Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Dear Marauder Families,

Happy Spring! The change in weather and the excitement in the air signal that the end of the school year is near with many events taking place each week. Please be sure to follow our calendars, website, and this newsletter about important end-of-year events.
Our most anticipated event – the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2022 – is almost here! We have been planning and prepping and look forward to celebrating the Sizzling Saguaros. Once a Marauder, always a Marauder!

Mingus has been a busy place this spring with playoff games, state contests, art shows, performances, showing at the fair, Skills USA competitions, and more! Our students can participate in a wide variety of activities, and it is amazing to see what happens when hard work meets mentorship. Thank you for encouraging your student to find opportunities to be a Marauder outside of the classroom. Our students make amazing things happen – Go Marauders!

We celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week May 2nd-6th. Please thank a teacher for their care and commitment to the young people of our community. We appreciate our teachers and staff and thank them for the impact they have on the lives of our Marauders.

As we bring this year to a close, I want to thank you for sharing your student with us. This has been a year of resilience, reflection, and rebound and I am grateful for the opportunities this year has presented. Thank you for your continued support of Mingus Union High School and for allowing us to be a part of your family's history. Go Marauders!

Thank you, Mingus Families!

Genie Gee
Principal and
Treasure Hunter
Mingus Union High School

May Dates to Remember

May 3
AP Psychology Exam 12pm

May 4
AP Computer Science Exam 12pm

May 5
AP Art Portfolios

May 6
AP US History Exam 8:00am

May 2-6
Teacher Appreciation Week

May 10
AP Lang and Composition Exam 8:00am

May 10
Site Council 6pm MUHS Library

May 11
AP Biology Exam 12:00pm
National School Nurse Day

May 12
AP World History Exam 8:00am

May 13-14
One Act Play Festival
7pm Auditorium

May 16
Band Concert (Band and Rock 1)
6pm Auditorium

May 17
Band Concert (Jazz and Rock 2)
6pm Auditorium

May 18
Choir Concert
6pm Auditorium

May 19
Senior Final Exams
Periods 1,3,5

May 20
Senior Final Exams
Periods 2,4,6

May 21
Thespian Inductions
6pm Auditorium

May 23-27
Senior Week Events

May 23
Senior Honors Night
5:30pm Auditorium

May 24
ATORT Senior Showcase
6pm Auditorium

May 27
Graduation Practice for Seniors
7:30am gym
Graduation Night
(mandatory attendance)

KUDOS!

We are down to the last few weeks of school, and the Visual Arts Department is in full swing with our Art Shows. Last month, our students competed at the Verde Valley Fair (Mingus submitted over 120 individual works of art. It is truly our show!) and the Congressional Art Show sponsored by our Representative Paul Gosar. One of the awards for the Congressional Art Show is the "People's Choice Award". This award is based on online voting which closed April 28th. As a winner, Adalynn Parker received a scholarship of $8000 per year to NAU as well as an all expense paid trip to Washington DC over the summer to see her piece hanging in our Nation's Capital! We hope you enjoy the photos of the collection of work that students submitted!

Art shows:

- Prescott Center for the Arts Invitational (exhibition)
- VFW American Artist Scholarship Competition.
  - First place, Dylan Cooper
- Prescott Center for the Arts Portfolio Show
  - Division 1: 2nd place Lauren Clark, Division 2: 2nd Place, Grace Lechowski
- Congressional Art Show
  - Ist place Adalynn Parker
- Verde Valley Fair (Winners have not been announced yet)
- Yavapai College Juried Invitational Show (Winners have not been announced yet)

Art Teachers:

- Beth Detwiller: Beginning Art, Intermediate Art
- Oouida Dorr: Photography I, Photography 2
- Ashley Lomeli: Beginning Art
- Jason Teague: Beginning Art, Advanced Art, AP Art

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KUDOS!

The AZ High School Musical Theatre awards released their finalist list over the weekend and I am beyond thrilled to announce that ATORT's production of "Big Fish" received finalists in EVERY CATEGORY!

