

## MHS Clubs and Activities

### Spanish Club

The **Spanish Club** is an organization that enriches knowledge of Latino Culture. Students volunteer and participate in events around Mundelein and the greater Chicagoland area, and interact with Spanish speakers from around the world.

### Student Leadership

**Student Leadership** is an organization that oversees many student activities at MHS. Student Leadership consists of both the Student Council and the elected Student Senate. Student Leadership committees include: Activities, Community Building, Civic Leadership, Academics, Peer Jury, and Social Justice. Students gain many leadership skills such as public speaking, decision making, event decision making, event planning, and the ability to work effectively as a team.

### Temas Latinos

**Temas Latinos** is a Spanish culture club that has a variety of activities to offer students such as: community service opportunities, discussions on current Latino topics of interest, fieldtrip to one college per year, scholarship information, and participation in the Highland Park HS Academic Bowl, to name a few. A minimum of 20 community service hours per school year are required.

### Triathlon Club

**Triathlon Club** is a new club offered to all students who want to train for a triathlon. Students do NOT have to compete but it is highly encouraged. Students will be given the opportunity to practice swimming, biking ( indoors and outdoors) and running separately and also in combinations.

### Voices

**Voices** is the Mundelein High School Literary Magazine that features student work. All submissions are anonymously assessed and the works receiving the highest marks are published in the magazine at the end of the year. Students can submit poems, short stories, lyrics/songs, art, and photography.

### Yearbook

Learn how to capture the significant moments of the MHS school year that friends and family will treasure for the rest of their lives while producing the yearbook **The Obelisk**. Get to know the basics of photojournalism, journalism, graphic design, and marketing.



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## Academic Team

**Academic Team** members participate in scholastic bowl competitions against area high schools. Practice begins in October. Members compete with questions about history, literature, mathematics, science and the arts. Open to everyone.

## After School Coalition

**After School Coalition** is one of the most fun and rewarding ways to give back to the community. The overall goal of the ASC is to provide safe after school activities for adolescents.

## Asian Culture Club

The **Asian Culture Club** is a new club this year at MHS! We are a group of students who are interested in Asian cultures and many of the members have Asian heritage. The group gets together to talk about entertainment, food, clothing, current affairs, languages, food and social issues of Asian countries. All students are welcome to join and learn about and explore the diverse cultures of Earth's largest continent.

## Art Club

**Art Club** is open to students of all grade levels who are interested in creating art. Art Club offers visual art experiences for both the serious art student as well as the student who just wants to enjoy and appreciate art. There may be planned activities, student-led projects, or self-guided art exploration. Art Club is not a substitute for the Visual Art Classes offered at MHS.

## Band

**Marching Band** is an instrumental ensemble that performs during Mundelein High School football games and at local marching band festivals. The ensemble is comprised of all students enrolled in band. Students can participate through playing an instrument or being in the color guard.

**Honors Wind Ensemble, Honors Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band** meet as a class during the school day. These ensembles perform regular concerts in the MHS auditorium as well as participate in area festivals.

**Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Orchestra** meet as a class during the school day. These ensembles perform big band music and participate in festivals throughout the Midwest. These ensembles provide students one-on-a-part performing opportunities and spend time in a recording studio each year.

**Pep Band** is comprised of all students enrolled in a concert band and performs at boys and girls basketball games.



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## Newspaper

Learn how to track down and investigate interesting, real-life stories, including breaking news, human-interest articles and sports stories relevant to the MHS community. Conduct live interviews and then report findings in writing through print, online publication, and social media. Student reporters also learn how to enhance these stories with photographs and graphic design techniques to produce the school's **newspaper**, *The Mustang*.

## Orchesis

**Orchesis** is a club for both boys and girls interested in dancing. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is needed. The club sponsors four dance recitals per year. The club also sponsors Dance Clinics for feeder schools in the community to promote and encourage dance. Practices are offered once or twice a week.

## Philosophy Club

**Philosophy club** fosters an appreciation of various philosophical schools of thought among its members. Each meeting is structured around a larger philosophical concept that allows its members to equally participate with thoughts and perspectives in a safe and respectful environment. No philosophy is wrong, but no philosophy is right. That is the beauty of this club. Expression of thought is valued and given its rightful place.

