MHS CORE VALUES: EQUITY GROWTH COLLABORATION

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

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Friday, October 28, 2022

## **Mustang News: Principal's Blog**

Mustang Families,

This week, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge all of the incredible work <u>our</u> <u>staff</u> offered our students <u>this week alone!</u> Hopefully, this fills you with pride and offers you insight into the tremendous impact our experiences provide our students. Pictures can be found below.

- HallowSTEAM Our science department (and even French Club!) hosted a fantastic evening of exploration and experimentation.
- **Mustang Morning** a student-run business, delivered by our students in our Supported learning program!
- **Spooktacular Shootout** -a riveting victory by our Mundelein Mustang students in our supported learning program against the Blue Devils of Warren Township!

- **Metamorphoses-** a spellbinding series of vignettes magnificently delivered by our Theater department.
- Black Student Union's Movie & Snacks a time for connection and togetherness.
- Environmental Club's Student petition Students petitioned for a more sustainable future within Mundelein.
- **Incubator development** Students sought input to develop their ideas into an innovative solution.
- **Raku** Art department helped students understand the art, history and science behind a Japanese style of pottery.
- **Football Banquet** Coaches, students and families gathering to celebrate the season and focus on building culture for next year.
- **AVID family presentations-** Help inform families understand how they can best support their kids!
- Coat Drive a community event that served and equipped our families with warmth and care.



In partnership,

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Principal

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## **Important Dates**

Nov 8 - No school (Election)

Nov 10 - Mustang Pride Breakfast

**Nov 11-** Late Start (9:40am)

Nov 11 - Veterans Day (more info below)

Nov 23 - No School (Thanksgiving break begins)

#### Halloween



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

- 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. Costumes that disrespect other cultures, genders, races, or religions

### Dia de los Muertos



Dia de los Muertos is a holiday celebrated from Nov. 1st - Nov. 2nd in Mexico and other Latin American countries that honors family and friends who have passed away.

During the holiday, families gather together to welcome back the spirits of departed loved ones by making ofrendas in their homes decorated with photos, food, and flowers (typically marigolds, or "cempasuchiles").

To honor this holiday, Puertas Club is going to set up a school-wide ofrenda on the Current Events board near the front security desk. Part of the ofrenda will feature printed digital ofrendas slides created by Puertas students and staff. Thank you for supporting Puertas Club and celebrating with us. We hope you have a reflective holiday remembering those you love!

- Sol Cabachuela, Joanna Rodriguez, Carsyn Rodriguez, and Puertas Club





## **Counseling**

### **TOUR OF TECH is November 3rd!**

Have you been considering a career in the automotive, culinary arts, law enforcement or the medical fields?

Did you know that you can receive valuable training in these career paths... along with many others... and earn college credit while you're still in high school?

If this sounds like the opportunity you've been waiting for, now is your chance to find out more. Take the Tech Campus Tour on November 3rd from 4:30-7:30pm. Stop by the Guidance Office today for more information.



## **Transition Night for Students with Disabilities**

## Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6pm – 8pm, Grayslake Campus, C105

On Wednesday, November 16th, The Access & Disability Resource Center at the College of Lake County will host a transition night to assist students with disabilities with transitioning to college. Deciding to attend college is a huge life step, and navigating the college environment with a disability can at times, be a daunting task. Come and learn how disability services change once high school ends, how students may gain support and accommodations, and how students lead the way. Let our office help!

College and Career Navigators will be on hand to answer questions about enrollment!

## 6pm – "Transitioning to College for the student with a disability" Room C105

Thomas Crowe, MSW, Director, Access & Disability Resource Center

This session will cover what students and parents will need to know about applying, gaining, and using accommodations in higher education. Not only do the changes in the law play an important role in how accommodations are acquired, but the role of the student and their interaction with college staff is equally, if not more, vital in this process. While CLC is discussed, the information from this session can be used throughout the country, and is applicable regardless of the college you choose!

## 6:45-8pm – Meet with ADRC staff Room - B171

While all of CLC's ADRC staff meet with students to acquire accommodations, each have a specialty, and in these sessions, each of the ADRC staff will be available to answer your specific questions, whether it be about assistive equipment, sign language interpreters, note takers, low vision aids, etc.. Accommodations in higher education are tailored to an individual, and we're sure you have questions! Pop in, get to know us, and ask away!!

# No RSVP needed - Should you have any questions, or need accommodations, please contact our office at ADRC@clcillinois.edu or at 847.543.2474

College of Lake County

Grayslake Campus

19351 W. Washington St.

Grayslake, IL 60030

#### **Athletics**

## **Boys' Cross Country - Coaches Corner Kurt Rutz**

Mustangs advance out of Regionals!

Javier Mata again led the team with a 2nd place finish. Javy did a great job of following his race plan and finished exactly where we believed he should. Alberto Diaz was next in 17th, with Tom Russ in 34th. Freshman Nathan McCreight came through huge, running his best race of the season, taking 44th, and Nick Schwenk closed out the scoring in 46th. Logan Ramirez took 58th and Finn Keegan took 63rd as our 6th and 7th men today.

