festivos](#)

### **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 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](#)

### **Mundelein Theatre**

This spring, Mundelein Theatre will be producing the hit show *In the Heights*, by Lin-Manuel Miranda (the creator of *Hamilton*). With this show, we want to celebrate the cultural diversity of Mundelein High School and the Mundelein community. There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in working on the show (either onstage or backstage) on Wednesday, December 14th from 3:30-4:30 in the Auditorium. For further information, check out this promotional video, created by Mundelein resident Hector Gonzalez.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vBmfsdh1DA>

### **The Schuler Scholar Program**

[The Schuler Scholar Program](#) at MHS is recruiting motivated current 8th and 9th grade students! Our goal is to help academically strong students from underrepresented backgrounds attend top colleges that offer the best opportunities and financial assistance. Some examples of the support we provide throughout high school include individual academic coaching and tutoring, field trips, family events, trips to visit colleges, and individualized guidance in applying to college and for financial assistance. Our program is free of charge to students and families who are selected through our application process. To nominate a student for consideration, please email the MHS Schuler Scholar Program School Director, Melissa Muth Martinez: [melissam@schulerprogram.org](mailto:melissam@schulerprogram.org).

### **Registration for visiting Mundelein High School**

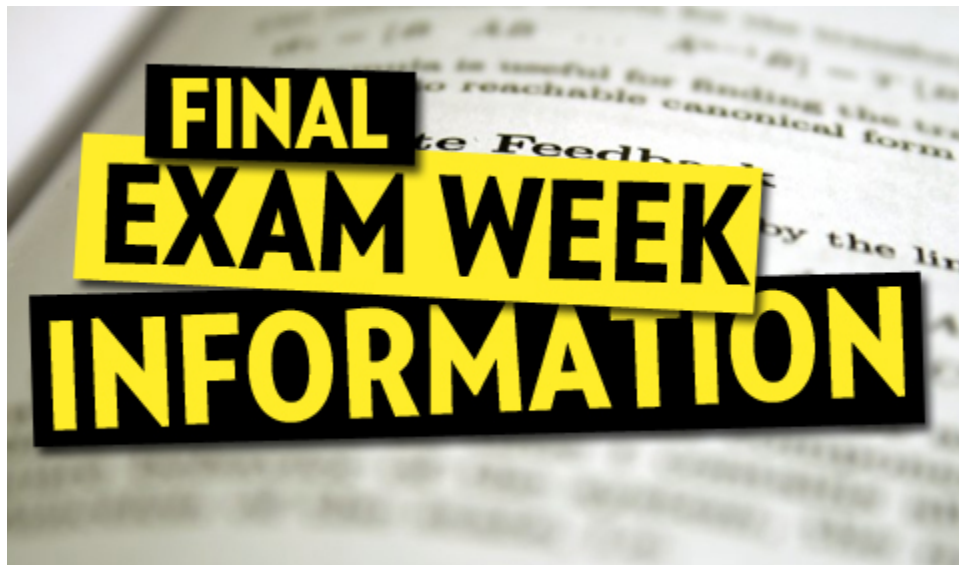
MHS is proud to host visitors to learn more about our programming and facilities. In order to minimize the impact on the educational environment, we have chosen to host visitors on select days through the school year.

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.

[Visit MHS](#)

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### Final Exam Information



Click [here](#) for final exam information! See schedule below.

	Thursday (12/22/22)	Friday (12/23/22)
8:40 am - 9:35 am	Period 3	Period 4
9:40 am - 10:35 am	Period 1	Period 2
10:40 am - 11:35 am	Period 7	Period 8

<b>11:40 am - 12:35 pm</b>	<b>Period 5</b>	<b>Period 6</b>
<b>1:20 pm - 3:20 pm</b>	<b>*Exam Makeups as needed Assessment Center open</b>	<b>*Exam Makeups as needed Assessment Center open</b>

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**CCRC**



Seniors, completing a FAFSA or Alternative Application is required to graduate. If you need assistance completing your financial aid application, please stop by the

CCRC- B105! On Mondays, we have a representative from ISAC come to our CCRC for drop-in financial aid assistance but feel free to stop by any day of the week for help. If you choose to **not** complete a financial aid application, you must fill out a non-participation waiver. Please see Ms. Bogseth at the CCRC- B105 to obtain a waiver.

