October 14 2022

Mustang Families,

In recent weeks, some of our students have felt the hateful sting of being victimized by racial slurs. Even though the persons responsible were not positively identified, I want to reassure our school community that we have done and we will continue to do everything in our powers to put an end to this abhorrent behavior.

Let me be very clear, MHS does not tolerate derogatory language or hate speech of any kind. This behavior is inexcusable and will be met with disciplinary action as outlined in our student handbook.

It deeply saddens me, both as a mother and as an educator who champions diversity, that some of our very own students endured hate speech on our campus. Although MHS is proud to be one of the pioneering districts to adopt a "Racial and Ethnic Equity Board Policy" (7.12); this shows that there is still much work to do. We believe that a positive, supportive, and safe environment at all events is a right for ALL of our students and we will continually work to protect that.

We will use any racist incidents as opportunities to continue to partner with our neighboring agencies, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), to provide educational training for both students and staff. We take great pride and commitment to celebrating student diversity.

We promise to continue to take appropriate action when faced with such injustices at MHS. We are proud of our school community and value ensuring that all students feel included and safe.



In partnership, Âlexandria Rios Taylor

Alexandria Rios Taylor Principal 847-949-2200 x1230 ataylor@d120.org

Important Information

Friday Focus

Click on the link to view this week's Friday Focus

Medical Compliance Information

Please ensure your student's medical information is up to date with the school. Exclusion day is October 15th! This means that if you have received an email, text message, phone call or mailed letter from Mrs. Libert indicating that your student is missing documentation of an up to date physical exam (freshman) or meningococcal vaccination (seniors), your student will be excluded from school after October 15, 2022. Documentation can be dropped off in the nurse's office, or emailed to <u>mhsnurse@d120.org</u> Please click <u>here</u> for more information.



Picture Retakes

Students who have yet to have their picture taken for the yearbook or who would like a retake, will have an opportunity to do so on Wednesday, Oct 26 . in the District Meeting Room from 10:15am-2:00pm. Students should go at a time that works for their schedule. Be aware there may be a wait.No appointments necessary. VIP order forms are available https://www.vipis.com/group/2e1d4885/mundelein-high-school



October is...

Manufacturing Month!

During this month, there are several events to highlight manufacturing: What is it? What does it look like? What careers are available? What benefits are offered? <u>CLC Apprenticeship</u> <u>Awareness Program</u>



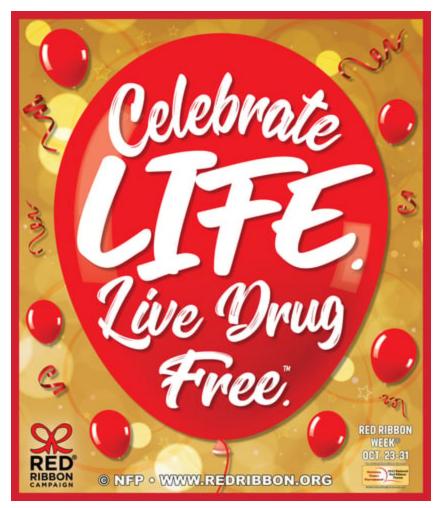
Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15-October 15 to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. During this month, our Puertas student organization will conduct announcements highlighting Hispanic contributions, our Teaching & Learning team will provide culturally relevant content for classroom integration that highlight Latin literature, history and art. Additionally, our Community Business Coordinator will also hold a Hispanic Heritage Career panel for all of our students. See <u>here</u> or <u>here</u> to learn more.



Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week is observed 23-31 All students and staff are encouraged to wear RED!



Halloween

Halloween will be observed on **Monday**, **10/31**. Although costumes are permitted, please keep in mind that the following will <u>not be allowed:</u>

- 1. Full face paintings or face-masks (all student and staff must be identifiable)
- 2. Weapons nor their look-alikes
- 3. Fake blood and/or gore
- 4. Clown costumes
- 5. Costumes that disrespect other cultures, genders, races, or religions

Important Information

Progress Reports

Progress reports for all students were emailed to guardian addresses on file this week. Any student who currently has a "D" or "F" also had a progress report mailed home.

PowerSchool Login Information

Have you gained access to PowerSchool to check your student's grades and other important information? If you need assistance in accessing PowerSchool, please contact your student's counselor.



Parent Teacher Conferences



Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, October 20 from 4:30-8pm and Friday, October 21 from 8am-2pm.

Thursday, October 20 - Regular School Day Conferences: 4:30-6:00pm (10 minute sessions) Conferences: 6:30-8:00pm (10 minute sessions)

Friday, October 21 - *No student attendance* Conferences: 8:00 am - 11:00 am (10 minute sessions) Conferences: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm (10 minute sessions)

Conferences will be held in-person or via Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided if you choose this option. We strongly encourage parents to bring their children to in-person sessions or have them with you for a Zoom conference. Conferences can be scheduled from 8:00 am on October 7 through noon on October 18 using this link: Mundelein High School - Appointment System

1. <u>Register (new users)</u>

Enter your email address and click "Login/Create Account". Fill in the required fields and register. For each child, enter a student ID and birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)

2. Sign In

If you've previously registered, all you need to do is enter your email and password. The system will recognize you and the children you have added to your account.

