THE MUSTANG

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MUSTANGS AND BLUE DEVILS COME TOGETHER FOR ANNUAL SLP BASKETBALL GAME



By Mackenzie Patterson
Reporter

Mundelein hosted Warren Township on Friday, October 23rd, for the annual Halloween Hoopers basketball game. The game brought students, staff, and players' families together to cheer on both teams for a game focused on fun and school spirit.

The Mustangs faced the Blue Devils in Mundelein's main gym, where the crowd filled the stands and encouraged players throughout the game. The Mustangs came out on top, beating Warren and giving their home crowd plenty to celebrate. Players had the chance to show off their skills while classmates and supporters cheered them on from the bleachers.

This annual event has become popular at Mundelein, and school administrators have noted the enthusiastic fans and excitement from the players. The game is about more than just the final score. Both teams celebrated each other's successes, which created an energetic and supportive atmosphere. It brought two communities together while also having fun and representing their schools.

By the end of the game, the gym had showcased what the event was truly about: school spirit, student support, and teamwork.



Senior, Dylan Ibarra, gives a thumbs up during the game against Warren Township.
Photo Credit: Joana Juarez Mendoza

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING ON THE NEW CAFETERIA & CONSTRUCTION



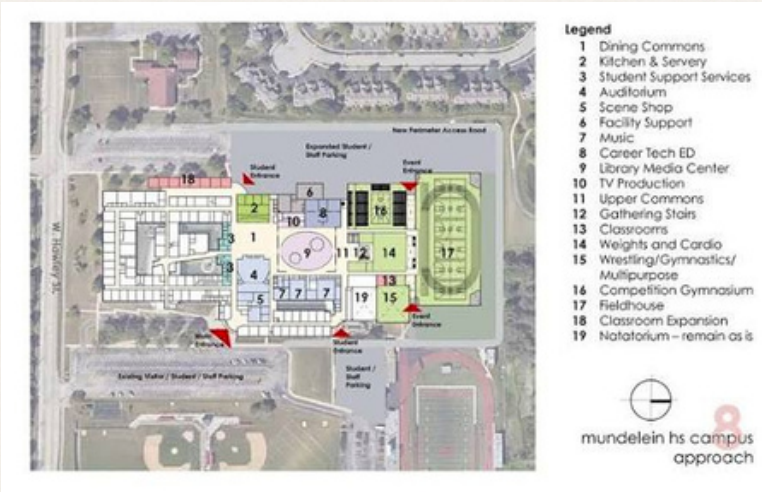
By Arpith Praveen
Reporter

New construction and renovations have been underway at Mundelein High School since August 2025, and there are still additional changes required to improve MHS beyond its current state. It has been a little over a month since the MHS School Year of 2026-2027 started. It continues to evolve as new construction and renovations shape the campus. The latest improvements include eight new classrooms on the west side of the B-Wing and a new entrance that leads to ongoing development, where a multi-gym area and other athletics facilities will be built. To understand how these changes are affecting the student body, I interviewed several students about their thoughts and opinions of the ongoing construction.

Question: What do you think of the ongoing construction on the school so far?
Freshman Talyn Fornal shared, "Now I think it's definitely a lot, especially because the school year started, but it's worth it to help our school out." Senior Bailey Pieske expressed optimism: "I think it's good, 'cause it's making the school bigger and able to fit a lot more students in it, so I think it'll be really good." And freshman Wesley Sayre offered a different perspective: "I mean, it's pretty annoying since we're only going to be able to use the construction for the last year, and we're going to have to have weird summers for the next 3 years. I mean, construction is good, and whoever's in the school next will be able to use it."

Question: Do you like MHS from previous years or from this year? Why?
Sophomore Matthew McNelly says, “I like this year because of the new classrooms, and more friends, and my new classes.” Senior Carlos Reyes expresses gratitude: “Mundelein High School from this year, I'll probably say, because I feel like the community is getting better, and Mundelein High School has improved, too. Like the new building that they're adding for the future generations, I think it's improving and going in a good direction.”

Question: What are your opinions about the new cafeteria?
The new cafeteria has attracted a lot of attention because of the major change people noticed over the summer. Freshman Isabella Silvestri says, “I think that it is very good, and better than the other lunchroom because it feels more spacious and more spaced out with the seating.” Freshman James Madison says, “Oh, I like it; I think it's modern, yeah. I think the food's good...” And lastly, Junior Blake Guenther replies, “I think it's pretty; it's a lot different than it was in my freshman and sophomore years. I think the open design is kind of odd, maybe a little bit more modern than any other cafeteria we had. I think it's a lot nicer; it's just, I don't know, do they even check IDs anymore? Like to get into the lunchroom?” Not really.
As Mundelein High School continues to change over the years, more students will have opinions on what is happening, and the public wants to hear them. All I know is this: we can’t wait to see what the construction team finishes next!



Mundelein Construction Map
Image Source: Mundelein High School website
Accessed via: https://www.d120.org/about-mhs/facilities-improvement-project/

LOOKING BACK AT HOCO: MUNDYPALOOZA!




By Sofia Cabachuela (left)
& Makenna Mazza (right)
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Enjoy our collection of some of our favorite photographs from Homecoming 2026: *Mundypalooza!*





Sophomores Rory Emmerling and Emily Luu represent Cross Country at the Homecoming Assembly.

Photo Credit: Sofia Cabachuella



Seniors Hunter Duitsman, Toby Heikes, Tyler Johnson, and Ashleigh Grosvenor-Miranda form a pyramid at the homecoming assembly.

Photo Credit: Sofia Cabachuela



Sophomore, Shane Nocera, celebrates beating out all the other classes in the final game of the annual homecoming school-wide rock, paper, scissors game.

Photo Credit: Makenna Mazza





The student section "throws up smoke" at the homecoming game.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING, MUSTANGS?

Weekly News For Students By Students

WEEK OF 11/2-11/6

SCHOOL-WIDE
ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEDNESDAY 11/4

CAREER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 4th in the DMR
Attend the careers in emergency management workshop period 3 and 5 in the DMR (by the Library). Register in SchooLinks

HOPE SQUAD Theme

HOPE SQUAD THEME: GRATITUDE

Mustangs, Remember to show gratitude in every way you can. It can really make a big impact on peoples lifes.



THIS WEEK

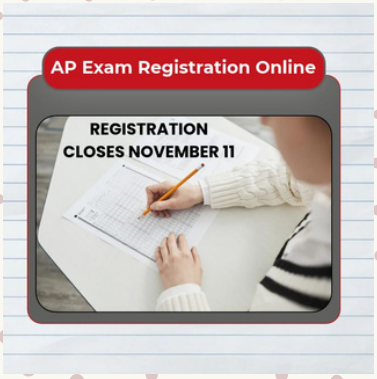
MUNDELEIN THEATRE PLAY

From Thursday to Saturday,
Come watch Mundelein Theatre's "Dancing at Lughnasa"

NEXT WEEK

AP EXAM REGISTRATION

NEXT WEEK, AP exam registration & payment due **NOVEMBER 11** at **3:30.** View the AP exam letter on the MHS website for more information!







MHS ATHLETICS

11/2-11-6

- **NO COMPETITIONS THIS WEEK**

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