



A weekly principal's blog to share what is happening at Mundelein High School!

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Friday, February 17, 2023

Mustang News: Principal's Blog

Families,

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: [5 Essential Survey](#).

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.



In partnership,
Alexandria Rios Taylor

Principal
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Important Dates

Monday, February 20 - Presidents' Day - No School



[Friday Focus](#)

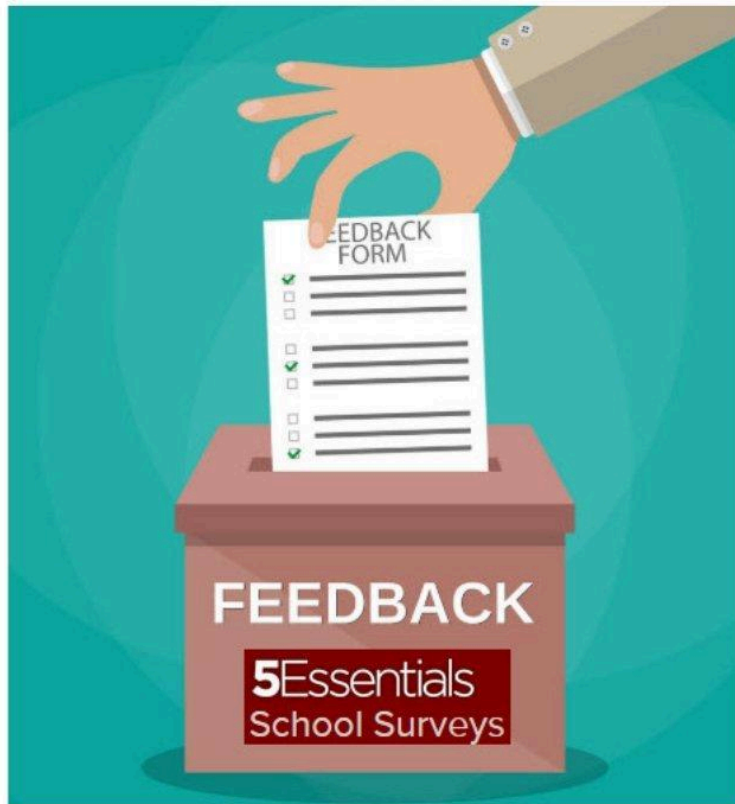
MHS 2023-2024 Registration is Now Open

**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



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

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

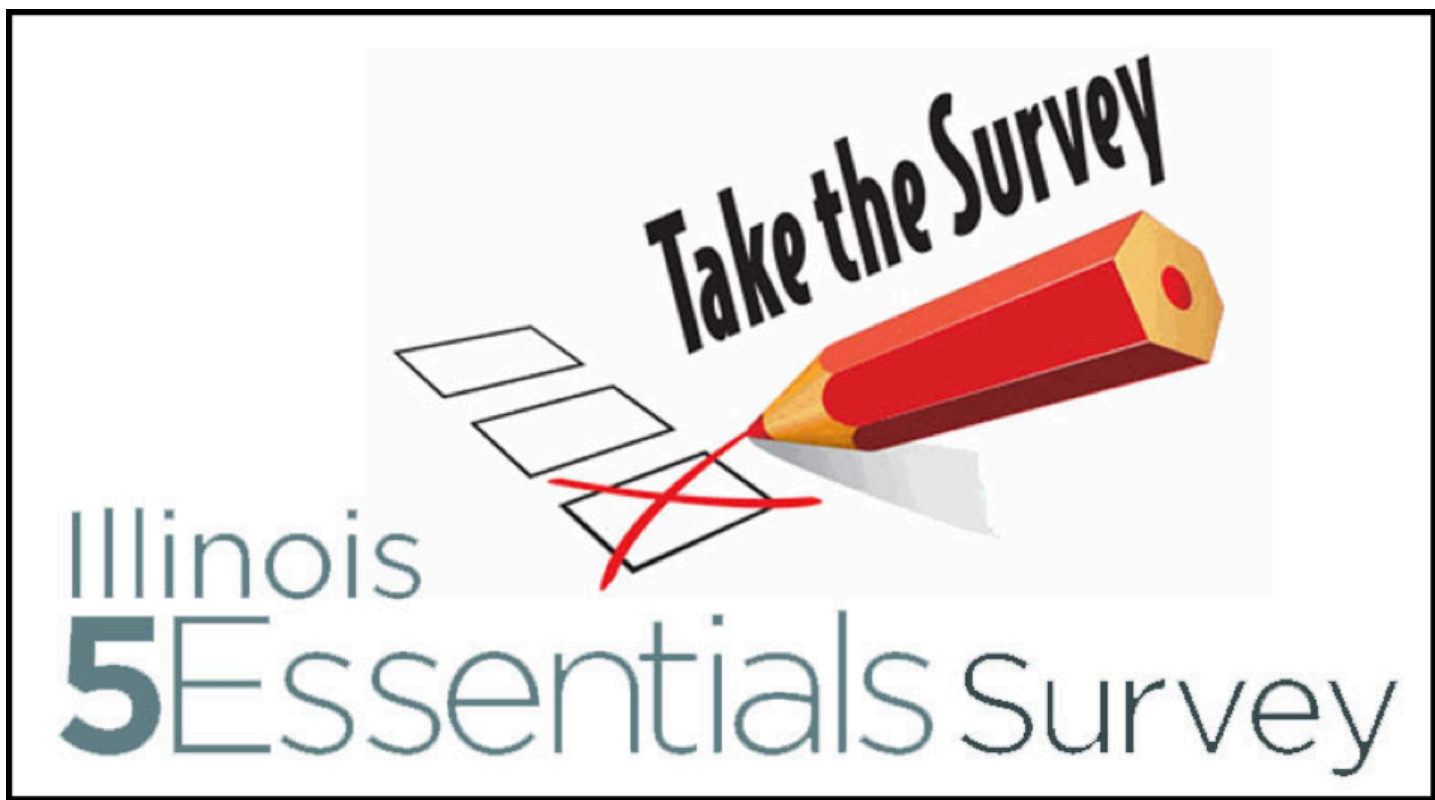
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Black History Month

