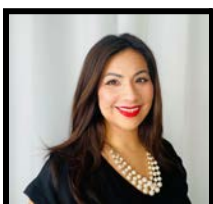


September 2, 2022

Mustang Families,

August has come and gone... how did this month fly by so quickly?! As we begin September, let's take a moment to enjoy the beautiful weekend ahead! Take a brief moment to read through the important information listed below. If you have any questions, please call the Main Office at 847-949-2200.



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

Important Information

No School

School is closed Monday, September 5. Enjoy your 3-day weekend.



Friday Focus

Click [here](#) for this week's Friday Focus. Video stories include advice to the freshmen from last years graduated seniors and a highlight video from Back to School Bash.

Underclass Yearbook Photos

Picture day is Wednesday, September 14. All sophomores, juniors and any freshman not photographed during orientation will be photographed for the yearbook whether or not the photos are purchased. A retake and senior "yearbook only" day will take place in October. Access the VIP (Visual Image Photography) ordering instructions [here](#).

PSAT/NMSQT

Attention Juniors, important information [here](#) about the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test which will be administered at MHS on October 12, 2022.

Be a STEAMScholar!

The Illinois Tenth Congressional District STEAM Scholar Program is an exciting educational opportunity launched by Congressman Brad Schneider in 2018 for high school students in our community. The program aims to connect highly-motivated students interested in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics with hands-on learning experiences throughout our district.

Homecoming

Click [here](#) for more information on upcoming Homecoming activities.

YouScience

Exciting news! Beginning this week, Mundelein High School freshman students began taking the YouScience assessment during their FAM (Freshman Advisory) sessions. We believe YouScience is a great way for students to learn more about themselves, explore high-demand careers that are a good fit for them, and gain a better understanding of how their unique talents are needed in the economy. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about YouScience and what it means for your student.

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.

What is **Good Attendance**?



Chronic Absences:
9 or more days

Warning Sign:
5-8 days

Good Attendance:
4 days or fewer

Missing only one day each month is the same as missing 9 days in a school year = **Chronic absences**

When a student has **chronic absences**, it is difficult to catch-up

Valid Excuses for Absences:

- Illness (including mental health)
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Death in the immediate family
- Family emergency
- Other approved situations

Have you decided:

- How many days are “too many” days to miss in a school year?
- How would you define “good attendance?”

*Mundelein High School Permits 8 excused absences per semester.

¿Qué es **Buena Asistencia**?



Ausencias Crónicas:
9 días o más

Señal de advertencia:
5-8 días

Asistencia Buena:
4 días o menos

Faltar solo un día cada mes es lo mismo que faltar 9 días en un año escolar = **Ausencias crónicas**
Cuando un estudiante tiene **ausencias crónicas**, es difícil ponerse al día

Excusas válidas para las ausencias:

- Enfermedad (incluye la salud mental)
- Observancia de una fiesta religiosa.
 - Muerte en la familia inmediata
 - Emergencia familiar
 - Otras situaciones aprobadas

Has decidido:

- ¿Cuántos días son “demasiados” días para perder en un año escolar?
- ¿Cómo definiría “buena asistencia”?

*Mundelein High School permite 8 ausencias justificadas por semestre.

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.**



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If you would like to receive instant notifications when delays or incidents affect your student's bus, please register with Bus Bulletin.

- There is no cost for this service.
- Registration is simple and fast.
- You can choose to receive text messages, phone calls, and e-mails.
- All contact information is stored securely and will not be shared or sold - your privacy is protected.

For more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, please visit:

busbulletin.com/parents

***Find *Mundelein Area Schools* when prompted for a district**

*If you are experiencing any issues with these notifications, please call:
Lakeside Bus Company (224)433-6304*



BusBulletin

¿Le gustaría saber cuándo se retrasará el autobús de su estudiante?