## Puertas

The mission of the **Puertas** is to offer the students of Mundelein High School activities and experience that deepen their appreciation for Latino culture.

## Poetry Slam

**Poetry Slam** where the letters come alive, music to your ears, here you'll have no fear.

## Recycling Club

The **Recycling Club** knows that just talking about the environment is never enough. The only way things can change is if people roll up their sleeves and actually do the real work that can help heal the planet. The Recycling Club meets twice a week to recycle the paper, plastic, and aluminum that accumulates throughout the school.

## Robotics Team

The **Robotics Team** purpose is to promote the F.I.R.S.T. mission as well as to encourage interest in science and technology through hands-on experience at MHS.

## SADD

**Students Against Destructive Decisions** is a group of students dedicated to addressing the issues of alcohol, drugs, impaired driving, and destructive decisions that take or destroy the lives of teenagers. SADD activities include: Peer Interaction Conference, Highway pick ups, Red Ribbon Week decorations, holiday letters, Pre-Prom activity, graduation letters, and display windows for the holidays.

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## Math Team

**Math Team** is a competitive club that participates in several meets each year at regional, sectional, and state levels. Students compete in individual and team events against other schools. The season runs from December through March.

## Mock Trial Team

This **Mock Trial Team** competes against schools in the Chicagoland area and attends the Illinois state competition each year. Members learn how to prepare for and argue cases in an actual courtroom.

## Model UN

The **Model United Nations** Club allows MHS students to participate in the premier Model UN program in Illinois. Over two thousand high school students from around the world participate in a four-day conference in Chicago, at which they simulate the work of the real United Nations. Students work through real-life crises and challenges such as poverty, women's rights, environmental issues, and armed conflict. MHS students in the past have represented China, Russia, Swaziland, Belgium, Singapore, Mali, and many other countries. Debate, discussion and development of workable solutions to difficult problems is the goal, set against the backdrop of the beautiful Palmer House Hilton Hotel and the Chicago lake-front.

## Mundelein Theatre

**Mundelein Theatre** produces three mainstage productions each year— Fall Play, Winter Play and Spring Musical. In addition, they also produce several studio productions, including the Student Directed One-Act Plays, New Faces Production (a no-cut production for freshman and sophomores, as well as juniors and seniors who have never appeared on the MHS mainstage), Chicago Shakespeare Slam and Group Interpretation (IHSA Event). Opportunities exist for students in the area of acting, directing, technical theatre, design and choreography



## National Honor Society

Membership in **National Honor Society** is based on four tenets: scholarship, leadership, character and service. Students who meet the minimum requirements after 8 terms of high school will be invited to begin the application for membership. NHS students are recognized across the nation as well-rounded, high achieving, compassionate individuals who focus on making their community a better place for all involved.

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**Pit Orchestra** is an auditioned group that accompanies the spring musical

**Show Choir Combo** is an auditioned group that accompanies the three Mundelein High School show choirs.

**Percussion Ensemble** is an ensemble that performs using various percussion instruments. This ensemble performs at local percussion festivals and host a concert in May called the Mundelein Night of Percussion.

## Best Buddies Club

**Best Buddies** is a club to develop social participation and leadership skills for all students. The club is made up of a group of enthusiastic Mundelein High School students who "partner" with peers with special needs. Members of the club engage in various social interactions, including a monthly group outing. Once a month, the group schedules an outing, such as visiting a haunted house, going to a movie, or sledding.

## Book Club

The **Book Club** is for students who love to read. It meets several times each month before school.

## Black Student Union

**Black Student Union** creates more diverse activities for the student body, raises cultural awareness at the school, and promotes a more positive image of black students. In addition, the BSU strives to build on its rich history and promote individuals as leaders in the MHS community by having the membership reach for and achieve academic excellence.