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

Naomi Cabachuela, Tyler Bell and Marila Ramos, all seniors, at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine's immersive health care program HPREP in Chicago. Weekly sessions give depth to multiple medical disciplines as well as provide scaffolding for success in health careers.



Max Keil, Emilio Garcia, Damian Harrison, Nia Buxton, Kristina Spada, Sreya Kannappan, Ciara West, Ava McQuain, Azael Sanchez
(Seated) Michael Nunez, Gwen Alviar, Brandon Schwab, Sara Choi

First Place Students

Remote Sensing Nia Buxton, Gwen Alviar

Write It Do It Sara Choi, Sreya Kannappan

Scrambler Michael Nunez, Emilio Garcia

Third Place

Flight Max Keil, Damian Harrison, Gwen Alviar

Trajectory Ciara West, Ava McQuain

Forestry Ciara West, Ava McQuain

Fourth Place

Scrambler Azael Sanchez, Kristina Spada

The Mundelein High School Science Olympiad team posted its best showing ever, with gold medals in three categories.

Overall 13th place finish (30 teams) for Varsity and 9th place (of 24 teams) for Junior Varsity.

Mundelein High School 2023 Science Olympiad Team





Class of 2023 Important Information

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

IMPORTANT Class of 2023 INFORMATION

Staff Recognition

Congrats to our Mustang Pride Staff Recipients!



Maggie Kirkman (nominated by Kandace Tyrrell)



Emily Auston (nominated by Jim Drier)



Su Bharadwaj (nominated by Melissa Sethna)

Student Life



Spirit Week:
2/20-2/24

2/20:

Mismatched Monday

2/22:

White Out Wednesday

2/23:

Tacky Sock Thursday

2/21:

Twin Tuesday

2/24:

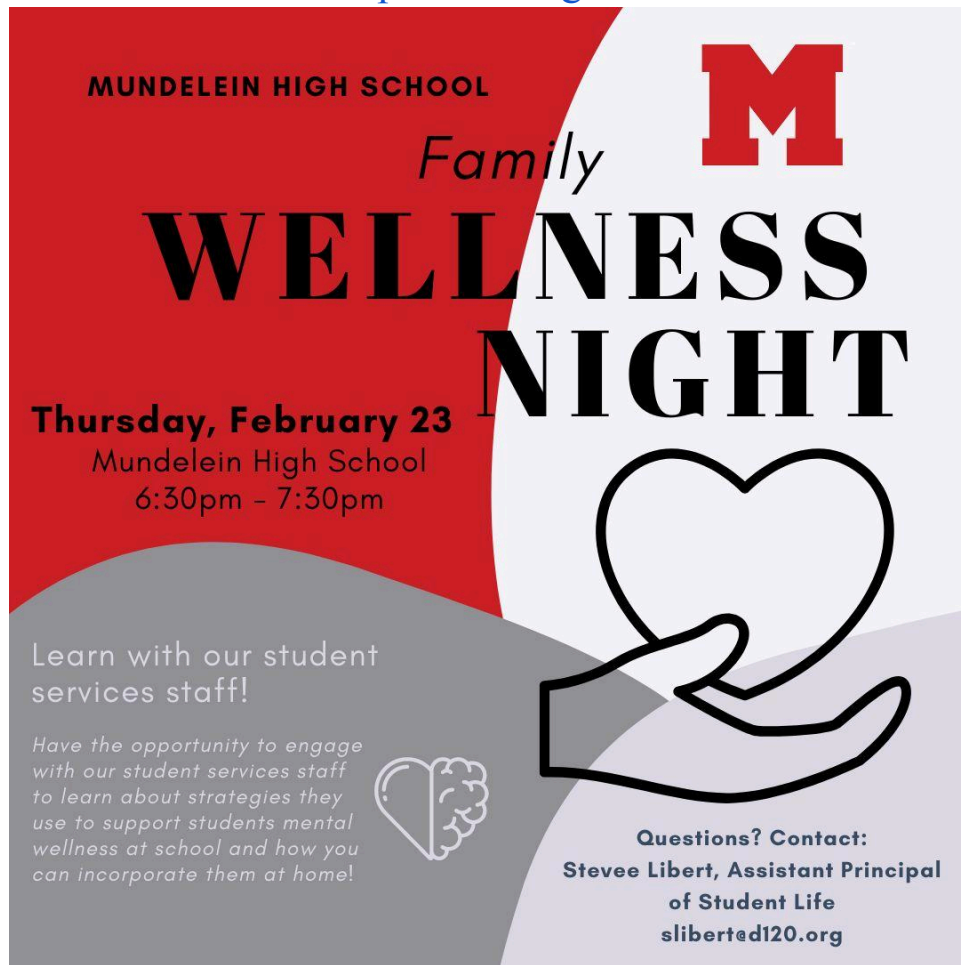
Flannel Friday



Student Services Parent Nights:

- Student services will be hosting an upcoming family education event around family wellness. Our staff will share information about strategies they use to support student mental wellness and how you can incorporate this at home with your students! Learn about the importance of mental wellness and the impact our services can have on your student's success.

- RSVP to attend here: <https://forms.gle/f8UEWPHoJ6YcDoPx9>

The poster features a red and grey background with a large white 'M' logo. The text 'MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL' is in black, 'Family' is in a script font, and 'WELLNESS NIGHT' is in large, bold, black letters. The date and time 'Thursday, February 23' and '6:30pm - 7:30pm' are listed. A graphic of a hand holding a heart is on the right, and a brain icon is on the left. Contact information for Stevee Libert is at the bottom right.

MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL

Family

**WELLNESS
NIGHT**

Thursday, February 23
Mundelein High School
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Learn with our student services staff!

Have the opportunity to engage with our student services staff to learn about strategies they use to support students mental wellness at school and how you can incorporate them at home!

Questions? Contact:
Stevee Libert, Assistant Principal
of Student Life
slibert@d120.org

ESCUELA PREPARATORIA MUNDELEIN

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NOCHE DE

BIENESTAR FAMILIAR

jueves, 23 de febrero
Escuela Preparatoria Mundelein
6:30pm - 7:30pm

¡Aprende con nuestro personal de servicios estudiantiles!
¡Tenga la oportunidad de interactuar con nuestro personal de servicios estudiantiles para conocer las estrategias que utilizan para apoyar el bienestar mental de los estudiantes en la escuela y cómo puede incorporarlas en casa!



¿Preguntas? Contacte a:
Stevee Libert, Subdirectora de Vida Estudiantil
slibert@d120.org

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!"

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.

What will YOU make in 2023?