## Buffalo Grove Race Car Rally

Our freshmen and sophomores participated in this unique race earlier in the week. It is named such because the top finishers receive Hot Wheels as awards.

The freshmen started things off with a solid effort over the 2.5-mile course. Nathan McCreight led the way with a 13th place finish, as the team took 6th in a very good field. Elijah Mendoza was next in 17th, with Andrew Weaver not far behind in 20th. Kessler Magrow took 39th, and Nathaniel Mendez took 49th, to round out the scoring. All 5 received Hot Wheels for their efforts. Just missing the top 50 were Chase Moy in 51st, James Glaskin-Clay in 60th, and Liam O'Neill in 64th. Great job, Freshmen.

In the sophomore race we were short-handed, but the guys who ran all placed high. Alberto Diaz took 5th overall, with Finn Keegan taking 13th. Javy Mata took 3rd, but the impressive thing about it was the way he did it. Javy was instructed to stay back for the first 2 miles to help with pacing. Just before the 2-mile mark Javy was in 12th place. Javy broke away at that point, going from 12th to 3rd in just over 1/2 mile. Now THAT'S moving!

Next Meets: Next Saturday, October 29th we will be competing at Busse Woods in the IHSA Sectional, with State Qualifying spots on the line. Hope you'll all come out to support us, because next Saturday will be A Great Day to Be a Mustang!







Alberto Diaz



Boys Cross Country at Regionals

## Girls Volleyball - Coaches Corner Calaeb Haire & Beth Willis

Congratulations to the senior volleyball players!



The Girls Volleyball season has come to an end with a tough loss to Palatine at Barrington High School in the IHSA Regional Match on Tuesday. We are so proud of all of our Varsity team and all our athletes who have worked hard this season. We are proud of the growth you have made, your dedication to the sport, and your commitment to each other. Next week, we will have our Awards program to honor that hard work and commitment that our Mustangs have made this season. We are grateful for the support the student body, staff and the Mundelein community showed toward all of our teams. We are already looking forward to next season. Go Mustangs!





The sophomore GVB team ended their season with a win over Lake Forest. They started 0-5 and went 20-3 to finish the season with a record of 20-8, 6-1 T- 1st in the NSC. (see photos below)





## Girls Basketball



Girls Cross Country - Coaches Corner Carsyn Rodriguez



Practice at the Regionals Course with a team dinner afterwards.





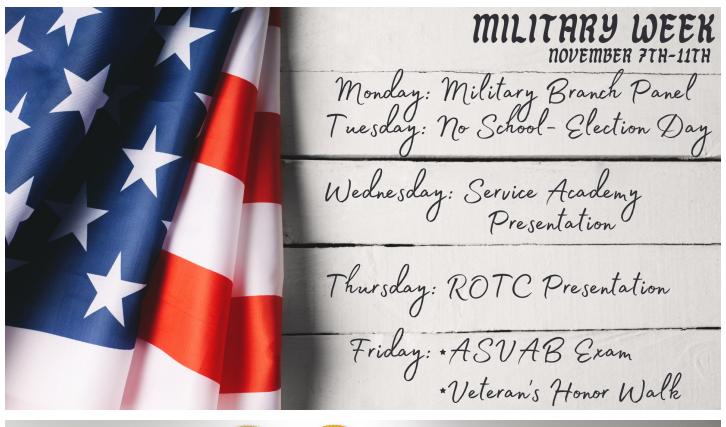
Despite last minute changes to our lineup due to one of our top 5 being sick, this group stepped up & fought hard at Regionals! CONGRATULATIONS to PRAISE & MOLLY for qualifying for Sectionals!! Shout-out to Julia for filling in at the last minute, & to Praise & Amber for their course PRs!



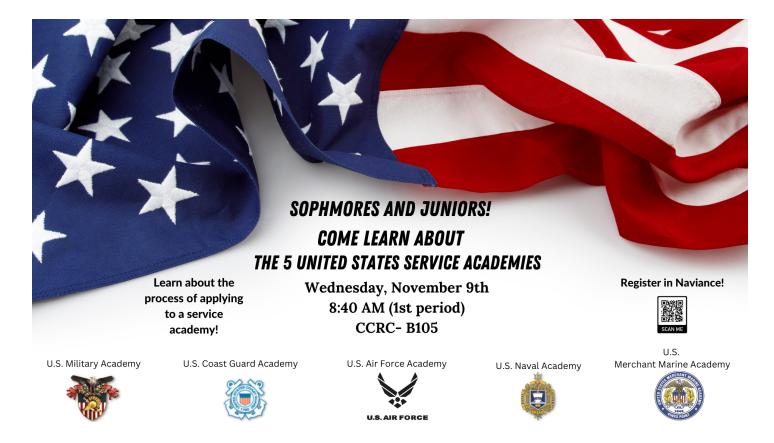


Last week's Runner of the Week: SR Praise Oyebanji! Praise, who finished 7th at Conference and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> individual Sectional Qualifier at Regionals, has been an incredible example of hard work & consistency over the last 4 years as she has run a Lifetime PR every season! On top of that, she's a fantastic leader & teammate!