We have never received so many finalists before and I am so proud of them all! One thing to keep in mind is that there are no school division in this competition, from class IA to 5A, each school is on the same playing field. From Joseph City to Scottsdale, we are all competing for the same 14 awards. The winners of each category will be announced at the Awards show at ASU Gammage on Saturday, May 28th. Congrats to all the kids involved! They truly knocked it out of the park!

Thank you all for your support, encouragement, and for coming to see the show!

All the best,
James Ball

Melissa Perez - Top Five Co-Finalist
Best Hair & Make-up

Mia Martinez - Top Five Co-Finalist
Best Hair & Make-up

Remi Morgan - Top Five Finalist
Best Costumes (MUHS Team)

Beth Bates - Top Five Finalist
Best Costumes (MUHS Team)

Natalie Hughes - Top 4 Finalist
Excellence in Stage Management

Katie Rodriguez -Top 6 Finalist
Best Set & Props

Pearl Skolnick - Top 5 Finalist
Best Lighting

BIG FISH CAST - Top 6 Finalist
Best Dance Ensemble - Alabama Stomp

Bailey Hartman - Top Ten Finalist
Best Supporting Actress

Dani Hartnett - Top Eight Finalist
Best Supporting Actor

Tatum Mahon - Top Ten Finalist
Best Lead Female

Jarrett Moncibaez- Top 10 Finalist-Best Lead Male. Top 8 Finalist-Best Vocalist. Top 4 Finalist-Gammage Leadership Award

End of Year Reminders

Seniors

All fees MUST be paid by Friday May 13th or your name will be removed from the Graduation walking list!

Don't forget to pay your outstanding fees at the bookstore before the end of the year!

To find if your account has a balance due, log into PowerSchool or contact Mrs. Bailey in the bookstore
ebailey@muhs.com ~OR~ 928-478-7939 (M-F 7a-3p)

FINAL EXAMS

MAY 19 & 20
Senior
Final Exam Schedule

DAY 1
Periods 1 3 5

DAY 2
Periods 2 4 6

May 25 & 26
Underclassmen
Final Exam Schedule

DAY 1
Periods 1 3 5

DAY 2
Periods 2 4 6

DAY 1 & 2 CLASS TIMES
7:55am – 9:25am
9:30am – 11:00am
11:00am – 11:10am
11:15am – 12:45pm

DO YOUR BEST!

Campus Events & Resources

KEEP CALM

AND

THANK A TEACHER

National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2-6, 2022

Make sure to take the time to thank our amazing teaching staff for all of their hard work and perseverance this year!

We are so proud of our Marauder Teachers!

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.

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ATHLETICS CALENDAR

All current athletic events, current team schedules and coaching information are posted on the calendar for quick viewing. You can subscribe and receive daily emails by clicking the link below, subscribe in the top right corner.

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PLEASE CONGRATULATE THE GRAND CANYON REGION ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR 2022 YANCEY DEVORE!!

YANCEY WAS NOMINATED AND SELECTED BY THE OTHER ATHLETIC DIRECTORS IN OUR REGION. UNDER YANCEY'S LEADERSHIP, OUR SCHOOL ALSO EARNED SPORTSMANSHIP RECOGNITION LAST YEAR.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MINGUS ATHLETICS AND YANCEY DEVORE!

Dear Graduate & Parent/Guardian – Class of 2022:

Thank you for making Mingus Union High School a part of your family's history. Long after your student has moved on, their face will grace our yearbooks and their stories will live on in our hearts and hallways. Graduation from high school is a ceremony which carries a personal and familial significance. We look forward to honoring your student's academic achievements and sharing this special time with you. Our Mingus graduates and their guests deserve a dignified and memorable ceremony. We ask that attendees follow our instructions for the graduation ceremony so we can provide a safe and celebratory event. We hope our graduation ceremony successfully demonstrates the immense pride that we have in our graduates, staff, and community. As our seniors embark on their journeys beyond high school, please remember that you are and will always be Marauders and the *Sizzling Saguaros of 2022*! I look forward to sharing this incredibly special evening with our graduates and their loved ones.