Sign up to be a Maker

Maker Faire Lake County is a great place to showcase the projects you or your students are creating. Think about those amazing builds happening in PLTW,

Entrepreneurship focused classes, as well as robotics or other after school clubs. Looking for inspiration, sneak a peek at the Makers from 2022. The application opens Feb 1, 2023.

Participate in the Robotics Competition

High school students may participate as part of a school team, on a team formed independently, or by signing up for the Lake County Robotics Competition Engage class. The Engage CLRC class will meet on Saturdays live in person at the Grayslake Campus AND Lakeshore Campus in Waukegan: 9AM-Noon in February, March, and April. To register for the LCRC Explore class: Engage Registration The competition will be held during the Maker Faire. Interested in learning more? Attend the kickoff on **Jan. 28th** at 10am in room T114 at the College of Lake County campus.

Younger students interested in robotics may register for CLC's 4H Robotics Spin clubs, which will also meet on the same day (Saturdays) from February to March. Explore Program The 4H Robotics teams will participate in the 4H Robotics Showcase at CLC on April 22nd. Participants will also be invited and encouraged to demonstrate their robots at Maker Faire Lake County,

Volunteer to host a booth

Not quite sure what your project could be, but you still want to get involved? Or maybe you are looking for a way to earn community service hours. We are in need of volunteers to host a booth where we provide the activity and the training. Or maybe you are more comfortable with setup and providing general assistance. You provide the energy and we will provide the fun. Sign up to volunteer.

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 28th 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](#)

Free SAT prep in the Literacy Center!

[Free SAT prep](#)

[MHS Manufacturing Pathways](#)

CCRC

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>

Scholarships

Joseph P. Arrigo

TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

There are two \$1200 scholarships available to students pursuing a degree in education. Applicants must be attending a two-year or four-year college next fall.

**Due by noon on Friday
March 24, 2023**



DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION FUTURE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

**FOR FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS PART OF AN ETHNIC
GROUP UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE EDUCATION
PROFESSION THAT NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR
COLLEGE**

THIS APPLICATION REQUIRES:

- **TRANSCRIPT**
- **REFERENCES FROM 2 MHS STAFF MEMBERS**
- **WRITTEN RESPONSE**

DUE: 12PM MARCH 24, 2023





MASC

**MUNDELEIN
AFTER SCHOOL
COALITION
SCHOLARSHIP**

**MASC IS REWARDING STUDENTS WITH A
\$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP THAT EXPRESS
TRAITS OF CITIZENSHIP, SERVICE, HARD
WORK, CHARACTER, HUMILITY, RESPECT
AND CARING.**

DUE: MARCH 22ND



The Warrior Scholarship

In Memory of Omar Spitz

The \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to one Mundelein High School student.

- Must be a graduating senior at Mundelein High School
- Must submit a high school transcript
- Upon acceptance, the scholarship will be paid directly to the school.
- Must be intending to pursue a degree in Nursing or Fire Safety

Due Date: Friday, March 31, 2023

Omar's Story

Omar was an AMAZING 4 year old boy that lived a short yet FULL life. He was sweet, sometimes grumpy, persistent, easy to love, silly, playful, and courageous. Omar loved fire trucks, Paw Patrols, garbage trucks, fishing, Dunkin Donuts, playing with his sisters, and driving around his neighborhood, across from MHS, on any one of his 3 Power Wheels! He wanted to be a Firefighter but his true passion was cars. Omar is the son of Mrs. Spitz, a special education teacher here at Mundelein High School.

Before Omar was born, he was diagnosed with a serious congenital heart defect (CHD) called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). 1 out of 100 babies born have a congenital heart defect and 1 out of 3,841 babies are born with HLHS. Omar was born with a Left Ventricle that was underdeveloped and not able to do its job, which is to pump oxygenated blood to the body. Some people describe this condition as having half of a heart. In order for Omar to survive, he had to undergo 3 open heart surgeries, all between a few days old to about 4 years old, with an almost indefinite possibility of a heart transplant in his future.

Omar had his 3rd open heart surgery on October 12th, 2021 and devastatingly, did not survive the complications after this surgery and we said goodbye, for now, to our beautiful boy on October 29th. Throughout his life, Omar braved many doctor appointments, procedures, and surgeries. Despite everything he weathered, Omar LIVED his life to the FULLEST and was LOVED immensely by so many people!