**College and Career Center** 







During the week of November 7-11 Mundelein High School will be honoring all of our military branches during our Military Week. This week will highlight ways that students can choose to further their education while serving their country along with thanking our military veterans for their service.

Students are asked to pre-register for any event they would like to attend in their Naviance account. Registration will occur the same way it does for any college visit. After logging in, select "Colleges" at the top of the screen. Then select "College Visits" and scroll to the event you would like to attend. Click "Register" and confirm your registration! Be sure to put a reminder in your calendar so that you don't miss it. Head straight to the CCRC (B105) at the beginning of the class period and your attendance will be excused.



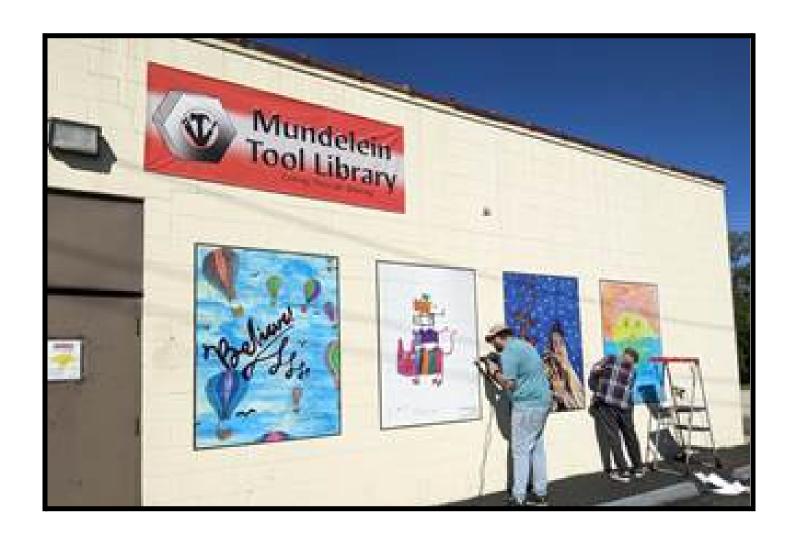
## This Week at MHS

#### **MHS Art Winner**

The Mundelein Arts Commission recently hosted a student art contest over the summer for kids ages 5-18 with the theme "Uplifting."

Our own, Ava McQuain, has won the art competition and now her work is included in a public mural!

Her artwork is featured on the south side of the Mundelein Tool Library building (428 N Chicago Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060) and visible from Hawley Street. Please stop by and see the amazing young local artists budding in our own community!



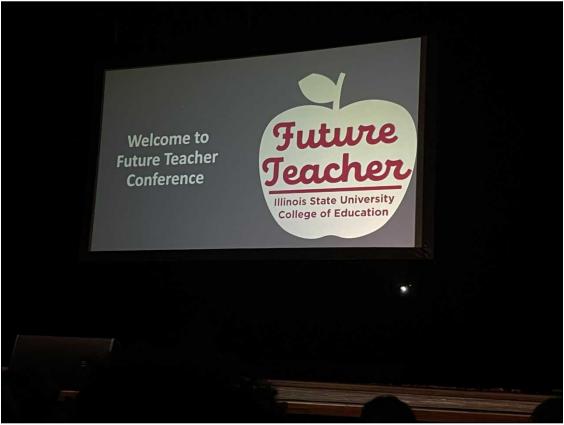
**Black Student Union's Movie Night** 



**ASPIRE Field Trip** 

Students from the ASPIRE Educational Pathway went to Illinois State University on Friday (October21) for the Annual Future Teachers Conference.









## **Mustang Mornings**

Students from our supported learning program hold a student-run business!







## Raku





## Metamorphoses



## Spooktacular Showdown

Our Supported Living Program's Spooktacular Showdown with our Associate Principal of Operations, Mr. Souza, serving as referee.





## **Environmental Club**



HallowSTEAM



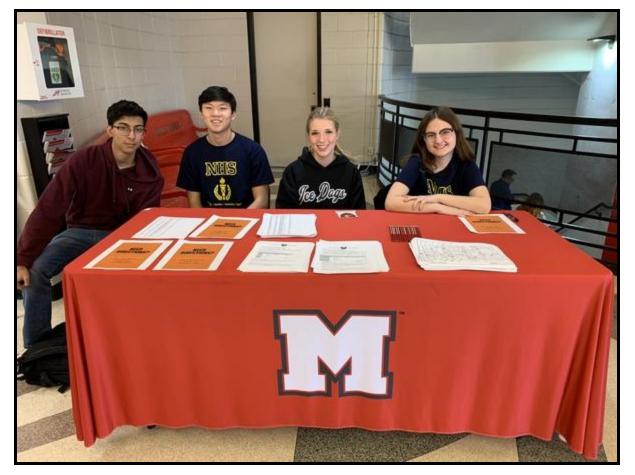






## **Peer/AP Tutors and NHS**

Peer/AP Tutors and NHS members help parents navigate MHS during parent teacher conferences.



Left-to-right: Hussain Razvi, Ian Xu, Eden Dombrowski, Gianna Horcher

#### Reminders

## 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 this Google form 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 in honor of Veterans Day.

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

#### **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: 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!



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