

Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

### Dear Marauder Families,

As educators, we tend to see the yearly calendar quite differently from other professions. As we are rapidly approaching the holiday season, we are quick to point out that the school year has almost reached the halfway point. Our first semester ends on December 21st, so now is the time for students to make a big push to improve their grades. Families can support this by communicating with teachers about grades and progress in class. Final exams take place on December 20th and 21st. If your student is going to miss a final, please coordinate a make-up plan with the classroom teacher. As a reminder, each passing grade in the semester equals half of a high school credit. Credits are required to graduate high school and receiving even one F can disrupt a student's graduation trajectory. If you have questions about credits or your student's progress, please reach out to your student's Advisory teacher or counselor. We are always happy to help!

Mingus Student Leaders (Student Council, Club Leaders, and Sports Captains) have joined forces for a Toys for Tots Christmas Toy Drive! The contest runs until December 8th. Students should turn in unwrapped toys (valued over \$10) to their Advisory classrooms. All toys collected at MUHS will be sorted and delivered to Verde Valley children in need this Christmas. Our student leaders have set a school goal of six hundred presents collected! There are prizes available for the top Advisory class and raffles for student prizes. We are proud of our student leaders for their commitment to such a special holiday service project and all their "heart" work. Let's go, Marauders!

The Student Council hosted a blood drive on November 21st. Thank you to student leaders and Mrs. Lyons for providing this valuable service to our community.

The winter sports season is under way! If you are looking for a fun way to spend a crisp winter evening, please consider joining us at a Mingus soccer game, basketball game, or wrestling event. Keep an eye on our school event calendars for winter band and choir concerts. We are looking forward to the upcoming theater production of Rock of Ages. There is no better way to support our community than supporting the efforts of a young person.

As we close one year and open another, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us the privilege of educating your Marauder. We value every one of our families and cannot express gratitude enough for your ongoing support. We hope you have a beautiful holiday season and a

gratitude enough for your ongoing support. We hope you have a beautiful holiday season and a Happy New Year! Go Marauders!

Dec & Jan Dates to Remember

December 8

Beginning Band Concert

6:30pm - MUHS Auditorium

\*More Info on PG 10

December 9th

Manzanita Outreach Food Share

11am - 12:30pm (West Lot)

\*More info on PG 15

December 12th / January 9th Site Council Meeting 5:15pm / MUHS Library \*More info on page 2

December 14 / January 11
Governing Board Meeting
6 – 8pm - MUHS Library
Regular Session
\*More info on page 2

December 20 &21
Semester Exams
2 Day Exam Schedule applies

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December 22 -January 5 WINTER BREAK No School

January 11

Balfour on campus taking orders

11:30am - 12:30pm

\*More Info on PG 6

January 15
Martin Luther King Day
No School

January 25 Last day to purchase Senior Ad for Yearbook \*More Info on PG 4



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## CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

## **MUHS COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Today's families are busy, and there's always something happening. Sync your family schedule with ours to avoid missing important testing dates and events when planning vacations and doctor appointments.



## DEC14 & JAN11 @GPI

Our governing board is comprised of five locally elected citizens. These individuals ensure the proper allocation of district funds and resources to best serve the needs and interests of our students.

Meetings are open to the community and are held at 6pm in the MUHS Library on the Second Thursday of every month.



## SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 12 & Jan. 9 5:15 pm ~ MUHS Library For more information visit:

https://www.mingusunion.com/Site\_Council







## for a list of https://bit.ly/MUHSemploy All available

Mingus Union High School District actively seeks highly qualified, dedicated employees to work in our district. We offer competitive salaries and benefits as well as a collaborative and supportive working environment.



