

September 9, 2022

Mustang Families,

Take a moment to read through important information listed below as well as view some highlights throughout the week.

If you have any questions, please call the Main Office at 847-949-2200.



Sincerely,

Alexandria Rios Taylor

Alexandria Rios Taylor, Principal

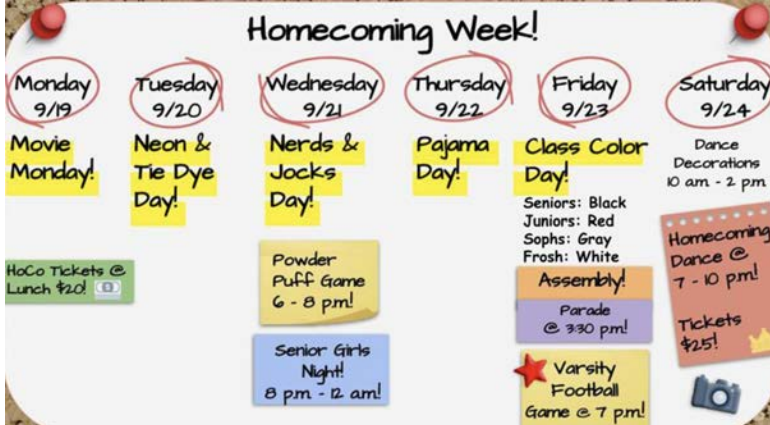
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Important Information

2022 Homecoming Information

We can't wait for our homecoming week events, starting Monday September 19! All families should have received homecoming ticket and dance information from Mrs. Libert via email this week. The communication that was sent can be found [here](#) in English and [here](#) in Spanish. Please reach out to Mrs. Libert (slibert@d120.org) with questions regarding homecoming. Also, view our [hoco website](#) for more information regarding bell schedule on Friday, September 23 and themed activities that week.



Alumni Tours

Mundelein High School students in the National Honor Society will host alumni tours at 10am on Saturday, September 24. Please complete [this form](#) if you are interested in participating.

Friday Focus

Click [here](#) for this week's Friday Focus.

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](#).

Rosh HaShanah & Yom Kippur

From September 25-27 some of our Jewish students will be observing Rosh HaShanah which marks the beginning of a 10-day period of introspection. It culminates with Yom Kippur, October 4-5 which requires a 24-hour fasting period and is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Some students may participate in additional prayers and observances throughout these dates and may be more tired than usual. We recognize that some students may be absent during this time and may require additional time to turn in assignments. Students are encouraged to speak directly to their teacher if they will need additional time for assignments or alternate dates for assessments. To learn more, click [here](#) or [here](#) for additional information.



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 [here](#) or [here](#) to learn more.



PSAT/NMSOT

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

YouScience

Exciting news! Beginning this month, 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.

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.

In the fall, students selected to participate in the STEAM Scholars program will have the opportunity to join Congressman Schneider on visits to four STEAM-related businesses and facilities during the 2022-2023 school year. On these visits, students will have the chance to participate in discussions with local employees, business owners, and educators, and learn more about the STEAM career opportunities in our backyard.

For more information and application information, click [HERE](#).

CCRC

This week we concluded our college planning lunch & learn workshops! Many students came to the CCRC during their lunch and learned about financial aid, the Common App, and college essay writing.



On Tuesday and Thursday we held two virtual events: Applying to College and Aplicando para la Universidad. If you missed these informative events, you can watch them [here](#).

College reps visited the CCRC this week. Check this [calendar](#) to see what colleges are visiting next week! Don't forget to register in [Naviance](#)!

On Thursday, September 15th, the CCRC is hosting two **virtual** events:

Noche de Ayuda Financiera- 6:00pm

Register [here](#)

Financial Aid Night- 7:30pm

Register [here](#)

Noche de Ayuda Financiera

15 de septiembre a las 6:00pm

Este es un evento virtual.

El enlace Zoom está en Naviance.



Financial Aid Night

September 15th at 7:30pm

This is a virtual event.



Zoom link is on Naviance.



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.**



BusBulletin

Would you like to know when your student's bus is going to be late?

For Mundelein bus routes, Lakeside Transportation is using Bus Bulletin notification system to notify parents and students when there are bus delays and schedule changes.