Para las rutas de autobús de Mundelein, Lakeside Transportation está utilizando el sistema de notificación Bus Bulletin para notificar a los padres y estudiantes cuando hay retrasos en el autobús y cambios de horario.

Si desea recibir notificaciones instantáneas cuando los retrasos o incidentes afecten el autobús de su estudiante, regístrese en Bus Bulletin.

- No hay costo por este servicio.
- El registro es simple y rápido.
- Puede optar por recibir mensajes de texto, llamadas telefónicas y correos electrónicos.
- Toda la información de contacto se almacena de forma segura y no se compartirá ni venderá; su privacidad está protegida.

Para obtener más información o para registrarse y comenzar a recibir notificaciones, visite:

busbulletin.com/parents

***Encuentre *Mundelein Area Schools* (escuelas del área de Mundelein) cuando se le solicite un distrito.**

*Si tiene algún problema con estas notificaciones, llame al:
Compañía de Autobuses Lakeside (224)433-6304*

Open House



Senior Night









Yearbook Highlights



Students have a good time at the Back to School Bash. (photo by Leila Vickerman)



Riley Pirtle, Eliana Ponce, and Devon Duym enjoy talking about the books they read this summer. (photo by Leila Vickerman)



The first football game of the season. (photo by Leila Vickerman)



Cheerleaders perform after the big win. (photo by Leila Vickerman)



Band marches out while playing a celebratory tune. (photo by Leila Vickerman)



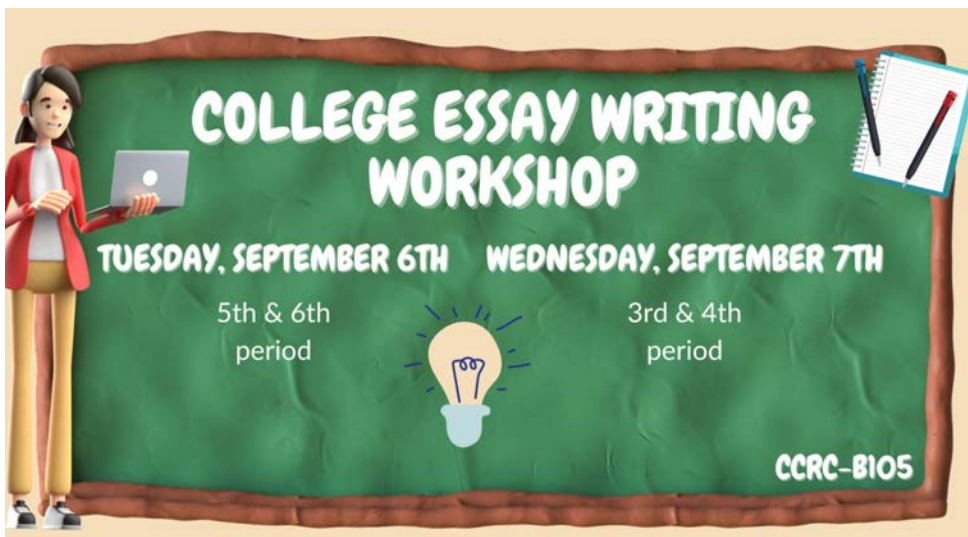
Camryn Zogby, Jaqueline Pienta, Eshana Barrett share their summer reading books. (photo by Brenda Guadalupe)



The Marching Band performs at the first football game of the year. (photo by Samantha Machado)

CCRC

Seniors: Thank you for coming to our Lunch and Learn events this week! On Tuesday, September 6th during 5th & 6th period and Wednesday, September 7th during 3rd & 4th period we will be hosting a College Essay Workshop. Register in [Naviance!](#)



The CCRC will be hosting two virtual events next week. These events will provide 12th grade students and their families with information about the college application process. We discuss what resources are available

to students and families at MHS and have a college representative provide tips and tricks about how you can put your best application forward!