#OMARSARMY



Athletics

Special Olympics Basketball Coaches Corner

Please see the link below for gear to support the Special Olympics basketball team as they head to state. The store will close on Monday February 20th to allow enough time to get the items for the state walk and big game.

<https://ultimate-screen-printing.printavo.com/merch/mhsspecialolympics>

Thanks for your support.

Go Mustangs!

Gymnastics Coaches Corner

Isla and Lexie are off to State! The State Girls Gymnastics competition will be held at Palatine High School on Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18. Please join us in congratulating and cheering on Isla as she competes on beam and Lexie as she competes on bars! Good luck ladies!

Mundelein is proud of you!



Boys Swim/Dive Coaches Corner

The Boys Swimming and Diving team placed 3rd at the NSC Championships this past weekend. Eddie Serrano won the 500 free and Johnny Anno placed 3rd in the 11 dive competition where he also broke the school record for 11 dives. Johnny

now owns all of the diving school records! Other NSC Medalists included: Joey Kafka, Alec Sethna, David Tatevosian and Matt Willis. Our NSC All- Conference athletes included: Johnny Anno, Eddie Serrano, Alec Sethna, David Tatevosian and Matt Willis. Honorable Mention NSC All-Conference athletes were Zach Gonzalez and Joey Kafka. The team competes this weekend at the Lake Forest sectional with state berths on the line.





JV divers taking 1st, 2nd and 4th over the weekend at the NSC meet



Varsity divers coming in at 3rd and 5th place at the NSC meet. Johnny Anno (middle white t-shirt) now has the MHS school record for both 6 dives and 11 dive records. Congratulations!



Matthew Willis NSC sportsmanship award winner



Girls Bowling Coaches Corner

Sectionals were held at Classic Bowl in Morton Grove. Brianna Merner bowled an 1107, taking 9th place as an individual and 16 place overall. Samantha Sciortino bowled a 1079 earning 35th place overall. Both athletes bowled well, picking up 10 pin conversions and hitting their shots. Although they did not earn a place at state, they did a tremendous job! Great season to the Girls Bowling team!



Wrestling Coaches Corner

Over the weekend the Varsity had Sectionals at Barrington High School where top 4 wrestlers advanced to the State Meet this week in Champaign IL. Mundelein had 6 Sectional Qualifiers: 120 Bryce Durlacher, 126 Benji Albavera, 138 Ethan Thomas, 145 Kevin Hernandez, 160 Ty Murray, and Abisai Hernandez. K. Hernandez went 2-2 as a Sophomore at 145 in a tough weight class. Duralcher and Albavera came one match short to advance to the State Tournament and Abisai Hernandez pulled through taking 4th in Sectionals to advance to the State Tournament at 220lbs as a Sophomore. Benji Albavera is on deck as an alternate if any changes are made in his weight class in his Sectional. Good Luck Mustangs and enjoy the trip to CHAMPaign.