## Broadcasting Team

The **Broadcasting Team** is responsible for creating videos that capture student life and events at Mundelein High School. Completed work is broadcast during daily morning announcements, special assemblies, and live webcasts. Videos are created either individually where students can produce their own segment, or work together on live director-centered four camera productions out of the school's control room or TV Truck. No experience is necessary.

## Byte Club

MHS **Byte Club** is dedicated to raising awareness and interest in computer programming and coding at MHS. Our members vary greatly in background and experience. In any given meeting, members will be working on projects, challenges, tutorials, and learning new skills all in an informal interest-based format.

## Changing My Lifestyle

The MHS "**Change My Lifestyle**" club is a Wellness Club focusing on the overall well-being of MHS students. The club engages in physical as well as stress relieving activities along with nutritional learning opportunities. This club welcomes both boys and girls who want to find balance in a healthy active life.

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## Chess Club

The MHS **Chess Club** meets in the Media Center on Tuesdays after school from August through February. All students are welcome to come and play chess, learn how to play chess, improve their game, or just watch.

## Choir

**Concert Choir** – MHS offers **Chorale**, a mixed voice beginning choir, **Bel Canto**, an intermediate treble voice choir, **Concert Choir**, an intermediate mixed choir, **Master Singers**, an advanced mixed voice group, and **The Noteables (SLP Choir)**, an all-abilities choir. All choirs perform at choir concerts at MHS and within the community throughout the year.



**Show Choir** - MHS offers three **show choirs** which perform at the choir concerts throughout the year, and compete against other show choirs all over the Midwest. The show choirs include; **Sound**, a mixed group, **Lights**, an all-female group, and **Sound FX**, an all-male choir.

## Co-Exist

The **Co-Exist Club** is proud to be a part of a national youth movement encouraging the understanding and celebration of all people, regardless of race, religion, nationality or sexual orientation. Club members believe that tolerance of the differences among us leads to a safer and more welcoming environment for all of students. Activities include The Day of Silence, No Name Calling Week, Ally Week, and Transgender Day.

## Color Guard

**Color Guard** performs choreographed routines to the music of the Marching Band at half-time shows for football games and competitions.

## Economics Club

The **Economics Club** offers opportunities for students to apply economic thinking and skills in competitive settings. The FED challenge, for juniors and seniors, and the Euro Challenge, for freshmen and sophomores, are national macroeconomic competitions (with travel, prize money and scholarships for the winners!!!). The Mundelein teams have won multiple state championships in past years and need YOU for next year's team. Come join us!

## Diversity Club

**Diversity Club** is dedicated to the education of its members on issues of diversity and discrimination through analysis of related media.

## FBLA

**Future Business Leaders of America** is nationally recognized by college recruiters. Students travel to leadership conferences, run the school store, participate in academic competitions, service learning projects, social activities, and a Great America commercial competition. FBLA is for any career-minded students.

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## Film Club

**Film Club** offers students a chance to create original videos and films! In Film Club, students can gain experience working with the techniques and technologies used in video production, from simple camera angles to special effects. Film Club is open to students who want to be in front of the camera, behind the camera, or behind the monitor. No experience necessary! Novices are welcome! Join Film Club and make ideas come to life on the big or small screen!



## French Club

All MHS students are welcome to join **French Club**; French club members do not need to be students of French.

## Future Educators Association

**Future Educators Association** allows students to gain tutoring experience and learn about the challenges and expectations of the teaching profession. Future Educators Association teams with other organizations to give students the opportunity to tutor students from third grade to tenth grade. Future Educators is also dedicated to community service and outreach. Finally, the group engages in conversations and provide experiences to allow students to understand some of the practical challenges of the profession and prepare to overcome them.

## Gaming Club

If you are interested in any type of games-video, card and board games... then come check out the **Gaming Club**.

## Interact

**Interact** is a service organization and affiliate of Rotary International. Students make lunches for the homeless, raise money for school and art supplies for homeless children, hold a Senior Prom for residents at Lakeview Parkway and a Holiday party for Jump Start. At Christmas, the group organizes an Adopt-a-Family program for needy families in Mundelein. An international project is to collect library books for a village in Nicaragua.

## Link Crew

**Link Crew** is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders, and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during high school.