

MHS Announcements - September 5, 2023 [2023-24 MHS Bell Schedules](#)

It's Great to be a Muskie! Visit [MHS Official Activities Site](#) for schedules, rosters & directions.

MHS Hours are Monday through Friday 7:45AM-4PM.

Announcements in Green - New

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Announcements in Black - 2 or more days old (per request)

** Daily News & Information **

- MHS Activities: [MHS Activities Sept. 5-9, 2023](#)
- National Guard: If you'd like to learn more about how the Iowa National Guard can enable you, stop by and meet with SGT Fernandez in the MHS Commons Foyer on Tuesday September 5th, 2023 during lunchtime! There will also be a chance to win some cool Guard items by playing games!
- The Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency's Driver Education Program will be holding a session at MHS Sept.5-24. Thirty hours of asynchronous online instruction and six hours behind-the-wheel instruction per student is provided over a three-week time period.

Driving Instructors: Adam Wiley and Kelsey Koenig

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Budde, Coordinator of Student Programs, at 563-344-6449 or abudde@mbaea.org. You are invited to share input about our driver education instructors.

- Social Justice Club Meeting: The Social Justice Club is meeting for the first time Tuesday September 12th during Muskie Time in Ms. Konczyk's room, 21-030. Social Justice Club is a student led club that works to ensure that everyone has equal rights, opportunities, and treatment within the school environment. All are welcome! We will meet on Tuesdays during Muskie Time.
- Silver Cord - Senior Reminder: This is just a reminder for all seniors that 160 Silver Cord Hours will need to be submitted by April in order to receive the Silver Cord at graduation. Service qualifies for Silver Cord if the student "is not paid for the service, the student does not receive credit for the service, and the service is not for the purpose of fundraising for a group/activity/team that the student participates in." In order for the volunteer hours to be counted towards Silver Cord, students must complete the online form to verify. To access that online form, please click here: [Silver Cord Verification Form](#)
- Job Opportunity: Geneva Golf and Country Club is looking for seasonal bag staff for this fall! This is a great team atmosphere to work in! Perfect for a high school or college student! [Geneva Golf Job Description](#) Please apply by reaching out to Matt Dail at mdail560@gmail.com or by calling Geneva Golf and Country Club at 563-263-8942!
- **SAVE THE DATE - September 23, 2023:** MHS Homecoming Dance. More info to come!

- **Silver Cord Opportunity - Mobile Food Pantry:** Volunteers are needed for the MCSD & River Bend Mobile Food Pantry which returns next Tuesday, September 5th. Please use this to sign-up and thank you in advance! Sign-up here: [MCSD / Riverbend Mobile Food Pantry Sign-up](#)
- **It's time to get "On Track"** with the kick-off to college planning week. ICAN and Iowa College Aid are kicking off the new academic year with College Planning Week - a series of events to help every Iowa high school student kick the 2023-24 academic year off on the right foot. Register for the virtual event @ <https://www.icansucceed.org/ontrack>
- **Welcome back Muskies!** Now that we've re-established a rhythm to our days it's time to bring Chess Club back into the mix! Beginning Tuesday, September 11, Chess Club will resume meeting weekly in Mr. Johnson's room (15-113) in the science wing. Please email Mr. Johnson (Justin.johnson@mcsdonline) if you plan to attend/join our club and include your Muskie Time teacher in the cc line. Hope to see you there!"
- **Study Abroad Opportunity!** [Study Abroad Information](#)
- **Yearbook Pick-up:** For students who purchased a 2022-23 yearbook and missed the August pickup date, yearbooks are available for pickup outside of the old student services on Friday during lunch.
- **ACT Test Date & Sign-up:** The next national test date for the ACT is Saturday, October 28th. To register, students should go to <https://my.act.org/account/signin?location=https://my.act.org>. The regular fee registration deadline is September 22nd

If you would like to access free test prep materials from ACT, they are available for download by using this link: <https://cloud.e.act.org/free-practice-act-test>