September 6th at 7:00pm- **Applying To College**

Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MS0_oEt2SSCZp6ZeefhxVA



September 8th at 7:00pm- **Aplicando Para la Universidad**

Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PeirqAxYRDGcpYC_7W5oSA



Don't forget to check your [Naviance](#) account for upcoming college rep visits!

Athletics

Girls Volleyball - Coaches Corner Calaeb Haire & Beth Willis

It has been a busy week for MHS volleyball! Varsity won the bronze pool at the Crosstown Classic Invitational defeating Glenbrook North, Wheeling, and Grant, and placing them 9th out of 16 teams. Freshman A also had a tournament this past weekend and went 2-3 placing them 4th overall. We had our first home game against Grayslake Central on Monday, and all levels played competitively. Congratulations to the Freshman B team on a decisive win over the Rams! Our next home games are Friday, September 2 against Wauconda and Tuesday, September 6 against Antioch. Games are at 5:00 and 6:00pm. Come out and support Mustang Volleyball!



Varsity takes their 4th win of the season at the Crosstown Classic in Libertyville.

Girls Golf - Coaches Corner Tom Kuhn

The Lady Mustangs competed in the Harold Abrahamson D117 Invite Saturday, 8/31. Senior Lucy Vecchie earned her first Varsity Medal, scoring a career low 91, taking 14th place out of 81 golfers. Seniors Alyssa Johnson and Taiylor Egbert added career lows 97 & 98 to help the Mustangs finish in the top half out of 16 schools. The Mustangs have conference matches with Warren & Libertyville next week.



Cheerleading - Coaches Corner Sara-Ann Ellis

MHS Cheer had a blast at Senior night on Friday! Thank you to all the parents who helped make the evening extra special for our athletes. MHS Cheer is also starting to pre-sell Mums for our annual Mum sale. Pre-orders

will be collected until September 7th. Pickup and additional purchases can be made on Saturday September 10 from 9am-1pm in the Annex Parking Lot. Thanks for your support!



Boys Cross Country - Coaches Corner Kurt Rutz

The season started off this week with the team traveling to Waukegan for the Art Campbell Lake County Invitational. Named after the legendary Mundelein High School Coach, it is our honor to represent our school at this meet. We will share highlights and pictures from this iconic Lake County meet next week due to “press time” deadlines!

As we begin our season, we’d like to share a brief overview of how cross-country works. In a usual competition, teams will field seven runners. The first five runners from each team to cross the finish line receive the points that correspond to their place. The first-place runner receives one point, the second-place runner two, and so on. The team receiving the lowest score wins. The sixth and seventh runners on a team, although they don’t receive a score, can also be critical, in that they can “displace” scoring runners from other teams and disrupt the scoring. We have been in meets where the margin of victory was one point and were one by our 6th and 7th runners. This is why, despite the popular perception of cross country being a solitary sport, it is anything but! The nature of training to be a cross-country competitor also creates unique bonds as we support each other in our individual journeys to become better runners. Progress happens over months and years and the support of teammates is critical. We look forward to sharing highlights from the Art Campbell with you next week and encourage you to come to our home meet on Tuesday, September 6th. Held at our home course at the Diamond Lake Sports Complex (entrance near the Irish Mill on 60/83), race time is 4:45pm. We also want to wish all MHS teams competing this week much success!



Girls Swim/Dive - Coaches Corner Rahul Sethna & Melissa Sethna

The Girls Swimming and Diving team opened their season this past weekend at the Lake Forest Scout Relays. The team finished 7th overall with top 3 finishes from: Ruby Puerzer, Riley Routledge, Gracyn Gigiano, and Amelia Willis. Other Top 6 finishers included: Madeline Everson, Mimi Puerzer, Hayley Williams, Gwen Alviar, Kate Hill, Nadia Emso, Sophia Sauer, and Lizzy Allore. Next up for the Mustangs is the Niles West Invite this weekend. Our MHS divers had a great start to the season competing in their first meet last weekend at Lake Forest.