Position Type:

High School Teaching/Drama

Date Posted: 9/27/2023

Location:

Mingus Union High School District

Career and Technology Teacher - Welding Program

High School Teaching/Industrial-Technology Education

Date Posted:

9/5/2023

Location: Mingus Union High School

www.azsa.org

Science Teacher Position Type: High School Teaching/Science - Physical Science

Date Posted: 8/19/2021

Location: Mingus Union High School

## EXECUTIVE SEARCH SERVICES

NOTICE OF VACANCY OPPORTUNITY

Mingus Union High School District #4 is hiring a new superintendent for next school year. Click the link below to learn more about the position. If you are interested in the position, please complete the application before January 16, 2024









If you think you would be a good fit in our educational environment and meet the requirements for a posted position, we welcome your application. Visit: <a href="https://www.mingusunion.com/Human\_Resources">https://www.mingusunion.com/Human\_Resources</a>







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LAST DAY TO PURCHASE SENIOR AD

∼ JANUARY 25, 2024 ∼

SENIOR ADS ARE SPACES IN THE YEARBOOK WHICH ARE PURCHASED BY FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THEIR SENIORS! ADS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE FOLLOWING FORMATS: QUARTER PAGE FOR \$75.00, HALF PAGE FOR \$150.00 OR FULL PAGE FOR \$300.00.

FAMILIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH PURCHASING AND DESIGNING THOSE ADS ONLINE AT

HTTP://WWW.YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM

You take great photos every day. Send us your best photos for consideration in the Mingus Union yearbook!

YEARBOOK STAFF:

Download the Yearbook Snap mobile app from the App Store or Google Play, and enter our access code: MUHS2024

Go to yearbookforever.com, enter our school name, click on Yearbook Shap and enter our access code MUHS2024

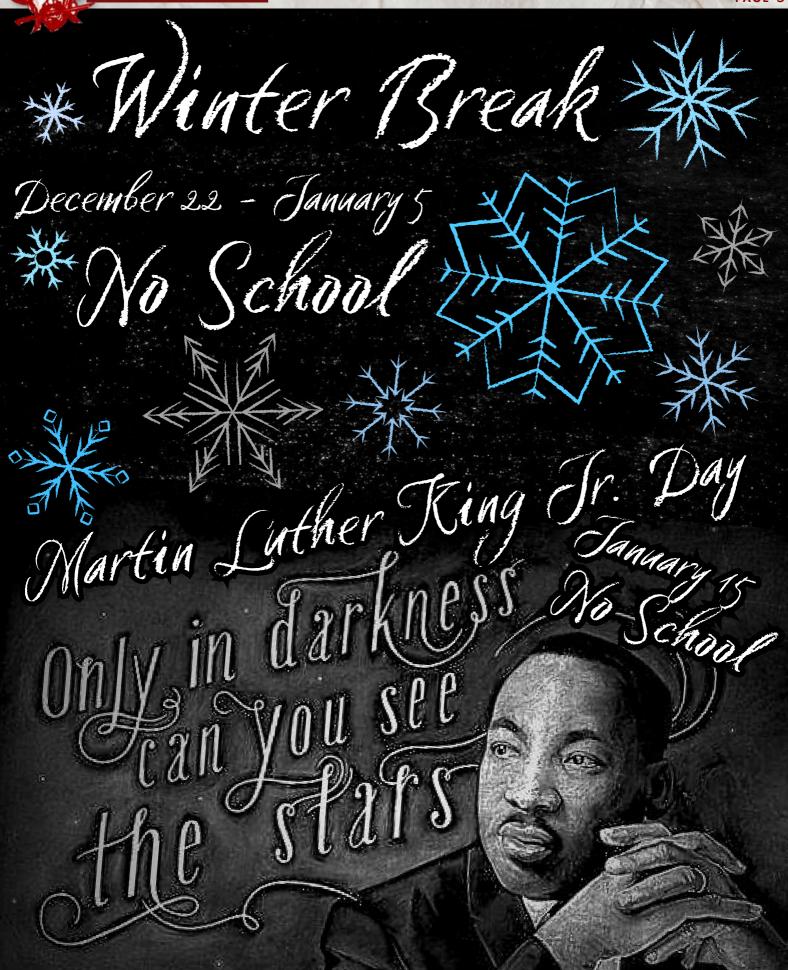
Walsworth yearbooks

It's your life. Share your photos of it!











## Balfour on Campus WHEN: Thursday, January 11th, 2024

12pm - 12:35pm

Ring orders require six weeks to process



1-800-225-3687



\*Current price for the cap, gown and tassel package is \$40, the price may increase in January, so order soon!