- **Smart Pass - Nurse's Office:** Students - Please make a smart pass on your laptop for non-emergency visits and wait to leave the classroom until the Nurse approves it. Show your screen to your teacher.
- **Parking tags have now arrived!** If you have already filled out the parking tag form, and just need to pick up your parking tag, please stop by Student Services to pick it up. If you have NOT filled out the parking tag form, those forms are available outside of the AD Office in the forms holder or in the Student Services Office. ALL students driving to school need to complete the vehicle registration form and must have their parking tag displayed at all times while parked here. This parking tag will be used until the Class of 2025 graduates. Students should park in either Bonnie St. or Cedar St. Parking Lots. Please note, there is a \$5.00 charge for all lost/misplaced parking tags. If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Freers in the Student Services Office.
Note: if you already have a parking tag, you do not need to fill out another form.
- **Key Club Meeting:** Our first Key Club meeting of the year will be Thursday, September 7th during Muskie Time in the Library Cafe. Anyone and Everyone who wants to be a part of a service/volunteer organization is welcome to come! Because of the changes to Muskie Time - we need to request students this year. Fill out the Google Form if you want to be requested:
<https://forms.gle/X7NArSKPTg1LGnPx9>
- **Boys' Soccer Players and Parents:** Looking for volunteers for help in the Concession Stand Friday, 9/15, 4pm-7pm! Use the following link to sign up. All help is appreciated. This is one way we get funding to purchase needed items. [Boys' Soccer Concession Sign-up](#)
- **The Magic the Gathering and Dungeons & Dragons Club** will have informational meetings for students interested in participating on Friday 9/1 at the beginning of both lunch segments in Ben Johns's office (21-031, the glass office upstairs in the Big M Language Arts wing). The club will begin

meeting to actually play the games starting on Tuesday 9/5 after school from 3:30-5:30 in the Commons. See Ben Johns, Logan Hunter, or Tony Koch if you have any questions.

- **Athlete Ad** for Sports Program: if you would like to purchase an ad for your MHS Athlete, please fill out this [form](#). Questions? Contact Mindy Stoltzfus at mindy.stoltzfus@mcsdonline.org
- 2023-24 Yearbooks can be purchased on MySchoolBucks or at the MHS Attendance Office. Cost is \$63.
- MHS Martial Arts classes will start on Monday, August 28, 2023 in the Upper Boys' Gym, Monday thru Thursday (no Friday classes) from 3:35 to 5:00 pm. If you have any question see Jesse Valenzuela in the MHS Halls or email at jesse.valenzuela@mcsdonline.org
- Pre-order subs & salads using the link below. We do ask that you place your order by 9:30 am, each day. During your meal session, you may look for the pre-order sign near the front of the sub line, follow the arrows & tell the team member your last name. Students will be given their sandwich or salad on a tray so that they may select at least 1 fruit or vegetable from the black salad bar & go to the cashier. [Sub Sandwich & Chef Salad Order Form](#)
If you do not place your order by 9:30 am, we will still make subs or salads for you, but you will have to wait in line.
- Did you or someone you know attend Muscatine High School during the 2012 through 2015 school years? If so, this is your chance to purchase a yearbook that reflects those school years and memories! Each yearbook is \$20 until sold out. All proceeds go back into the Yearbook Club to purchase new equipment and expand the program for students. To purchase, call the Activities Office at Muscatine High School at (563) 263-6141 and ask for Ms. Stoltzfus.
- 12th Students/Parents: If your student has not received the Meningococcal Vaccine as noted by Iowa Immunization Law, please read this [letter](#) and if you have any concerns, please email MHS School Nurse, Nancy Van Blarcom at nancy.vanblarcom@mcsdonline.org. If an appt. is scheduled, please disregard and forward your complete paperwork to Muscatine High School.
- Student Activity Passes: If you purchased a Student Activity Pass and had your picture taken on August 16 and have a new Student ID, please stop in Student Service and see Ms. Freers. Those that purchased an activity pass that do not have a new Student ID, your name will be on a list at the ticket gates. (Picture Day is on August 29 so after that day, you can go to Student Services as well!)
- Please read your announcements each day and/or check the TVs throughout MHS and social media. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MuscatineHS/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MuscatineHS>
- Lockers: If you would like a school locker, please request one from Ms. Wheeler in Student Services.
- MHS DRAMA is looking for students to train on lights and sound production for our shows. If you are interested in technical theater and would like to learn how to design and run sound and lights, please contact Mrs. Mauck: rene.mauck@mcsdonline.org
- Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency's Driver Education Program: To register for upcoming Driver's Ed sessions, please visit: <https://drivered.mbaea.org/student-programs/driver-education/>