3. <u>Scheduling</u>

Each colored square represents an available meeting time. The legend shows you which teacher corresponds to which color, and the times increase as you go down the page. (Note: you will not see all of the teachers at your school, just the set of teachers that your children have classes with.) Click on a square to book that time. You will optionally have the choice of setting a time when you would like a reminder email delivered. Click "Create Appointment". Repeat until you have an appointment with each teacher you'd like to visit with. At any time you can click on "printable schedule" and print the resulting web page to get a hard copy of your schedule. If you want to make changes to your schedule, you can log in at any time with the email address and password you used to create your account. Click on "Your Schedule" to display and hide your appointments. There will be links to change the time, or cancel the appointment.

4. Questions

Please contact the Principal's Office with any questions about Parent Teacher Conferences. 847-949-2200, X1230



Veterans Day

Calling all Mundelein Veterans

Please join us on Friday, November 11 for our annual Veterans Day Celebration and breakfast. We ask you arrive no later than 8:30 a.m., and please park in the West District Parking Lot at 1500 West Hawley St., upon arrival. This is the free-standing building adjacent to the high school off Hawley St. **You must RSVP for this event by completing <u>this Google form</u> or by calling Sylvia Torres or Barb Tegtmeier at Mundelein High School. The main line is 847-949-2200. Then use extensions 1488 (Sylvia) or 1129 (Barb). The last day to register for this event is Friday, October 28, 2022.**

Veterans Day Honor Walk

On Friday (11/11/22), we have a late start day and we will also have an adjusted bell schedule (see below) in honor of Veterans Day. More information about this event will be shared in the coming weeks, but we wanted to make sure we informed you about the change in schedule for this day in as much advance as possible.

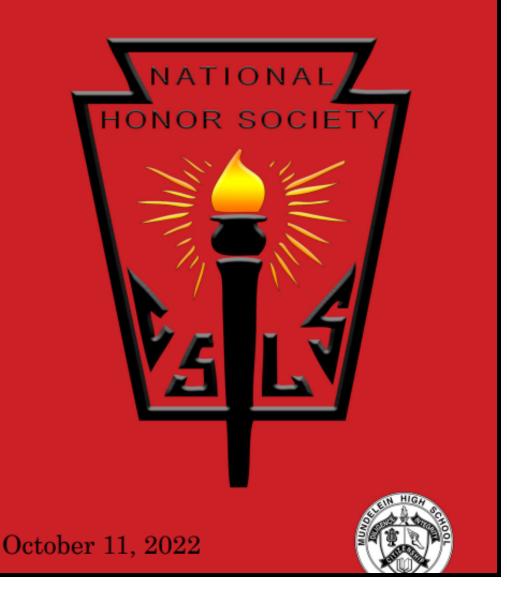
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1	9:40am-10:15a
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Veterans Day	10:20am-10:40a
Honor Walk	m
2	10:45am-11:20a
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3	11:25am-12:00p
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4	12:05pm-12:40
	pm
5	12:45pm-1:20p
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6	1:25pm-2:00pm
7	2:05pm-2:40pm
8	2:45pm-
	3:20pm
Dismissal	3:20pm

Student Recognition

Congratulations to our new National Honor Society inductees!