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*

Fiestas Patrias









Yearbook Highlights

Maya Alsayed and Angelica Zillmer wearing their Adam Sandler outfits for Theme Thursday.”-Holly Scaramella ‘25



Pictures Taken by Brenda Guadalupe '25





“Jazz Band’s First rehearsal after the MHS group, Focal Point, at the local cafe, Area Coffee in Mundelein, IL.”
-Holly Scramella ‘25



“KayLyn Kulig ‘26 and Shayla Fuentes ‘26 practice their shading skills.”-Brenda Guadalupe ‘25



“The show choir practicing their reverb choreo.” -Ashlyn Hedtke ‘26



Athletics

Girls Soccer - Spring 2022 - Coaches Corner Seong Ha

I just wanted to share [this announcement](#) today from the United Soccer Coaches National Office with the 2022 Mundelein Girls' Varsity Soccer team being named one of 185 schools for the High School Team Academic Award with a team GPA of 3.71! GO MUSTANGS!

Girls Tennis - Coaches Corner - Derek Gablenz

Girls tennis update - Junior #1 singles player Gabi Lipske (right) and Senior #2 singles player Leila Moon (left) have a combined record of 17-3. The team has started their NSC schedule and will compete in the Grayslake Central Invite this weekend.



Girls Diving - Coaches Corner - Melissa Sethna

The girls Varsity diving team had their first 11 dive meet this weekend. Charlotte Oliver placed 4th and Addison Hagel placed 5th.



Girls Volleyball - Coaches Corner - Calae Campbell & Beth Willis

Now that we are in the swing of things, Girls Volleyball continues to improve. Serving, passing, and serve receive have gotten more consistent as the teams put some game experience under their belts. With another

win against Wauconda, our confidence is growing as well. We are looking forward to next week's matches against Grayslake North on Monday and against Waukegan on Wednesday. Congratulations to our Sophomores who took third place in the silver bracket this past weekend playing five grueling matches at their weekend tournament. Keep up the good work! Go Mustangs!



Boys Soccer - Coaches Corner - Sebastian Falinski

The Boys Soccer Program along with Warren High School will be hosting a Mental Health Awareness Night on Sept 20. Free giveaways for fans will be in abundance while supplies last. Come out and enjoy a great atmosphere supporting a great cause.



Girls Golf - Coaches Corner - Tom Kuhn

The Mustangs earned their first dual meet victory of the season Friday 9/2 over Highland Park. Senior Alex Devine led the way with a career low 49, followed by seniors Lucy Vecchie, Taiyler Egbert and Alyssa Johnson.

On Tuesday 9/6, Lucy Vecchie shot a 48 in a loss to Warren on the very challenging Bittersweet golf course.



Boys Cross Country - Coaches Corner - Kurt Rutz

Last week the team was at the **Art Campbell Lake County Invitational**, named for our very own, legendary XC and Track coach. Our Mustangs had a great night, demonstrating how much we've already improved over last year. The varsity squad took 6th out of 16 teams, after taking 14th last year. We beat all 5 of the conference teams who were there. The team was led by sophomore **Javier Mata**, who took 3rd overall in only his 2nd high school XC race. Sophomore **Alberto Diaz** also earned All-County honors with his 15th place

finish, with junior **Tom Russ** close behind in 18th. Junior **Nick Schwenk** took 80th sophomore **Logan Ramirez** took 92nd, and sophomore **Finn Keegan** took 104th.

In the Open Race we were led by a pair of freshmen, as **Andrew Weaver** took 2nd out of 217 runners, and **Nathan McCreight** took 11th as our open squad also took 6th. Junior **Ethan Moy** took 24th, sophomore **Damian Harrison** took 41st, and freshman **Elijah Mendoza** took 46th to close out the scoring.

A tough 5k course to open on, and I'm thrilled with all our performances.

This week our home opener was moved given downed trees on the home course. We were appreciative that Warren Township HS let us host the meet on their course. A great effort by our Mustangs followed as we beat Libertyville 23-32, and Warren 21-34. **Tom Russ** led the way as the overall winner in a fine time of 16:10. **Javier Mata** and **Alberto Diaz** took 3rd and 4th overall. **Finn Keegan** ran his best race ever, finishing 4th for the Mustangs, and 9th overall. Freshman **Nathan McCreight** closed out the Mustang scoring by taking 12th overall.