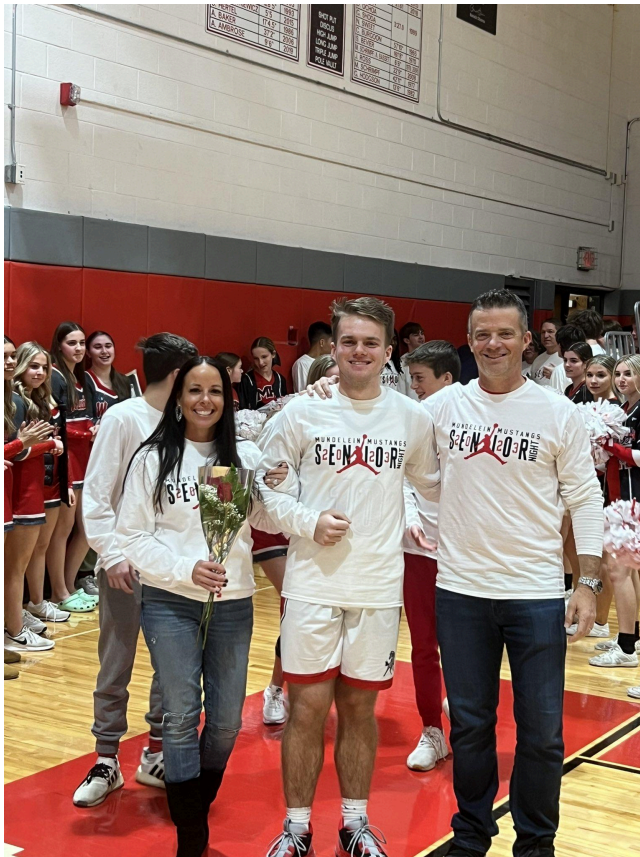


Senior Nite Corner

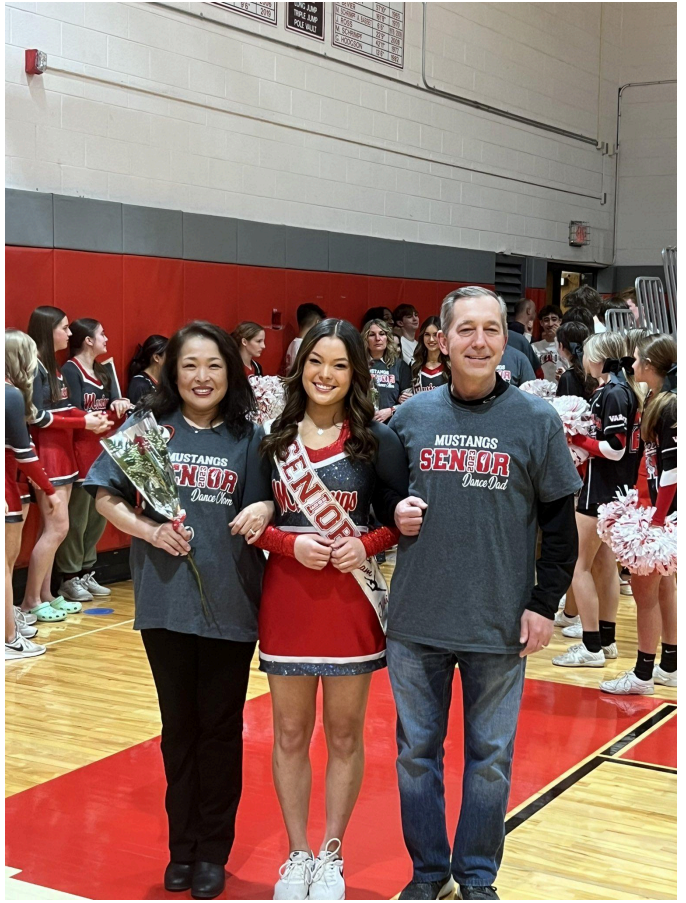
Saturday 2/11 MHS honored its boys basketball, cheer and dance seniors.