Girls Boys Soccer - Coaches Corner Sebastian Falinski

Soph team big wins against St. Charles North, Waukegan, and Wheeling to start the season off. Varsity Boys Soccer Team off to a good start with a big win against Cary Grove and hard fought ties against Wauconda & Wheeling. Catch us at the GBS tournament this week! Freshman boys soccer is off to a great start with a 4-1 record. They have scored 19 goals and only let in 5. These young men are making their coaches and families proud. GO MUSTANGS!





Previous Reminders

Technology Use

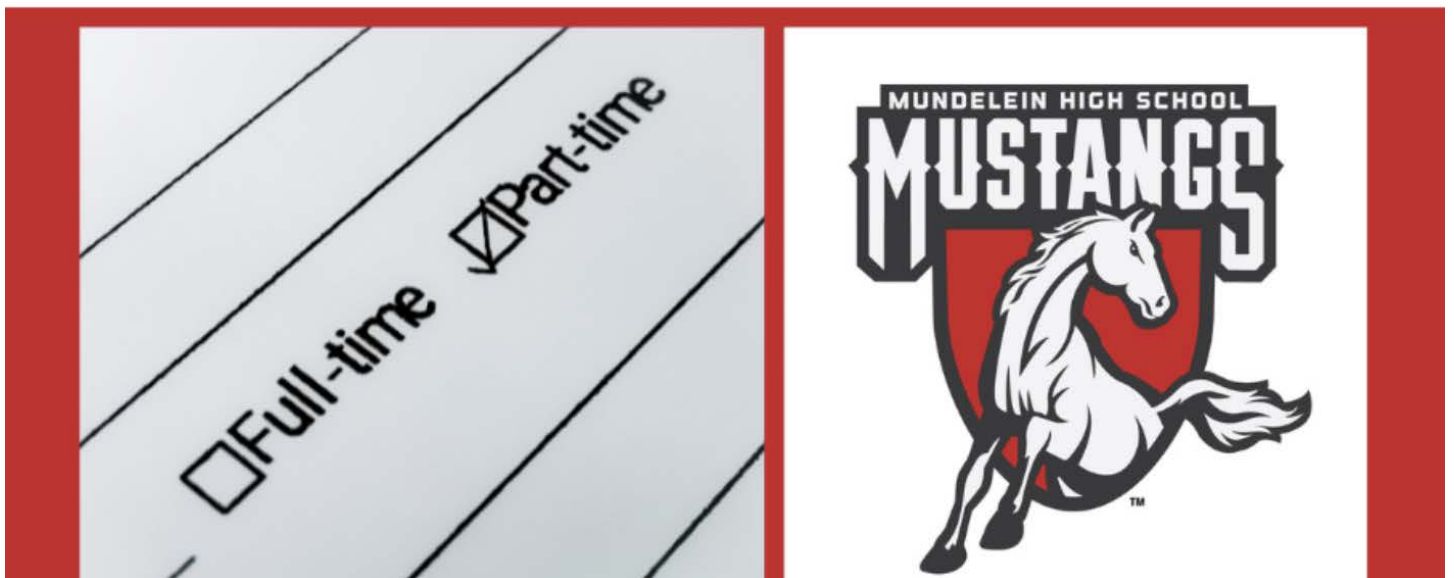
Students will utilize technology to support their learning in class. Students are reminded to use their Chromebooks and cell phones appropriately at all times. For further information about technology use, please refer to the student handbook located on the District web page - [2022-2023 Student/Parent Handbook](#)

Looking for part-time work with flexible hours?

Mundelein High School may have a great opportunity for you!

- Become a member of the MHS Testing Team
- Flexible hours during the school day for \$35/hour
- No college degree necessary
- Work with awesome students as they complete state, standardized and Advanced Placement exams

Sharpen your #2 pencils and apply at www.d120.org



Go Mustangs!

