



OCT 2023

MINGUS MATTERS

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Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Dear Marauder Families,

Homecoming 2023 was a smashing success!

The Homecoming Closet was open and available to students with over 100 Homecoming clothing items shopped from the closet. We are very thankful to Rotary, Interact Club, and our own Sarah Garrett for making this event happen for our community. Our week began with decorated hallways complete with lights and Marauder decorations in every hallway. We had a festive spirit week culminating in our first annual Community Bash featuring Powder Puff football, awesome pep assembly, our Homecoming football game against Deer Valley (Marauder Victory!), and the Homecoming dance at the fairgrounds. Our Mingus Union High School band and cheer team led Homecoming drum lines through the hallways as our students made their way to the gym for the pep assembly. We had some new, exciting additions to Homecoming partnered with traditions that make Mingus so special. A big thank you to all the Mingus staff members, students, and community members who made these events possible for our students!

Success starts by showing up and we want to help our students build the habit of good attendance. Students who are on time and present throughout the year reap the benefits of all Mingus has to offer. Please have a conversation with your student about the importance of arriving on time, attending, and getting involved in the Mingus community. We have several clubs, sports, and activities available.

Thank you to all the families who participated in Parent/Teacher conferences. We are always thankful to have you on campus to discuss your student's education and experience here at Mingus. Thank you for your partnership!

As we move toward fall break (October 9-13), please encourage your student to turn in any missing work and discuss the importance of attendance. Another focus area is conflict resolution. We are seeing a slight increase in social conflict among our younger students. We have several ways we intervene as a school, but your voice is most powerful. Please consider discussing positive conflict resolution strategies with your Marauder.

Thank you, again, for an amazing start to the school year. Our team is honored to serve Mingus Union High School. It is a privilege to work with a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships while supporting the academic and social growth for each student. Go Marauders!



Genie Gee
Principal and
Treasure Hunter
Mingus Union High School

October Dates to Remember

October 5th
Balfour on campus taking orders
(More information on page 3)
12:30am - 12:35pm

October 5th
Governing Board Meeting
6 - 8pm
Regular Session

October 9th-13th
FALL BREAK
No School

October 14th
Manzanita Outreach Food Share
(More information on page 11)
11am - 12:30pm (West Lot)

October 18th
Picture Re-take Day
All Day - Small Gym



Welcome Fall



CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

PICTURE RETAKES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Order today on
mylifetouch.com
using your Picture Day ID:
EVT3D9MSN



EL DÍA DE LA FOTO ES

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Encarga hoy en
mylifetouch.com
usando tu ID del
Día de la Foto
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Lifetouch

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.

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MUHS GOVERNING BOARD



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.

HOWEVER-the October meeting will be held Thursday the 5th due to the Fall Break

Did you know that one of the biggest influences on a child's success stems from how invested the parents are in their education? There are so many small ways to start getting more involved: brainstorm a couple of goals for the school year, be mindful of the kinds of things you say about school and education around your child and take advantage of online communication and progress-monitoring tools available through your child's school.

Your interest and attention will go further than you imagine in fostering a love of learning in your child and supporting their achievement in the classroom!

("3 Reasons Why All Parents Should be Involved in their Child's Education" Sternke, 2016)

MORE INFO
ABOUT PAYING ATTENTION
TO ATTENDANCE



Fall Break

October 9th - 13th

Balfour on Campus

WHEN: Thursday, October 5, 2023, 12 - 12:30pm (LUNCH)

WHERE: Outside Cafeteria



Lettermen jackets need to be ordered by October 9th for December delivery.



All seniors will need a cap, gown, and tassel for graduation.