### SEMESTER EXAMS

Wednesday, Dec 20 Exam Schedule

School Released @ 12:00 p.m.

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Thursday, Dec 21 Exam Schedule

School Released @ 12:00 p.m.



DAY 1 & 2 CLASS TIMES

7:55am - 9:10am 9:10am - 9:20am (BREAK) 9:20am - 10:35am 10:35am - 10:45am (BREAK)

10:45am - 12:00pm

DO YOUR BESTI

Mingus Swim finished the 2023 season with huge success at the Division III State Championship November 3rd & 4th. We had 10 swimmers qualify for state this year!

They did an incredible job representing the team and our school! Every single swim was a personal best which is an amazing accomplishment!

Here is a look at the final results



200 Medley Relay - 14 <sup>th</sup> Place - Season Best	Logan Newell, Grayson Edwards, Ryan Ritter, Witten Armstrong
Kenzie Fangman	100 Fty - Season Best - top 24 200 IM - Season Best - top 24
Emily Martin	100 Back - Season Best - top 32
Matthew Reynolds	50 Free - Season Best - top 24
Grayson Edwards	100 Breast - Season Best - 17 <sup>th</sup> Place
Witten Armstrong	50 Free - Season Best - 9 <sup>th</sup> Place 100 Back - Season Best - 13 <sup>th</sup> Place
Logan Newell	200 IM - Season Best - top 24 100 Back - Season Best - 11 <sup>th</sup> Place
200 Free Relay - 7 <sup>th</sup> Place - Season Best	Witten Armstrong, Nicholas Knowles, Logan Newell, Mitchell Gordon
400 Free Relay - 15 <sup>th</sup> Place - Season Best	Matthew Reynolds, Camden Stockbridge, Mitchell Gordon, Nicholas Knowles
Mingus Boys	17 <sup>th</sup> Place Overall - Division III









All current athletic events, team schedules and coaching information are posted to the <u>athletics page</u> for quick viewing. You can also subscribe to the <u>calendar</u> and receive daily emails by clicking the link below, then subscribe in the top right corner.



Ball Basketball



### MARAUDER ATHLETES OF THE MONTH ~ NOVEMBER

To choose Athlete of the Month, Marauders are nominated by their sport's coach and all nominees are then voted on by all MUHS Coaches to receive this award.



#### Male Athlete of the Month Greyson Edwards

Grayson is a Senior. He qualified for state in the 100 breast and did a personal best during Day One of state. Grayson is a calm yet powerful force on the team. He is kind hearted and gentle in his interactions with others. He has incredible personal strength and character. He is often overlooked because he is not the loudest in the room but he is well deserving of this honor based on his accomplishments in swim and his focus as a student.

~Coach Wesbrock



#### Female Athlete of the Month Payton Budd

Payton is a Junior. She is our libero (defensive specialist). Payton position is not always flashy but it is essential for the success of our team. She is excellent at communicating with her teammates. Statistically Payton ended the season with 439 receptions and 300 digs. These statics put her 2nd in the 4A conference league as a libero. I am beyond proud of how well Payton played and helped her team during the playoffs. She gave 100% effort, did not let the ball drop, and as a coach I could not have asked for more out of her. She left her heart on the court in every set

~Coach Martinez



#### Pursuing Victory with Honors Ethan Montiel

Ethan is a Junior. Ethan has been to all of the practices, games, and willing to do what is needed for the team. Ethan's hard work and dedication in the classroom and on the field does not go unnoticed by the coaches. Ethan brings a great attitude and energy to our practices which helps the team be more competitive during that time. Ethan is and will be a valuable asset to the Football program due to his hard work and dedication.

~Coach Moncibaez







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## SENIOR Hadassah Simon SPOTLIGHT

Hadassah Simon plans to become an aesthetician cosmetologist when she graduates from Mingus this year. Her goal is to travel around the world, save money and settle down to build a family in the future. She likes to write in her journal, create art and spend time with her friends making memories.

Hadassah enjoys art and has been enrolled in art classes since her freshman year, the experiences had in those classes are irreplaceable. During her sophomore year she was in band class and participated in three performances where she sang, and while it was scary, she to put herself out there. Band class holds some of the best memories of her high school journey because of the friendships she made along the way.