Sincerely,

Genie Gee

Genie Gee
Principal

PLEASE READ THE GRADUATION PACKET

CLICK HERE FOR ENGLISH

HAGA CLIC AQUÍ PARA ESPAÑOL

Print, sign, and return the form to the Bookstore by Friday, May 13th, 2022.

Senior Info

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PREPARATION FOR GRADUATION

May Countdown

- 2~ Graduation tickets available in the HS Office (4 field tickets per graduate)
- 3~ AP Psychology Exam 12:00pm
- 4~ AP Computer Science A 12:00pm
- 5~ AP Art Portfolios – Art Room
- 6~ AP US History Exam 8:00am
- 10~ AP Lang and Composition 8:00am
- 11~ AP Biology Exam 12:00pm
- 12~ AP World History Exam 8:00am
- 19~ Final Exams for Seniors – Periods 1, 3, 5
- 20~ Final Exams for Seniors – Periods 2, 4, 6
- 23-27~ Senior Week - Details to Come!
- 23~ 5:30pm Senior Honors Night
- 27~ 7:30am Graduation Practice – Gym (*Mandatory*)
- 27~ 6:00 pm *Graduates meet in Gym to line up (Graduation Ceremony begins 7:00 pm)

Graduate Dress Code

Our graduation ceremony is an important community tradition and a final learning experience for our proud students; our dress code reflects this belief.

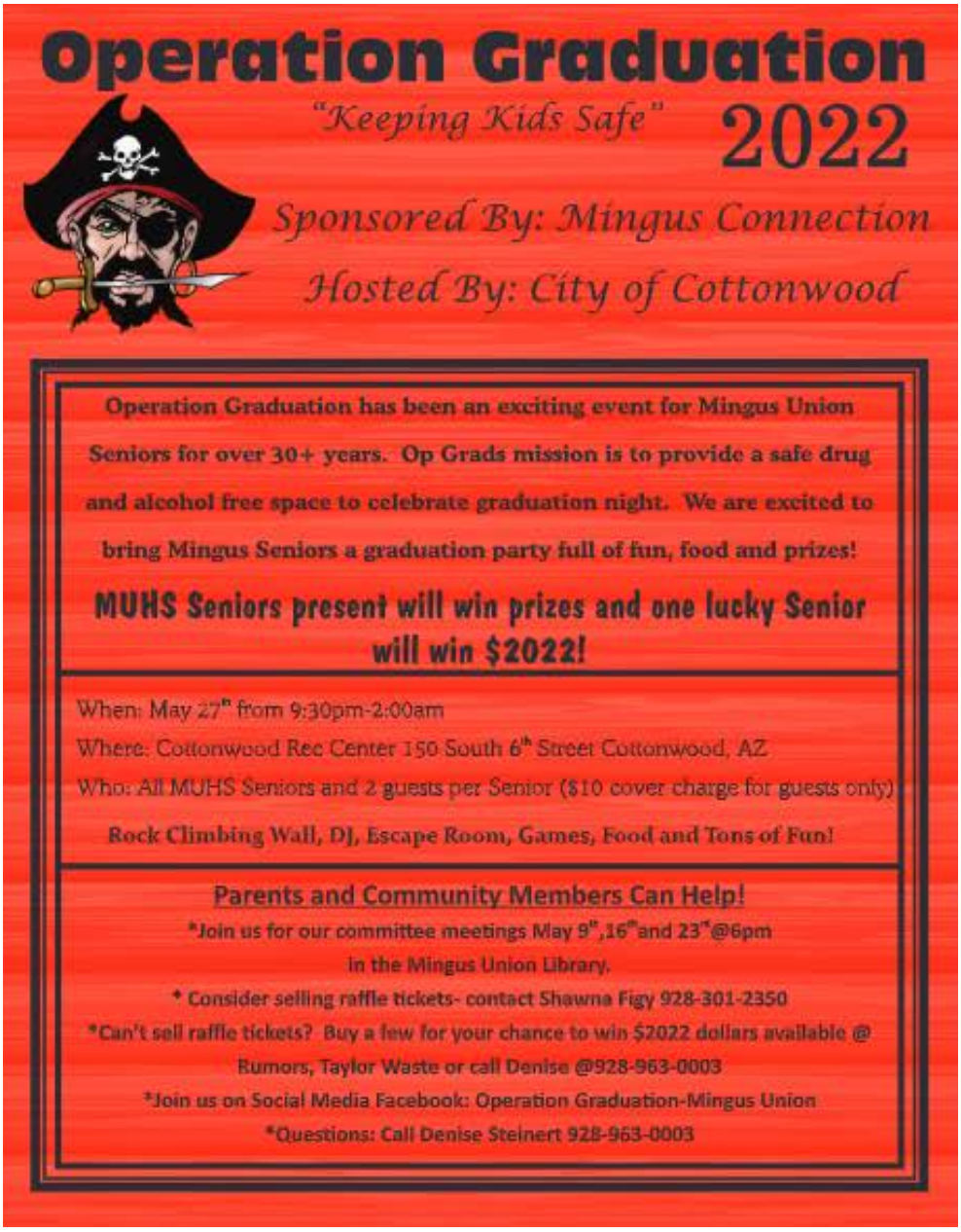
- **Men: dress shirt, pants/slacks, clean shoes (dress shoes are preferred and ties are optional)**
- **Ladies: dress, skirt, or dress pants/slacks – be careful with heel height, it is a long walk, and we do not want you to take a fall on your special night!**
- **No shorts, t-shirts, jeans, or flip-flops – no extremely informal attire**
- **No decoration on the graduation gown. No leis, boas, etc. – only school approved medals/cords are allowed.**
- **Graduation caps may be decorated, but the decoration must lay flat. No 3D or decorations hanging off the side. And decoration which would draw undue or negative attention is not permitted.**
- **Red gown, cap, tassel: the cap is to be worn flat on the head with the point at the center of the forehead and tassel on the right side**