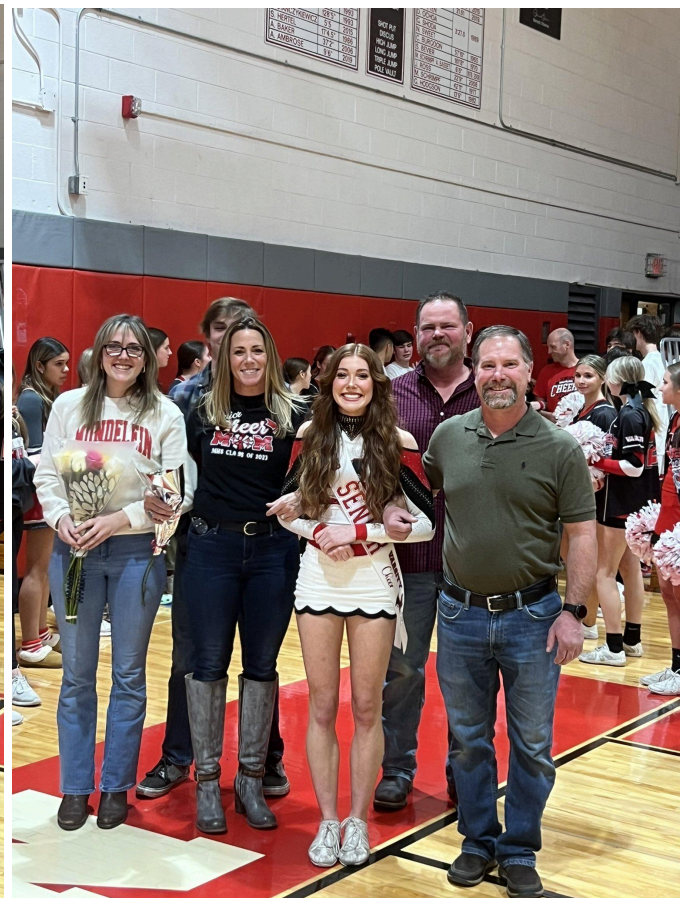
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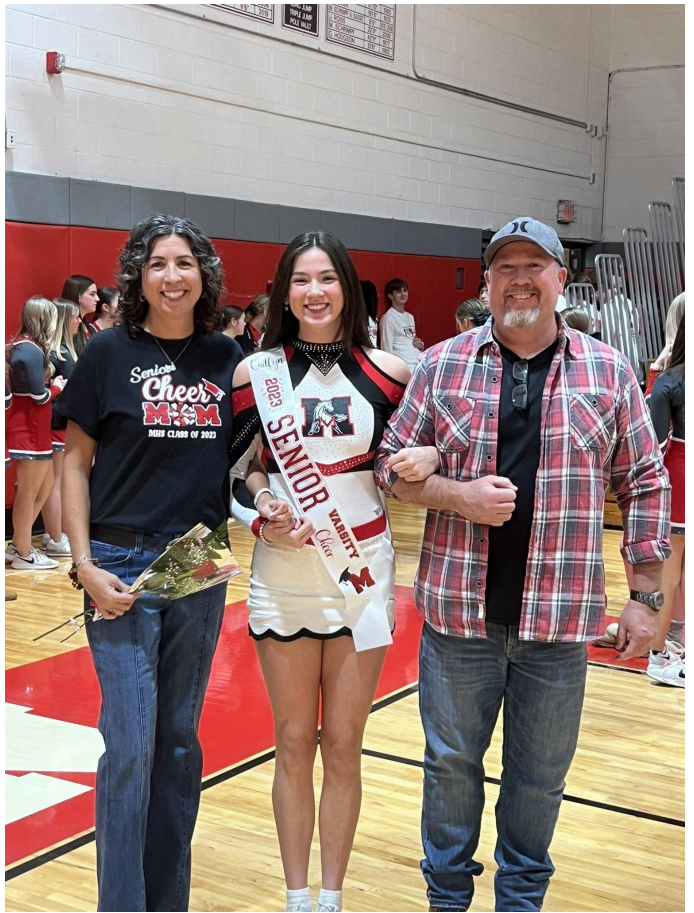
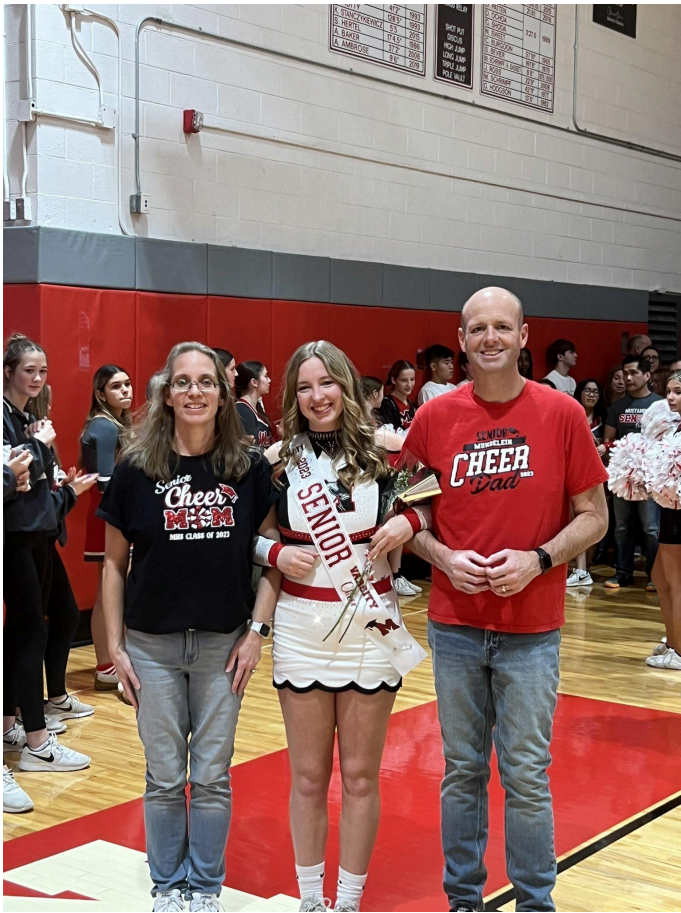
















Boys Basketball Coaches Corner

BOYS BASKETBALL DEFEATS ARCHRIVAL STEVENSON IN FINAL HOME GAME.