**** Athletics/Activities Information ****

- MHS Activities: [MHS Activities Aug. 26-Sept. 2, 2023](#)

- Athletic Forms are available outside of the AD Office in the forms holder or by visiting: [ATHLETIC FORMS](#)
- Visit [MHS Official Activities Site](#) for updates to schedules, rosters & directions.
- Athletic Punch Pass/Card for adults are \$50 and can be purchased at the MHS Attendance Center or at the gate during events. This Punch Card allows you 10 admissions into all sporting events except regional & state competitions, most vocal, orchestra, and band events, and the fall drama production. (Individual regular game adult entrance fee for football is \$7, students, \$6. Volleyball and other sports are \$6 entrance fee.)
- Student Activity Passes are available for sale online through Powerschool-My School Bucks or at the MHS Attendance Center for \$50. This pass allows you admission into all sporting events except regional & state competitions, most vocal, orchestra, and band events, and the fall drama production.
- Follow @MuskieActivitie on Twitter for MHS activities & athletic updates and information.

**** Forms ****

- Online Transcript Request Form: [Muscatine High School Transcript Request Form](#)
- DOT Minor School License Form: Forms are available outside of the AD Office in the forms holder. (You must have completed Driver's Ed in order to submit this form.)
Instructions: Please complete Sections 1 and 3. (Leave Section 2 blank). Return completed form to Mrs. Borde in the Main Office.
- NEW Vehicle Registration Form: ALL students driving to school will need to complete a Vehicle Registration Form for a new MHS Parking Tag. This parking tag will be used until the Class of 2025 graduates. The form is available outside of the AD Office in the forms holder or in the Student Services office. Completed forms should be returned to the Student Services office. Students with a new MHS Parking Tag can park in the Bonnie St. or Cedar St. parking lots. There will be a \$5 charge for all lost parking tags.

**** Fundraisers ****

- Muskie Store is Open! The district has partnered with Phelps Custom Apparel to offer our staff, families, and community Muskie Apparel! This online store does not close meaning that it remains open for all of your Muskie clothing n.
Go to: https://stores.inksoft.com/phelpsstores_muscatine_muskies/shop/home and check it out!
- Jostens Muskie School Store: Do you want Muskie Spirit Wear/Accessories or to give as a gift?
Visit [Muscatine High School Muskies Custom Apparel](#)

**** Silver Cord Opportunities/Volunteer Opportunities ****

- Flickinger Learning Center - Interested in gaining silver cord hours or gaining early childhood experience? Come read, play, or do fun math games with our kids ages K-6th! Our program runs Monday through Friday from 3:15-5:15pm. Stop into FLC @ 413 Mulberry Ave., Muscatine, IA to grab an application and set up orientation! Or go to flickingerlearning.org to apply!
- Silver Cord Program: Students recording hours of volunteer service during their years at MHS will be awarded a Silver Cord to wear at graduation. In order for volunteer hours to count towards a Silver

Cord, students must complete the online form to verify. [Silver Cord Form](#)
Service qualifies for Silver Cord recognition if:

- The student is not paid for the service.
- The student does not receive credit for the service.
- The service is not for the purpose of fundraising for a group/activity/team that the student participates in.
 - *140 hours are required for students in the Class of 2021, 2022 and 2023.
 - *160 hours are required for students graduating in the Class of 2024.

**** Yearbook Info ****

- 2023-24 Yearbooks can be purchased on MySchoolBucks or at the MHS Attendance Office. Cost is \$63.
- Yearbook Pick-up: If you purchased a 2022-23 Yearbook, you can pick it up in the AD Secretary Office, Room 11-11-002. There is a limited number of 2022-23 yearbooks that can be purchased on a first-come, first serve basis for \$56.
- Did you or someone you know attend Muscatine High School during the 2012 through 2015 school years? If so, this is your chance to purchase a yearbook that reflects those school years and memories! Each yearbook is \$20 until sold out. All proceeds go back into the Yearbook Club to purchase new equipment and expand the program for students. To purchase, call the Activities Office at Muscatine High School at (563) 263-6141 and ask for Ms. Stoltzfus.