Senior Honors Night

Senior Honors Awards Ceremony We are extremely proud of the academic accomplishments of our seniors. We will hold a special ceremony on Monday, May 23rd in the Mingus Union High School auditorium at 6:00 p.m. There will be an outdoor reception prior to the event at 5:30pm. If your student is being recognized for an award or scholarship, they will receive an invitation; however, all seniors and their families are welcome to attend. The attire for this evening is professional business attire

Graduation Seating

Each graduate will receive four field tickets. Tickets will be given to the graduate. The office will not provide tickets to adults. Students need to pick up the tickets at the High School Office beginning May 2nd through May 20th. Mingus Union High School will not manage ticket issues related to family dynamics. Our hope is that four field tickets will allow for inclusion of all family structures.



GET CONNECTED with PowerSchool

Built for convenient access to real-time student information like grades, assignments, and attendance, the *PowerSchool Mobile App* provides enhanced functionality for parents, guardians, and students.

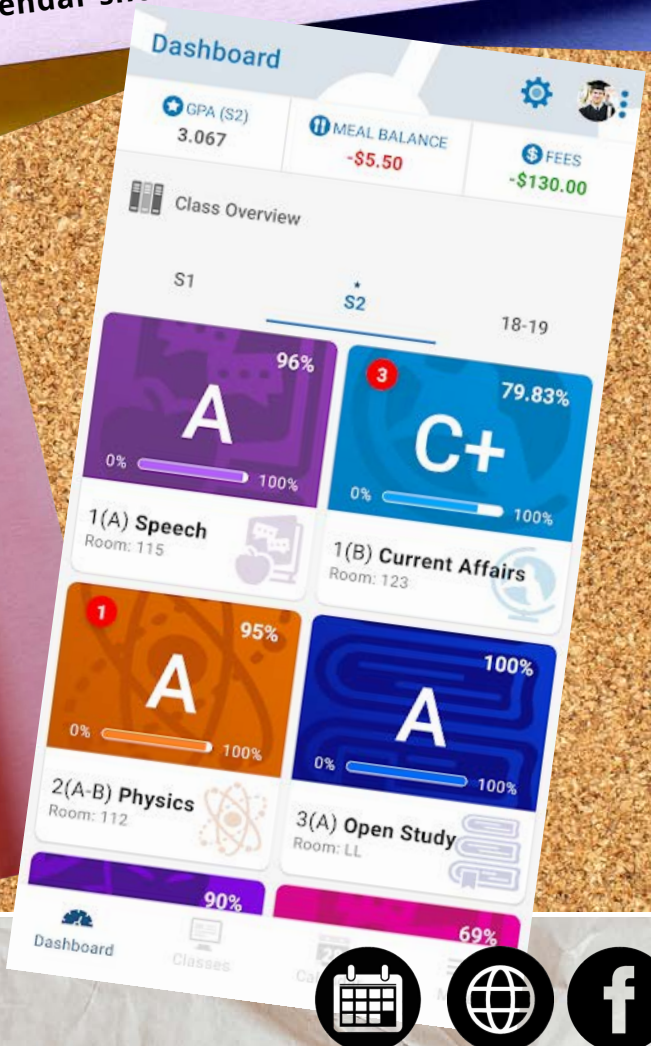
website

for iOS Users

for Android Users

District Code: FQCF

- Customize the dashboard view to gather your important information in one location
- Monitor changes to grades and attendance with push notifications
- Register to receive email alerts for grades, attendance, or assignments
- See real-time updates of grades and attendance
- View assignment details
- Review teacher comments
- Check the school's daily bulletin board
- View a full course schedule
- View a calendar showing all assignment due dates



PowerSchool is available online and in mobile apps!

To access your students' PowerSchool portal, please contact Dee Belzer at 928-649-4417 or dbelzer@muhs.com

You will be given Log In information specific to your student(s).

DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT

Parents or guardians with multiple students can align all students to a single account, eliminating the need to remember different login accounts and passwords to view student details!

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.

We have compiled a list of helpful Resources that are available in the Verde Valley.

- General Support
