

## MHS Announcements - September 13, 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

Announcements in Blue - Previous Day

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

### \*\* Daily News & Information \*\*

- Homecoming Guest Forms: If you plan on having an out-of-school guest attend our Homecoming Dance, **they must have filled out an APPROVED form before September 20th**. These forms are in the AP office with Mrs. Chatfield.

Additionally, you must be a student in "Good Standing" to attend Homecoming year. That means:

- No more than 15 tardies
  - No major ISS/OSS from this year
  - 28 or more NPs
- FREE Homecoming Attire (Dresses, Pants, Shirts) Sign up using the link below for an appointment during Lunch or after school <https://forms.gle/qoQMbqD6UJZWmDMA9>
  - Muskie Minutes - Season 4 Episode 1: <https://youtu.be/RVGvngw64Z4>
  - Class of 2024 - Military Academy Admissions: Are you interested in attending one of the United States Military Academies? If so, now is the time to start working on requests for nominations and beginning the application process. If you are interested in the Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, West Point or Merchant Marine Academy, please reach out to Mrs. Hawkins for more information on how to get started.
  - September 14: 2-Hour Early Out
  - September 15: NO SCHOOL (Teacher Inservice)
  - **SAVE THE DATES - SEPT 18-23: MHS Homecoming Week. Theme: Out of this world!**
    - Sept. 18 - Movie Under the Stars 7:30-10:30PM - MHS Stadium
    - Sept. 20 - Powderpuff Football @7PM - MHS Stadium - \$5 Entry Fee
    - Sept. 21 - Parade @ 6PM & Coronation plus Food Trucks and Car Smash-\$1
    - Sept. 22 - Senior Wall Handprint during MT, Senior Walk to The Merrill Hotel @11AM  
Pep Rally 2 3PM, Homecoming Football Game \$7 Adult, \$6 Students
    - Sept. 23 - Homecoming Dance 8-11PM. Tickets are \$10 for dance. Tickets will be sold during homecoming week. Guest Forms will be available Sept. 18.

- Homecoming Flowers: Affordable Flowers for HoCo and Prom, a pop up flower service, is offering fresh corsages and boutonnieres for Muskie students for just the cost of supplies.

This service has been ongoing for a number of years with many repeat orders. We make ordering easy and guarantee a fresh product that will compliment your look for the dance.

- If you are interested you can email: [rmcfamily@machlink.com](mailto:rmcfamily@machlink.com)
  - or you can check us out and message us on Facebook at: Affordable Flowers for HoCo and Prom.
  - There are many pictures to view as examples of the final product. Corsages are \$15 and Boutonnieres are \$10.
  - Orders are due by Thursday the 21st.
- MHS Activities: [MHS Activities Sept. 11-16, 2023](#)
  - Pride Club will meet this Wednesday, September 13 during Muskie Time in Cromer's room, 21-024. Everyone who has expressed interest has been requested through Adaptive Scheduler. If anyone would like to attend but has not been requested, send Cromer an email and she will request you!
  - FCA is scheduled to start this Wednesday in the Auditorium during Muskie Time. Please notify Ginger Chatfield in the AP office if you would like to attend.
  - The Senior March forms are available for pick up at the Attendance Office or outside the AD Office. You must have at least 15 credits and be in your 4th year of high school in order to qualify. In order to attend. You need to turn in your signed slip by September 20th along with money.
  - CAPE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! CAPE is the After Prom party held at Muscatine High School. It's for all Muscatine High School Juniors and Seniors whether they attend Prom or not. Giant Inflatables, Casino, Free Food, Games are all a part of this fantastic night. CAPE is run by PARENT VOLUNTEERS and we need your help. We are especially looking for parents with Freshman and Sophomore kids who want to learn now so you can help in the upcoming years.

MEETING: Monday September 18th 5:30 PM meet at the Learning Stairs across from the commons. If you're not sure where that is, or if you want to get involved but can't make the meeting, text or email Karen Brookhart 563-506-1668 or [kbrookhart@taxrelief.org](mailto:kbrookhart@taxrelief.org).

- Juniors and Seniors! Application packets for the 2023-24 painted parking spots are now available for pickup. Attached is a digital version, but hard copies are available at the Attendance Center and Mrs. Rauenbuehler's room (21-026). Spots are \$40 and applications are due Friday, September 22nd with money to Mindy Stoltz's office - room 11-002. [2023-24 "Leave Your Mark: Upper-Classmen Parking](#)

For more information, contact Amaya Wagner.

- Class of 2024 - College Application Day 2023: RSVP today for College Application Day on Wednesday, September 27th using the Google link sent to Class of 2024 on Sept. 5. [College Application Day Info](#)
- ACAC College Fair hosted by Muscatine Community College: Sept. 14, MHS Gym - 9:30-11:30am  
12th - 3th Hour  
11th - 4th Hour  
10th - 5th Hour  
[College Fair Info](#)

- **Cornell College:** Are you interested in learning more about Cornell College? Stop by Student Services on Monday, September 18th, 2023 at 10:30am to be able to meet with a Cornell College Representative, ask questions, and see what they have to offer! If you are planning to attend, please let Ms. Freers know via email at [mallory.freers@mcsdonline.org](mailto:mallory.freers@mcsdonline.org).
- **Study Abroad in China next summer!:** Applications are officially open for students interested in studying abroad in China next summer. Attached is a flier, and more information is available here: <https://www.givinggreater.org/china> [Study Abroad in China](#)  
The Sarah D. Lande Education Co. and Wanxiang America Corporation are providing scholarships.
- **Online Remote Students - Odysseyware:** If you are having any issues with your Odysseyware, please reach out to Mr.Gehret at [scot.gehret@mcsdonline.org](mailto:scot.gehret@mcsdonline.org)
- **FFA Meetings** will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month during Muskie time in the AG room - 13-008.
- **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.
- **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](mailto:mdail560@gmail.com) or by calling Geneva Golf and Country Club at 563-263-8942!
- **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>
- **Chess Club:** Beginning Tuesday, September 12, Chess Club will resume meeting weekly in Mr. Johnson's room (15-113) in the science wing. Please email Mr. Johnson ([Justin.johnson@mcsdonline](mailto: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!"
- **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** 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.

- 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.
- 2023-24 Yearbooks can be purchased on MySchoolBucks or at the MHS Attendance Office. Cost is \$63.
- 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](mailto:nancy.vanblarcom@mcsdonline.org). If an appt. is scheduled, please disregard and forward your complete paperwork to Muscatine High School.
- 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.
- 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 \*\***

- 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](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 \*\***

- 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](#)
- 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](http://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.