Alumni Update: Nathan Clapp ran his first marathon this past week. Congrats to Nathan!

Next Meet: The team travels to the **Lanphier Invitational** in Springfield to run against team from across the state – always a good measure of where we stand outside of Lake County. The team then returns to the Waukegan Sports Complex against Waukegan and Zion-Benton on Tuesday, September 13th.



Girls Cross Country - Coaches Corner - Carsyn Rodriguez

Post-workout Friday Funday (AKA the BEST Friday Funday): Scavenger Hunt! Absolutely love the fun these girls have working together and making memories! Congrats to the winning team this year: The Dogs! (Featuring MHS boys XC for “Photo of an athlete from another MHS team”)



Great Labor Day practice this morning followed by a team breakfast at Ellie’s afterwards! Proud of these ladies’ hard work and love the team bonding and fueling afterwards!



Last week's Runner of the Week: SO Vivi Gonzalez! Vivi has shown her toughness and enthusiasm for running in just her first couple weeks with us. Vivi is a hard-working model by example and brings joy and laughter to everyone around her!



Some great performances at the Lake County Invite! Varsity took 12th & had 2 course bests. Our Open crew did outstanding with 2 in the top 15, including FR Molly Price taking 2nd! We finished 4th overall in the Open w/ 3 more course bests & 10 who ran their first HS race ever!





Previous Reminders

Technology Use

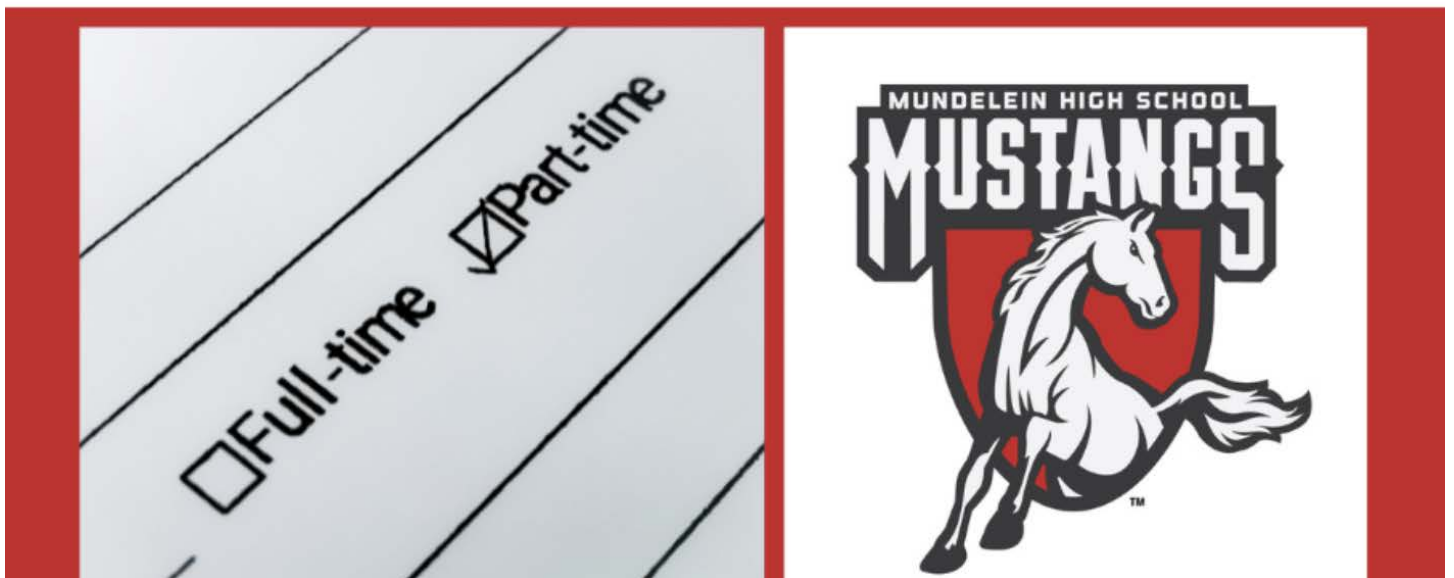
Students will utilize technology to support their learning in class. Students are reminded to use their Chromebooks and cell phones appropriately at all times. For further information about technology use, please refer to the student handbook located on the District web page - [2022-2023 Student/Parent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