On Tuesday, the boys basketball team defeated Stevenson 56-48 in front of a great and active crowd. The boys started the game with a 9-0 run and never lost the lead the rest of the game. The team clearly played their best basketball at the right time by sharing, trusting, and dividing responsibilities until victory was claimed. It was a complete team effort.



The crowd consisted of many, but especially the girls basketball team and the basketball feeder programs as well as other interested teams. We have seen in road games how important large, active, and excited crowds are to team success.

Boys basketball plays in the IHSA Regional semi-final game next Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 pm vs. Warren at Warren-Almond campus. A great Mundy crowd would be appreciated. Make it our gym that night.



Special Note: Michael Farina has set a new record for Mundelein boys basketball. Michael had drawn 37 charges this season, previously set by Navjot Singh when he ended the season with 35. Additionally, Michael has set a single game record

collecting 6 charges vs. Lake Zurich on Feb. 7. This breaks the previous record of 5, also set by Singh.

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!

Open Gyms

All volleyball enthusiasts are invited to join us for Open Gyms which will be held in the main gym



Fundraisers

RAISE SOME DOUGH

Help support us!

20% of sales will benefit
MUNDELEIN MUSTANGS BASEBALL TEAM

February 20, 2023
All Day
1575 South Lake Street

In Cafe • Drive-Thru • Pick-Up • Delivery

Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

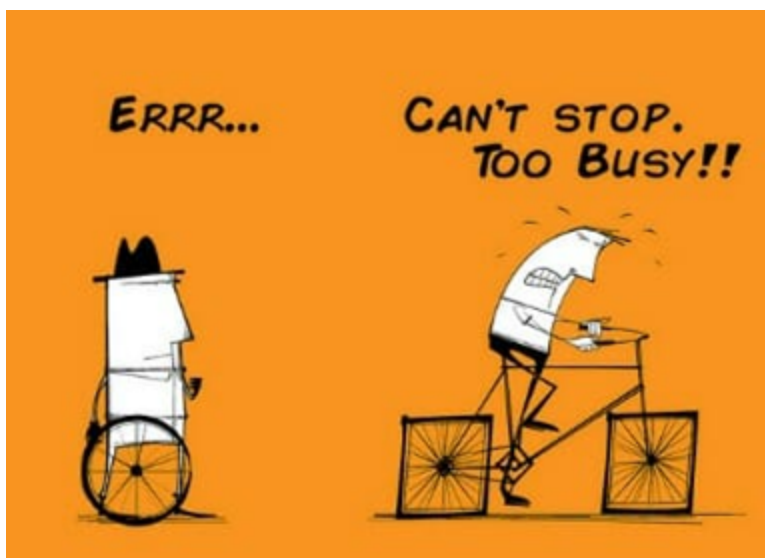
Panera
FUNDRAISING



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 for 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** 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?	
	Chronic Absences: 9 or more days		Ausencias Crónicas: 9 días o más
	Warning Sign: 5-8 days		Señal de advertencia: 5-8 días
	Good Attendance: 4 days or fewer		Asistencia Buena: 4 días o menos
Missing only one day each month is the same as missing 9 days in a school year = Chronic absences		Faltar solo un día cada mes es lo mismo que faltar 9 días en un año escolar = Ausencias crónicas	
When a student has chronic absences , it is difficult to catch-up		Cuando un estudiante tiene ausencias crónicas , es difícil ponerse al día	
Valid Excuses for Absences: <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		Excusas válidas para las ausencias: Enfermedad (incluye la salud mental) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Observancia</u> de una fiesta religiosa.• Muerte en la familia inmediata• Emergencia familiar• Otras situaciones aprobadas	
<u>Have you decided:</u> <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?”		<u>Has decidido:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ¿Cuántos días son “demasiados” días para perder en un año escolar?• ¿Cómo definiría “buena asistencia?”	
<small>*Mundelein High School Permits 8 excused absences per semester.</small>		<small>*Mundelein High School permite 8 ausencias justificadas por semestre.</small>	

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/>