When asked what she would tell herself as a freshman if she could go back in time, she said that she would tell herself not worry about what people think of her because by the time you become a senior, you will be living your own life and nothing anyone thinks will matter, and that the important thing is to focus on yourself and what you want your life to look like. She knows now that high school goes by so fast and before you know it, you're an adult and the place full of your friends won't always be there.

STAFF Christopher Lomeli Cafeteria Manager

Although Chris has been the cafeteria manager for a short time, he has made a big impact by making changes our students enjoy and always greeting students with a smile.

Chris is not new to Mingus; he is a proud Alumni who graduated in 2008 and has spent most of his life in Cottonwood. Cooking has always been a passion for Chris, both at home and professionally. Food service is nothing new to Chris, he has been working in the food industry for 17 years. His favorite part of working in the MUHS kitchen is providing an essential service to the community.

For fun, Chris used to play bass in a pop-punk band that traveled around the US. Now, he enjoys spending time with his family, playing videogames, building PCs for video gaming, collecting vinyl records and the game Dungeons & Dragons.

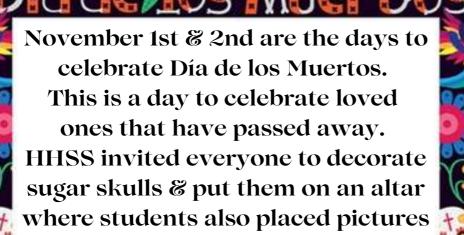
When asked what he would say to a student who needs motivation, he said to get ahead of the hurdles they face in life as quickly as possible, and that fear of failure is often the worst part.







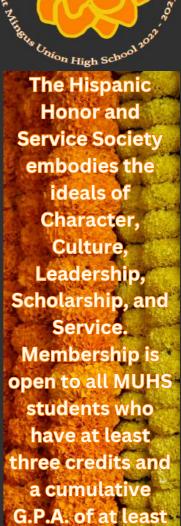
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of family members that passed on.





3.0. Teacher

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required.

On November 16, many
HHSS members had a
great time giving back to
their community by
volunteering at
Manzanita Outreach.









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In this year's Walkin on Main Art Club Student's annual Chalk Mural, done in front of Red Rooster we had a mighty group of club participants along with Ms. Detwiler who is the club coordinator.

Chalk was provided by the Cottonwood City Department of Parks and Recreation.



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MUHS Performing Arths Band & Drumline









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## VACTE - The Valley Academy of Career & Technology Education would like to highlight our CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT & PHLEBOTOMY PROGRAMS

The VACTE Nursing Services program consists of both Certified Nursing Assistant and Phlebotomy.

CNA and Phlebotomy are each one semester long, where students receive certifications in CPR, OSHA, and a Certificate of completion after completing 120 hours that include Didactic, Skills Lab and Real-world experience in the form of Clinicals at the Haven in Camp Verde, Cottonwood, and/or Sedona. The students will have the opportunity to take the CNA Certification test from the Arizona Board of Nursing. The CNA class is dual enrolled with Yavapai College and may earn up to 6 college credits. These credits are one of the prerequisites for the Yavapai College Nursing program. The CNA class is held next to Verde Valley Medical Center and Phlebotomy is held on the Yavapai College campus. The students may earn up to 8 college credits from Yavapai College at the completion of the Phlebotomy class. The Phlebotomy class consists of Yavapai College Courses that include Fundamentals of Allied Health, Phlebotomy, and Psychology 101. Requirements for the program are that students need be at least 16 years of age, a junior or senior in high school and complete the ACCUPLACER through Yavapai College. Throughout the VACTE Nursing Services program, students will have the opportunity to participate in HOSA - Health Occupations Students of America. Where students can participate in Leadership conferences, Officer Camp as well as competitions at Regional, State, and National levels. Students are involved in local community service projects, such as Manzanita Outreach where they assist with the local food bank and school resource supply program. The CNA students also volunteer at Be the Match - Bone Marrow Donation Registry and Donate Life AZ - State Organ Donation registry.







## WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE CNA & PHLEBOTOMY?

- Earn high school and Yavapai College credits concurrently
- Receive Yavapai College Nursing Assistant Certificate
- · Earn Arizona Certified Nursing Assistant License
- · Class held in Cottonwood
- Available to High School Juniors and Seniors
- One semester each Class Monday through Thursday
- Some Friday and Saturday practicums
- Be job ready immediately upon program completion









## KEEPING TEENS SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA: WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW TO PROTECT THEIR KIDS

A multipronged approach to social media management, including time limits, parental monitoring and supervision, and ongoing discussions about social media can help parents protect teens' brain development.

Social media can help teenagers with healthy development but it can also create risks. Psychological research shows it is critically important to focus on how teens use social media and the type of content they see.

As a parent or caregiver, you are the expert on your child. You know what experiences will fit with their strengths and areas of vulnerability. These recommendations are based on research and will help you and your teens be smart users of social media, avoiding the harms, and gaining maximum benefits.



The information on this page is provided from an article by the



To view the full article, go to:

https://www.apa.org/topics/social-mediainternet/social-media-parent-tips



1. Recognize developing brains may be especially vulnerable to specific social media features.

Limit social media use on platforms that include counts of likes or encourage excessive use. Use screen time settings available on most devices or on platforms to help teens set limits and learn self-control. Prohibit screen time that interferes with at least 8 hours of sleep a night to ensure healthy brain development among teens.

2. Monitor and discuss your child's social media use. Talk to your teen weekly about how social media platforms work so they feel safe telling you about their experiences without judgment. Ask them what they saw on social media, how they understand what was posted, and pose hypothetical questions to them to learn how they would respond to various situations they might encounter online 3. Model healthy social media use.

Discuss how and why you use social media with your children. Set limits for social media use for yourselves and encourage your children to follow your example. Take social media holidays as a family and discuss the challenges and temptations you all experience when away from social media for a long time.

4. Watch for problematic social media use.

Keep an eye out for signs your child may be using social media in unhealthy ways. Your child's social media use might be causing problems if it interferes with their daily routines and commitments, such as school, work, friendships, and extracurricular activities or it prevents them from getting at least 8 hours of quality sleep each night.

5. Teach social media literacy.

Think of it as a series of discussions that will evolve as your child grows and technology evolves. By keeping the lines of communication open, you can help your child develop a healthy and positive relationship with social media.









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## Community Events & Resources

There's no doubt that our Verde Valley community knows how to come together to support those who live here!

This page will list some of those amazing Community Resources and let you know some of the events and happenings they have planned this month.

Click on the photos to be taken to the link for the event.



#### **FOOD PANTRY**

Wednesday: 9 am - 2 pm & 4 pm - 6 pm Thursday: 9 am - 2 pm

#### COMMUNITY MEALS

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 11:30 am-12:30 pm Monday: 5 pm - 6 pm Wednesday: 4 pm - 6 pm (Served to-go only)

#### RESOURCE CENTER

Available for those without residence:
 Showers, breakfast, clothes, hygiene & resources
 Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9 am - 11 am

#### THE KIDS SHOP

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm Monday 5 pm - 6 pm or call for an appointment 928-634-7869

#### HAIR SALON

Monday 4 pm to 5: 30 pm Tuesday: 9 am - 12:30 pm pm

#### VISION

1st Tuesday/month 10 am - 11 am

#### LEGAL

Call: 928-634-7869

#### MISSION THRIFT STORE

Clothing vouchers can be used Tuesday - Friday 9am to 4pm

Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm 810 W. Mingus Ave. in Cottonwood

The Mission is a SNAP Community Partner

This project has been funded at least in part with Federal funds from the USDA

This institution is an equal opportunity SNAP employer and provider.





During this FREE event, we give away coats, hats, gloves, socks, scarves, and kids clothing.

This event is held in January, and again in October. Jacket vouchers are given away throughout the year, as well.

**265** attended this event. They were were able to choose winter coats & other items.

108 jacket vouchers were given away in 2021.







Learn More

## Community Events & Resources

"Every time I drive 🐔 through Manzanita's food sharing, I'm met with smiles and warmth. Their team is a gift to our Manzanita community." -D.S.



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For a Calendar of all this month's Food **Share Events** 





### **CHECK OUT THE NEW MOHELP.ORG!**

Now featuring comprehensive services. Find out what you are eligible for!

