

# MUNDELEIN



# HIGH SCHOOL



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August 1, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year at Mundelein High School! This year, we are returning to one of our central themes **"Yes, We Can"**, emphasizing the power of possibility, determination, and collective achievement. This theme recognizes the endless possibilities of all that we can accomplish together.

Our "Yes We Can" culture empowers students to build confidence, develop leadership skills, and embrace their potential both in and beyond the classroom. This same mindset drives our cell phone expectations—when students say "Yes, I can be fully present," they create space for authentic connections and meaningful learning experiences.

You'll also see our "Yes We Can" spirit in action through our Phase 1 construction project now underway! We're building 8 new instructional spaces for next school year, and yes, we can complete this expansion while maintaining full access to parking and minimizing classroom disruptions. Thank you for your patience as we grow together!

Here's to a fantastic 2025-2026 school year!

**Yes, we can!**



**¡Sí, se puede!**

**Go Mustangs!**



Sincerely,

*Dr. Alexandria Rios Taylor*

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## Important Dates

**Aug 1** - Yearbook Pickup  
**Aug 6**- New Student Orientation, 2pm  
**Aug 7**- Freshman Orientation, 8:40 am - 1:50pm  
**Aug 11**- Start of fall sports  
**Aug 13**- First Day of School  
**Aug 15**- Activity & Athletic Fair during lunch periods  
**Aug 15**- Back-to-School Bash, 6:30-9pm  
**Aug 18**- Athletic Parent Night, 7pm Auditorium  
**Aug 28**- Open House, 5:30-8:00pm in Auditorium  
**Sep 1**- No School (National Holiday)  
**Sep 10**- Picture Day  
**Sep 12**- Early dismissal 12:35pm (Homecoming Parade)  
**Sep 13**- Homecoming Dance  
**Sep 19**- Late Start, classes begin at 9:40am  
**Sep 30**- Early dismissal 12:35pm (Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00pm)  
**Oct 3**- No student attendance - Parent Teacher Conference (8-11am, 12-2pm)



### Are you a new Freshman?

All new students will attend a very special orientation on Thursday, August 7 from 8:40am-1:50pm. You will receive more information on bus routes if your child is assigned a bus during the school year. Parents are welcome to drop their students off at the main entrance. All guardians should have received [THIS](#) letter via email. Reach out to [linkcrew@d120.org](mailto:linkcrew@d120.org) if you have not received the parent letter. More information can be found [here](#).

### Are you a transfer student?

All new students and parents are welcome to attend a transfer student tour on Wednesday, August 6 from 2:00pm - 3:30pm. During this time you will receive a guided tour of the building, pick up your student chromebook with log in information, receive a student path finder, and receive additional important school information. If your child is assigned a bus during the school year, you will receive information on bus routes as well.

### Are you a parent/guardian to a new student?

We invite all new student families to attend our New Student Parent Night on Wednesday, August 6th at 6:00 PM. This is an essential opportunity to learn about our school culture, academic programs, and support systems that will help your student thrive at MHS.

### Do you need registration support?

In-person registration support will be available on Wednesday, August 6 from 7:00-9:00 PM for families who have not yet completed their registration. Please note: Students cannot access their schedules until registration is complete. Please check our website for the complete list of documentation needed for registration that evening.

### How can I stay in contact with the Principal throughout the year?

As the year unfolds, I will continue to send out important information each Friday via the weekly [Principal's Blog](#) Principal's Blog. If you have any questions, please call the Main Office at 847-949-2200.

### What do I need to know to get the year started?

See below for everything you need to know in our comprehensive A-Z Back-to-School Information Guide. F

# **A-Z Back-to-School Information Guide**

## **Athletics**

All students planning to participate in a sport and their parents/guardians should attend Athletics Info Night on Monday, August 18 at 7pm in the Auditorium. Fall sports begin August 11 - further information may be found at [d120.org/athletics](http://d120.org/athletics) including [registration](#). Students must be registered and have a current physical to participate in tryouts. Physicals may be scheduled:

- AFC Libertyville, walk-ins welcome, no insurance required - \$40, 1366 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, 847-429-3481.
- Dr. Lawrence Amato MD, call to schedule, 1170 E. Belvidere Rd., #202, Grayslake, 847-566-0300.

Email [athletics@d120.org](mailto:athletics@d120.org) with any questions.

## **Bell Schedule & Calendars**

A District calendar can be found at <https://www.d120.org/events/> along with a copy of the [bell schedule](#) which features late student arrival.

## **Bus Routes**

Bus routes will be emailed to families by Wednesday, August 6.

## **Cell Phones**

Mundelein High School promotes a focused learning environment. Our cell phone expectations ([ENGLISH](#) / [ESPANOL](#)) require students to store their phones during instructional periods yet allow use during specific times like lunch and passing periods.

## **Drop-off and pick-up**

Students should enter school through the main entrance or the west entrance. Drop-off and pick-up of students by car occurs only in the east parking lot and stadium parking lot. Cars that enter southbound off of Midlothian will exit southbound back on Midlothian. Cars that enter off of Hawley will exit on to Hawley. The west and north parking lots are not for student parking or drop-off/pick-up.