Ring orders require six weeks to process.



www.balfour.com





MINGUS A.T.O.R.T. PROUDLY PRESENTS

**Sat, October 21st
@ 6:30pm**

**Sun, October 22nd
@ 3pm**

**Fri, Oct 27th
@ 6:30pm**

**Sat, October 28th
@ 6:30pm**

**Sun, October 29th
@ 3pm**

THE OUTSIDERS

**ADAPTED BY
CHRISTOPHER
SERGEL**

**FROM THE
BOOK BY
S.E. HINTON**



**Purchase tickets
@ atort.ludus.com**

Adults - \$12

Seniors - \$11

Students - \$8

***All tickets \$3 more at the door**

Showing at the MUHS Auditorium, 1801 E Fir St, Cottonwood





HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEP 15- OCT 15

**THIS MONTH IS GIVEN TO
RECOGNIZE ALL HISPANICS ALL
AROUND THE WORLD. TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THE CULTURE,
ART, HISTORY, FOOD AND
PEOPLE. TO RECOGNIZE THE
CONTRIBUTIONS
HISPANICS/LATINOS HAVE MADE
IN THE UNITED STATES.**



**TO CELEBRATE THE HISPANIC HONORS
SERVICE SOCIETY WILL BE HOLDING A
BAILE OCT. 6 IN THE SMALL GYM AND
DURING THE WEEK OF 10/2 - 10/6 THERE
WILL BE A HISPANIC SPIRIT WEEK FOR
EVERYONE TO DRESS UP**



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

***Schedules are subject to change, so check often or call the athletic department for more info!**

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COME OUT TO OUR SPORTING EVENTS & SHOW YOUR MARAUDER PRIDE!



\$\$ TICKET PRICES \$\$

- ADULTS: \$6.00
- CHILDREN (Ages 7-12): \$4.00
- CHILDREN (6 & under): FREE
- MINGUS STUDENTS W/ID: \$4.00
- SENIORS (Ages 55+) & VETERANS: \$4.00

*GoFan collects a service fee (\$1/ticket) to support & grow a platform for schools. This covers the cost of the technology & credit card processing. Above prices include this fee.

use the QR code
here 
or visit [GOFAN.CO](https://gofan.co)
and search for
Mingus Union
High School



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FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES HERE

CLICK ON THE ICON BELOW TO BE TAKEN TO THAT SPORT'S SCHEDULE





SEPTEMBER ATHLETES OF THE MONTH ~ WINNERS

Thank you all for voting!

Based on the survey here are the results for September!!!

We are super excited for all of our athletes and we will be working on recognizing them for achieving this honor through athletics!



Male Athlete of the Month
Mikey Grijalva



Female Athlete of the Month
Makela Martinez



Pursuing Victory with Honors
Witten Armstrong

Sports Registration for WINTER SPORTS is now available!

Stop by the front office to pick up your athletic packet
or visit www.mingusunion.com/athletics

**You must be cleared by the Athletic
Dept in order to participate in sports.**
Contact the Front Office for more information



The following steps need to be submitted:

1. Family ID online registration needs to be created and/or renewed for the 2023/2024 school year.
2. Concussion course and Opioid course needs to be completed through the AIA online academy
3. All athletes need to turn in their 2023/2024 AIA sports physical evaluation form completed and signed.
4. Visit our website www.mingusunion.com/athletics for all your registration needs

WINTER SPORTS: Tryouts begin October 30th
No Registration turned in = NO TRYOUTS!





VALLEY
ACADEMY FOR
CAREER AND
TECHNOLOGY
EDUCATION



VACTE - The Valley Academy of Career & Technology Education would like to highlight our Law Enforcement & Public Safety Program

Students interested in this career pathway learn what it takes to protect and preserve the life and property of community members. This includes, yet is not limited to, learning how to do traffic control at community events, understanding the Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) and utilizing the code book as a tool.

It is important to understand the dynamics and demands of a career in Law Enforcement and Public Safety. Being on the move is no stranger to individuals in this profession. You find yourself moving in and out of vehicles, being exposed to the elements of the weather all while having to gather pertinent information regarding the incident they are investigating and being able to relay important information through radio communication.

Students in the VACTE Law Enforcement and Public Safety learn the basics of what the expectations and requirements are to further their career in the realm of this career cluster which may include, security officer, detention officer, and probation officer.