MOHELP.ORG



### **December 9th: MO @ MUHS Food Share** 11am - 12:30pm (West Lot)

**Manzanita Outreach hosts a FREE** food share event every 2nd Saturday of the month in the west parking lot closest to the tennis courts.

This is a drive-thru event - just enter the parking lot and follow the directions - open your trunk and an incredible food box will be delivered right to your vehicle.

**Everyone is welcome!** 









### DECEMBER 2023





Meal Prices: Breakfast Lunch

Students \$3.00

Adults \$5.00



Nutrition Tip: Include whole grains. Aim to make at least half your grains whole grains. Look for the words "100% whole grain" or "100% whole wheat" on the food label. Whole grains provide more nutrients, like fiber than refined grains.

Additional Entrees

PB & J Uncrustable

Terivaki Chicken Rice Bowl

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Broccoli & Cauliflower Medley

Lettuce & Tomato

Offered Daily:

Deli Sandwich

Chef Salad



Chicken & Mashed Potato

Individual Cheese Pizza

Carrot & Celery Sticks

Chicken Tenders w/ Dinne

Individual Cheese Pizza

Carrot & Celery Sticks

Oven Baked Fries

Sweet Potato Fries

Individual Pepperoni Pizza

Individual Pepperoni Pizza

Bowl w/ Dinner Roll

Toesad Salad

Roll



Fruits 100% Juice 1% White Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk

Bean & Cheese Burrito

Refried Beans

Beefy Nachos

Refried Beans

Lettuce & Tomato

Lettuce & Tomato

Cheese Quesadilla

Hamburger or Cheeseburger

Chicken Tinga w/ Tortillas

Hamburger or Cheeseburger



Big Daddy Cheese Pizza



Breakfast for Lunch (Cheese Omelet, Sausage, Cinnamon Roll or Waffle) Big Daddy Cheese Pizza Big Daddy Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad

Breaded Spicy Chicken



Orange Chicken Bowl Honey BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich

Lettuce & Tomato Broccoli & Cauliflower Medlev



Bosco Cheese Pizza Sticks Bosco Pepperoni Pizza Sticks

Tossed Salad Green Beans

Mini Corn Dogs

Tossed Salad

Green Beans

Hamburger

Cheeseburge

Tossed Salad

Oven Baked Fries

Breaded Chicken on Biscuit

Breaded Chicken Sandwich

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Popcorn Chicken w/ Roll Individual Cheese Pizza

Carrot & Celery Sticks

Ham w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy & Dinner Roll Hamburger or Cheeseburge

Lettuce & Tomato Brookie



Hashbrown Triangles Manager's Choice Assorted Entrees

Assorted Vegetables Assorted Fruits

Manager's Choice Assorted Entrees

Assorted Vegetables Assorted Fruits

No School Winter Break

No School – Winter Break



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BREAKFAST



Meal Prices:

Students

Adults



Nutrition Tip: Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.



Breakfast Lunch

\$1.50 \$3.00

\$3.00 \$5.00



Offered Daily: Assorted Fresh & Canned Fruits 100% Juice 1% White Milk Fat Free Chocolate Milk

Homemade Breakfast

Burrito

Apple Frudel

Apple Frudel

Apple Frudel

Banana Bread

Assorted Muffins



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Cereal String Cheese Biscuits & Gravy

Additional Entrees

Offered Daily:

Yogurt Mini Yogurt Parfait

Super Donut

Fresh Baked Cinnamon

Roll

Banana Chocolate

Chunk Breakfast Bar

Fresh Baked Cinnamon

Banana Chocolate

Chunk Breakfast Bar

Homemade Breakfast Sandwich

Homemade Breakfast

Cinnamon Pancakes

Sandwich



Homemade Breakfast Burrito

Banana Bread Assorted Muffins

Biscuits & Gravy

Super Donut

Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll

Banana Chocolate Chunk Breakfast Bar

Homemade Breakfast Sandwich

Cinnamon Pancakes

Cinnamon Pancakes



Homemade Breakfast Burrito



Assorted Entrees



Assorted Entrees

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No School Winter Break

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