## **Financial Assistance**

### **Fee Waiver/Free & Reduced Meal Program**

Mundelein High School offers an application to waive or reduce your child's school fees. Families

may also apply for Free or Reduced Meals (Breakfast and Lunch) at any time during the school year. Eligibility is based on family income per the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. ALL household members that receive ANY type of compensation (full-time employment, part-time employment, unemployment, alimony, child support, social security, workman's compensation, etc.) must report the gross (before taxes) income amount. If you wish to have your child's school year registration and meal fees waived or reduced to 40% of the applicable full fee values, you must submit the application ([English](#) / [Español](#)) to the Main Office including the income documentation required. For more information, contact Silvia Torres at 847-949-2200 Ext. 1488.

## **Freshman Advisory Mundelein (FAM)**

All 9th grade students will meet with their Freshman Advisory teacher on the first day of school during the first half of their lunch period. Freshmen should go to the room indicated on their schedule during their lunch period.

## **Freshman Orientation / New Student Orientation**

All new students will attend a very special orientation on Thursday, August 8 from 8:40am-1:50pm. You will receive more information on bus routes if your child is assigned a bus during the school year. Parents are welcome to drop their students off at the main entrance. All guardians should have received [THIS](#) letter via email. Reach out to [linkcrew@d120.org](mailto:linkcrew@d120.org) if you have not received the parent letter. More information can be found [here](#).

## **Health Requirements**

**All Freshman (9th graders):** Prior to the start of this school year, all 9th grade students must have a completed school health examination (not a sports physical) with a full list of immunizations that show proof of having two (2) doses of the varicella vaccine or documented proof of having the disease (chicken pox) and a dental exam.

**All 12th grade students:** Prior to the start of this school year, all 12th graders must show proof of having received the 2nd meningococcal vaccine. All students must show proof of having two (2) doses of mumps and rubella vaccine. (This will show as two MMR's –measles, mumps, rubella- on their vaccine record). Please check your child's

vaccine records. If a vaccine is needed, provide the nurse's office with documentation that the vaccination was given. For updated information, please view the MHS Nurses' webpage:  
<https://www.d120.org/activities/health-services/>

### **Lockers**

Lockers are available to be assigned for the upcoming school year. Please visit [this link](#) if you would like to reserve a locker.

### **Meals & prepayment**

[Quest Food Management Services](#) provides breakfast and lunch options for our students. Click [here](#) if you would like to create an account so that your student does not have to use cash. Students can then use their ID cards to pay for lunch, if funds have been placed into the account.

### **New Student Parent Night**

Parents of incoming freshmen and transfer/new students are invited to attend parent night at MHS on August 7 at 6pm. Parents will receive an overview of MHS. Students are not required to attend.

### **Open House**

Save the date to meet our faculty and administrative team on Thursday, August 28, 2025 from 5:30-8:30pm in the Auditorium.

### **Parking Passes**

All parking passes for the upcoming school year have been assigned. Email Joe Lendino at [jlendino@d120.org](mailto:jlendino@d120.org).

### **PowerSchool**

Power School is an essential tool for parents, students, and staff members at MHS. Many parents have found their access to real-time attendance and grades very beneficial in becoming more involved in their child's educational process. Power School passwords are the same for parents of returning students. Passwords for new students and incoming freshmen will be mailed home prior to Open House.

### **Registration**

All students must register each year. For more information about your student's specific registration requirements, please visit our registration page. In-person registration support will be available on Wednesday, August 6 from 7:00-9:00 PM for families who have not yet completed their registration. Please note: Students

cannot access their schedules until registration is complete.

### **School Supplies**

The following school supplies are recommended for all students.

- Calculator
- Colored folder or binders
- Highlighters
- Pens and pencils
- 2 notebooks
- Earbuds or headphones (wired)

### **Student Schedules**

All student course schedules will be emailed by August 11 for ***students who have completed the registration process***. If your child has not received a class schedule, the child may not be registered or registration is incomplete. For registration questions or for questions regarding student schedules, please call the MHS Guidance Department (847) 949-2200 ext. 1257.

### **Technology Campus**

Classes at Lake County High Schools Technology Campus begin on August 18. If your child is attending Tech Campus this year, you will receive a letter from Mr. Buenik, Guidance Department Chair. Please contact Mr. Buenik at 847-949-2200 ext. 1262 if you have any questions.

### **Transfer Student Orientation**

10th-12th grade transfer students can attend a special transfer student orientation on Wednesday, August 7 at 2:00PM.

### **Underclass Yearbook Photos**

Picture day is Wednesday, September 10 for all sophomores, juniors and any freshman not photographed during new student orientation. A retake and senior "yearbook only" day will take place October 29. Access the VIP ordering instructions [here](#).

### **Yearbook Pickup**

Pickup for the 2024-25 yearbook will begin on Friday, August 1, 2025, in the Main Office. Pickup hours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m..