- Child Services and Parenting Support
- Food
- Jobs and Education
- Housing
- Health and Medical

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MORE Community Events & Resources

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED JUNE 25TH
MEAL-PACKING FOR UKRAINE

OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMES IN UKRAINE. MANY ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND BASIC NEEDS SUCH AS FOOD AND WATER. WE CAN HELP!

CLICK ON PHOTO FOR MORE INFORMATION

MANZANITA OUTREACH AND KIDS AGAINST HUNGER ARE COORDINATING EFFORTS TO BRING FOOD TO FAMILIES IN UKRAINE DISPLACED BY THE WAR. ON JUNE 25TH, VOLUNTEERS WILL GATHER TO ASSEMBLE FOOD BOXES TO BE SENT TO UKRAINE AND COMMUNITIES OF DISPLACED UKRAINIANS.

» REGISTER NOW!

THIS IS A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED OPPORTUNITY. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ASSIGNED A TWO-HOUR SHIFT AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE. YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION IN EARLY JUNE OF YOUR SHIFT TIME.

Manzanita Outreach

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FOR THE CURRENT COTTONWOOD AREA FOOD SHARING SCHEDULE

MAY 14TH:

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 THE VEHICLE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

MORE Community Events & Resources

WEDNESDAYS, 5PM TIL DARK
MAY, JUNE & SEPTEMBER
STARTING MAY 11TH

THE LOWDOWN BLUES BAND
LIVE MUSIC
WE GOT THE BLUES!

OLD TOWN MUSIC AND THE MARKET IS BACK THIS YEAR!

OLD TOWN MUSIC and the MARKET

SHOP LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS & VEGETABLES, HOMEMADE ITEMS AND MORE WHILE LISTENING TO FABULOUS REGIONAL MUSICIANS!

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT THE OLD TOWN ACTIVITIES PARK!

CALL FOR LOCAL VENDORS & BANDS!

Come showcase your band or locally made and grown products at this years Old Town Music and the Market.

Located at the Old Town Activity Park in historic Old Town Cottonwood.

Vendor spaces & band slots are limited!

Applications available online at oldtownmusicandthemarket.org

The Old Town Music & The Market 2022 season will begin on May 11th and continue each Wednesday from 5pm until dark.

For more information, contact Jessica Chacon at jchacon@cottonwoodaz.gov or (928) 639-3200 ext. 3215

COTTONWOOD
"Inspiring a Vibrant Community"