Mundelein High School presents

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

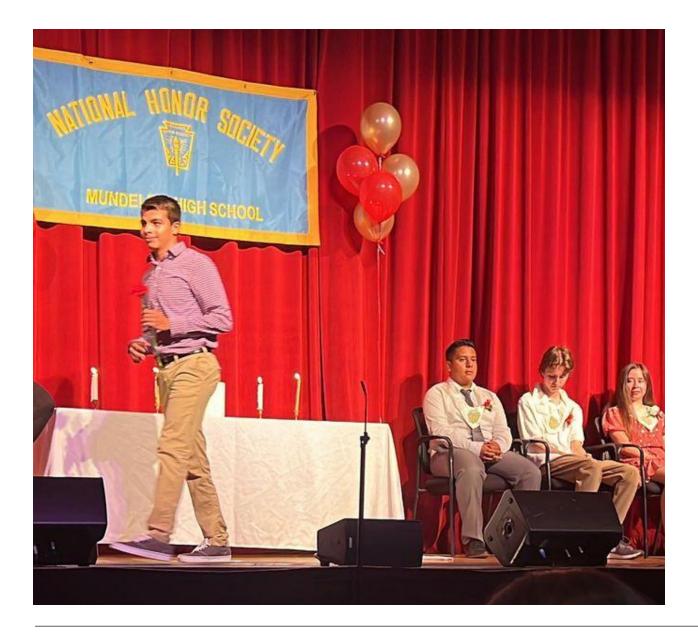


THE HONOREES

Stephanie Lynn Bito Aquino Thomas Zachary Asmussen Jamie Atkinson Emmanuel Bahena Karina Nicole Benes Animesh Chandra Bijawat Alison MariLea Bogenski Stephanie Alexandra Bolanos Devin Brighton Boongaling Ksenia Anna Borug Sophia Antoinette Buono William Jude Burroughs Emily Rose Carlson Natalie Grace Carrera Gabriela Cervantes Oliver Kai Curatolo Grace Ava DeMilio Shannon Rose Dovle Kurt Anthony Dumblauskas Evelyn Jane Duval Xander Royal Ede Patrick Joseph Fisher William Michael Joseph Fisher Rylan McCreery Foster Layla Sophie Marks Fuksman Katherine Grace Hill Kylie Nicole Huddlestun Sariah Chanel Hutchinson Morgan Angel Jacobson Alyssa Mya Johnson Kayla Marie Jorge Matthew Edward Kawa Connor Rylee Knauff Jackson Carl Koenigsknecht Delaney Paige Kruse Lindsea Ellece Lambrecht Zacorey Case Lasse Elyse Eunhae Candelaria Lee

Alondra Lopez Ashley Machorro Evan Thomas Mansell Ramsen Raymond Marano Liam Cade McGlothlin Alaina Marie Merkel Caden Ezekiel Minehart Galilea Morales Pacheco Lucy Maureen Moran Francisco Jiovanni Moreno Kenneth Michael Nanos Nicholas Anthony Nawrot Evan Michael Niernberg Kenadi Shea Norman Margaret Patricia OBrien Charlotte Rose Oliver Finn Liam O'Malley Sarah Rose Page Martin Palacios Rev Ines Palacios Mila Pratik Patel Kaelyn Grace Pearson Blake Nicholas Petros Emily Erin Porter Macson James Rastrelli Mariano Francisco Rodriguez Thomas Brian Russ Jack Nicklaus Salit Annalie Elvse Salski Azael Sanchez Samantha Anne Sciortino Alec Rahul Sethna Kayla Shayne Sison Kristina Dorothy Spada Riley Patricia Stewart Ashley Morgan Strachn Hanna Tenson Samantha Erika Tolentino Josilvn Nicole Wadas Jaxon Cole Wasseluk Matthew Alexander Willis Natalie Anne Wing Victoria Zherebna Alexandra Ann Zitser





Staff Recognition

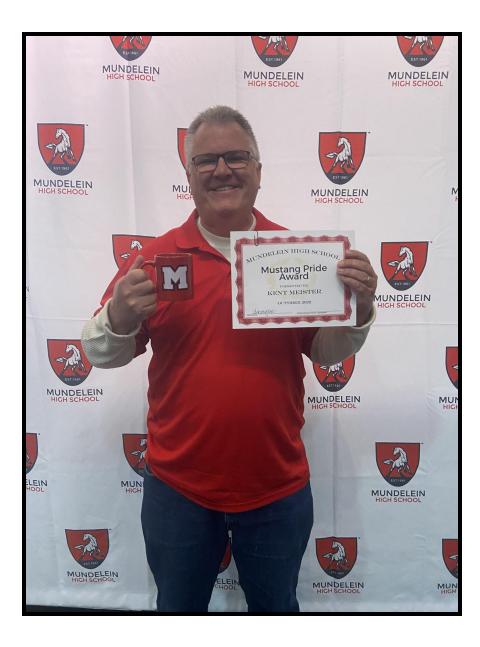
Our outstanding staff are being recognized for remarkable teaching, coaching, mentorship, collaboration, student-centered support, and making-a-difference! Congratulations!

Sydney Hamilton Angie McLaughlin # Alexander Kapotas Angie McLaughlin Christine Funk Heather Crawford & Mike Dayton

Heather Crawford Ryan Buck Valerie Riley Kent Meister Maria Najera Tovar ‡ Krysta Penuel Ryan Heidner











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Athletics

Mundelein Boys defeat the Scouts 3-0 in the last NSC matchup of the season! Congrats to NSC Sportsmanship Award Winners in Boys Soccer tonight: from Mundelein Frankie Jimenez and Lake Forest Austin Okada



College & Career Resource Center

Representation Matters!



Representation matters! That's why Real Talk is excited to host our first set of career events this month, featuring young Black professionals in the tech, sports, and entertainment industries. Students will be exposed to new career paths and receive advice on how they can achieve success wherever they land!

- Black in Tech on Tuesday, October 11, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT
- Black in Sports on Thursday, October 13, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT
- Black in Entertainment on Tuesday, October 18, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT

Real Talk events were created to provide Black students and their families with the tools they need to start planning for their future. Over these three nights, students will connect with a variety of Black professionals, whose success stories will inspire them to pursue their own journeys with confidence. Register <u>HERE</u> now!!

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:

<u>www.busbulletin.com/parents</u> (Find Mundelein Area Schools when prompted for a district) <u>*Note - This is managed by Lakeside Bus Company and not MHS.</u>

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/