Here is a great resource with FAFSA information:

[MHS Virtual CCRC FAFSA page](#)

# BECOME A COLLEGE AMBASSADOR!

The 2023 College Ambassador Application is Now Open!

Would you like to join a team of individuals who seek to improve MHS for future generations?

Do you have the desire to give back to your community while leaving your legacy?

MHS College Ambassadors support our underclassmen who are beginning the college application process.



Seniors! Apply here: <https://forms.gle/SwDsm6ZUzutZ8u4QA>

## Athletics

Reminder to all MHS parents and visiting spectators. Mundelein does charge for home boys basketball games and home wrestling matches using the GoFan app. Here is the link [Week of December 12](#)

## Boys Swim/Dive Coaches Corner

Joey Kafka placed 5th and Johnny Anno placed 2nd last Saturday at the Niles West Invite.





## **Girls Bowling Coaches Corner**

The Mustangs Girls Bowling Team is on a roll. Varsity and JV teams beat Lake Zurich. Shoutouts to Rebecca Gokhman and Alexia Pacheco for high scores this week and the Varsity team for a high team score. The Libertyville JV Invitational is this weekend at Lakeside Lanes where Mundelein will have two teams competing. Come cheer us on!

## **Wrestling Coaches Corner**

A very successful weekend for the Mustangs. Varsity traveled to Westfield High School in Indiana for the first time in Mustangs History. They went 3-2 in the duals beating Greensate 72-12, Nobleville 21-48, and Fishers 42-38. We fell short to Homestead 35-23, and Carmel Indiana 49-15. Bryce Durlacer came back home with 5 wins and 5 pins bringing his record to 10-1. Pablo Bacerra went 3-2 moving his record to 9-2, Mac Raastelli went 4-1 and is now 7-3, while Ty Murray followed Mac's 3-2 win and now is 7-3 of the season. Finally, flexing Abisi Hernandez to 220 and HWT for duals and went 5-0 moving his record to 9-2.

The JV went to the Deerfield Tournament and came home with 3 champions. Ozzy Bahena, Alex Konewko, and Tarrence Moore went 3-0 to gain the Deerfield Crown. A few wrestlers went 2-1 as James Kusinski moved his record to 6-1 and Max Villaraza finally got back on the mat dealing with injuries. Hugo Lugo also went 2-1 for the Mustangs. Our Mundelein JV Outstanding wrestler of the tournament was Ozzy Bahena who is now 8-0 on JV hoping to get some Varsity mat time this season.

The Freshman and our Girls Team received some matches over the weekend at Carmel High School. They came back with Champions: Danny Hernandez now 11-0 and Oliver Van de Motter went 2-1. Keep Grinding this weekend.

This weekend will be a busy week wrestling 3 days in a row. Thursday we will have a Home Meet vs. Stevenson, Friday we will travel to Waukegan, and Tournament Saturday for all levels.

Photos w Stocker and Dave Durlacer (Varsity)

Photo w Deerfield sign (JV)

Photo with hands raised (3 JV Champs)

Left to Right: Ozzy Bahena, Coach Carlsen, Terrance Moore, Coach Dane Durlacher, and Alex Konewko

Photo with Pirate BackGround: Freshman and Girls Team





**Boys Basketball Coaches Corner**

During the Thanksgiving tournaments for basketball. All levels competed for the championship. Freshmen won the championship at Wheeling, Sophomores took 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lakes, and Varsity took 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Mundelein/Grant Tournament. Clearly a strong start for the entire program.

Since the tournaments, all levels have continued in their successful ways while also learning how to play through injuries. This has involved others picking up teammates and playing in uncommon situations and positions. These are the foundations for sports and how to excel when the situation toughens.

Currently, the varsity is tied for 1<sup>st</sup> at 1-0 in the North Suburban Conference, Sophomores had a tough loss on a last second shot and are tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the NSC, while the freshmen came from behind and secured victory to also be tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Next games: Saturday @ Waukegan, Next Wednesday home vs. Warren

Varsity boys basketball team pic below



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## Previous Reminders

### 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. See below for more information.

### **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/>