Upon completion of the program students have the potential of receiving 18 college credit hours towards their associate degree, they will be certified in Basic Defense Weapons Tactics by the Advisor who is a certified instructor through ASP, be CPR certified as well as being trained in crime scene investigations.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in the student organization through SkillsUSA which is integrated into the curriculum. Through their student organization students are able to apply their investigative, public speaking and other job skills they have learned through the career and technology program and showcase them on a regional, state, and national level.

Our crime scene investigation team received gold in the regional competition in March of 2023 and went on to place in the top 10 on the state level. The student organization is currently considered a silver chapter indicating our students are actively involved in their student organization and are able to properly apply their job skills according to the mission of their student organization.



VACTE Law Enforcement & Public Safety Program students volunteer a few times every month with Manzanita Outreach to package food that will be provided to the community through one of their many food shares.



VACTE Law Enforcement & Public Safety Program students learning to correctly handle and investigate a crime scene

Jennifer Choate is the teacher and advisor for our Law Enforcement & Public Safety Program. She is a retired police officer with 20+ years' experience and brings amazing knowledge to the students. She has been awarded the Yavapai County Champion of Education, Skills USA Silver Distinction, and many other amazing accomplishments. Being part of a career and technical education program with an advisor who comes with experience from the industry allows the students to have access to advanced level training, be competitive in the industry for employment opportunities and receive acknowledgement for the achievements of their hard work and dedication.



Ms. Choate at the Skills USA conference in 2023 with VACTE Law student, Shyann Hardy, who was elected as Arizona State Skills USA Vice President.

MUHS CELEBRATES SANDRA O'CONNOR CIVICS DAY

On Wednesday September 15th, our Social Studies department celebrated Constitution Day and the Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Day with a Town Hall-style forum for our senior government students. We welcomed honored guests, Cha'Mira Keener (Attorney at Ledbetter Law Firm), Mayor Tim Elinski of Cottonwood, Laura Jones (Clarkdale Council Member) and Officer Brandon Iurato (Cottonwood Police Department & MUHS SRO) to our school in great anticipation of some excellent, real-world learning to take place. This event is designed to engage our students in civics beyond the classroom, celebrate our Constitution, and pay tribute to our leaders, past and present, that have dedicated their lives to public service. Our school, students, and especially the Social Studies department would like to thank our guests again for their time and efforts as they continue to serve our community and the greater public good.

- September 25, 1981, is the day Justice O'Connor was sworn in as the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court.
- A.R.S. 15-710.01. On Sandra Day O'Connor's civics celebration day, each public school in this state shall dedicate the majority of the school day to civics education.

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL Civics Day/Constitution Day Town Hall September 13th 2023



In Photograph (Left to right):

- Cha'Mira Keener, Attorney, Ledbetter Law Firm
- Mayor Tim Elinski of Cottonwood
- Laura Jones, Clarkdale Council Member
- Officer Brandon Iurato, Cottonwood Police Department
- Charisma Benda, MUHS Student Body Representative



Senior Sunrise

Senior Sunrise is an annual event that gives graduating seniors the chance to reflect on their high school experiences and share special memories with their peers. It's a way of honoring tradition while fostering community and celebrating the accomplishments of each individual. The gathering typically takes place near sunrise, giving students time to reflect on the past four years and look ahead with hope for the future.

9-9-23

MUHS CLASS OF 2024





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.](#)

Inspiring
CHANGE

Providing
HOPE

Old Town Mission
116 E. Pinal Street
Cottonwood
928-634-7869

Mission Thrift Store
810 W Mingus Ave
Cottonwood
928-634-1644

Sharing God's LOVE

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

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 employer and provider.

SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

The Great TURKEY GIVEAWAY
November **21** Tuesday
116 E. Pinal Street
9 am - 4 PM

Holiday Boxes include:

- 12 - 20lb Frozen Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Mushroom Soup & Green Beans
- French Fried Onions
- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Bread & Dinner Rolls
- Assorted Pies



October 13th:
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!



Manzanita Outreach

CLICK

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

