

MHS Announcements - October 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 **

- Yearbook Sales + Senior Information (2023-24) – Senior Picture Upload & Baby Ads: [Attached](#) you will find yearbook information for the 2023-24 school year. This year, families will be receiving communications both from MHS and from Jostens, our yearbook company. We are hoping that the direct links that you find within these communications will make ordering status, submissions, and payments much easier.

For questions, email alex.rauenbuehler@mcsdonline.org (Yearbook Adviser) or mindy.stoltzfus@mcsdonline.org (Activity Directors Office).

We thank you for your continued support! The Auroran Staff (the MHS Yearbook) [Yearbook Sales + Senior Information \(2023-24\)](#)

- Students & Families: FSA ID Assistance is available during Parent Teacher Conferences! Take advantage of this opportunity on Monday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 18th from 6:00-7:30PM in the MHS Commons - contact Student Services for more information! Parents and students will need a personal device and their social security number to create an ID. Guest wifi will be available for use on personal laptops or tablets. Please contact Karey Hawkins at karey.hawkins@mcdonline.org or at 563-264-8637 ext 3118 with any questions.
- MHS Parent Teacher Conferences - Oct. 16, Oct. 18, & Oct. 19
Drop-In In-Person Conferences (No Appt. Necessary)
Monday, October 16: 4-6PM
Wednesday, October 18: 4-6PM

Virtual Conferences - Google Meet (Appt. Required) [MHS Virtual Parent Teacher Conf. Sign-Up](#)
Monday- October 16: 6-7:30PM
Wednesday, October 18: 6-7:30PM
Thursday, October 19: 1:45-3:45PM
- Oct. 19 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal
- Oct. 20 - NO SCHOOL - Conference Comp. Day
- Scholarships: [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)
- Silver Cord Opportunities: Please see the Silver Cord section below for all Silver Cord opportunities.
- **LAST DAY TO REGISTER - OCT. 14 - PSAT Test - 10th & 11th Grade Students:** Why take the PSAT? Great standardized test practice and, is the only way to qualify for a National Merit Scholarship.

- **Testing Date:** The PSAT will be given on October 19, 2023. Testing will begin at 8AM and should be completed by 1PM.
- **Procedure to Sign Up:** Pay \$18 at the Attendance Office, Bring your receipt once you have paid to Student Services, and Sign up with Ms. Freers
- **This is a first-come, first-serve test.** If paying for the test will be an issue, please see Ms. Wolfe and she will help you work through this.
- **Spots Available:** 50
- **Testing Platform:** Testing will be done all online this year. Students will be required to bring your Chromebook (Charged) and charger in case your battery doesn't last.

- **Muscatine Community College (MCC) Vet Tech and Nursing Informational Sessions**

- **Vet Tech Visit Day**

- **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 PM**
- **Muscatine Agricultural Learning Center, 3200 Lucas Street, Muscatine**
- **Dr. Dan will present information about the program, tour the classrooms/labs and the Vet Tech advisor will also be available.**

- **Nursing Information Session**

- **Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 PM**
- **Muscatine Community College Career Advancement Center, Room 10 (this is the newest building on campus closest to Colorado Street), 152 Colorado Street, Muscatine**
- **Both the nursing instructor and advisor will be available to answer any questions you may have about the program.**

- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** The Muskie Early Learning Center is looking for 2-5 volunteers to help provide childcare during a parent meeting on Tuesday, October 24th from 4:15-6:30. Age range of children will vary between infant-8 year-old. If interested, please contact Jessi Freers at jessi.freers@mcsdonline.org
- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** The Muskie Early Learning Center is looking for 5-7 volunteers to help during our Creatures of the Night family event on Thursday, October 26th from 5:15-7:00 at the Environmental Learning Center. If interested, please contact Jessi Freers at jessi.freers@mcsdonline.org
- **Muskie Minutes - Season 4 Episode 5:** <https://youtu.be/sXOZSAYWpgA>
- **Boys and Girls Bowling:** Anyone interested in bowling this season, please complete the form below. There will be an informational meeting before the first practice. First practice for bowling will be Nov 6. Please watch your email for more information. [Boys and Girls Bowling Sign-up Form](#)
- **FSA ID Assistance on Oct. 18 in Student Center - Conf. Rm A:** [FSA ID Assistance Information](#)
- **RESCHEDULED!** Are you interested in learning more about attending Augustana College Stop by Student Services on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 1:00pm to be able to meet with an

Augustana 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.

- Student Council is opening applications for 9th and 10th graders who may be interested
If you would like to apply, applications will be open until Friday, October 27th @ 3:31 pm.
If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Petersen at kindra.petersen@mcsdonline.org
[9th & 10th Grade Student Council Sign-up Form](#)
- Can-Ball, our annual male volleyball tournament, will take place on Wednesday, November 1st.
Packets are available for pick up either at the attendance office or outside of Mrs. Stoltzfus's office - please keep in mind that you do need to have a current concussion form, parent consent form and physical on file before you can start practicing or participating in the tournament. Forms are to be turned into Ms. Petersen in Room 22-016 by Friday, Oct. 27 at 3:31pm.
[CANball Registration Form](#) [CANball Information](#)
- Speech & Debate Meetings: Any student interested in Speech & Debate - Meetings will be held on Wednesdays after school in the Student Center and on Fridays during Muskie Time. Please contact Mr. Iosbaker to be added to Adaptive Scheduler for the Friday meetings or for more information.
- Silver Cord Opportunity: Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign
Creative? Like taking photos? Looking for a great way to "give back" this Holiday Season?
The Salvation Army of Muscatine is looking for 2-3 students to volunteer with marketing/social media coverage activities during the bellringing dates that start Thanksgiving weekend and go through Dec. 24. [Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Volunteer Information](#)
- MHS Activities: [MHS Activities Oct. 9-14, 2023](#)
- Please read the School Newspaper, [The Auroran Today](#), on their newly designed website.
Stories updated almost daily!
- Parents/Guardians - MHS Daily Announcement Sign-up: If you would like to receive MHS Daily Announcements, please subscribe to the MHS Parent Square subscription group:
[MHS Daily Announcements Sign-up](#)
Announcements are also available to view on the MHS Website: <https://mhs.muscatine.k12.ia.us/>
- REMINDER - Parking Tags - Staff & Students: If you drive to school, you must display your MHS parking tag in your vehicle. If you do not have a tag, please go to Student Services for a Vehicle Registration form. If you do not have a parking tag displayed, you will be fined \$5 and an orange sticker will be placed on your vehicle.
- Boy's Wrestling Meeting: If you are at all interested in participating in Boy's Wrestling this winter, please come to the information meeting on Monday, October 16th in the Auditorium during Muskie Time. If you are interested and cannot attend, please contact Coach Mauck at scott.mauck@mcsdonline.org
- Girl's Wrestling Meeting: Are you female? Do you want to be a part of the fastest growing sport in the nation? Then why not join the Girl's Wrestling Team? If you are at all interested in participating in Girl's Wrestling this winter, please come to the information meeting on Monday, October 16th in the Auditorium during Muskie Time.

If you are interested and cannot attend, please contact Coach Lukavsky at bailey.lukavsky@mcsdonline.org or Coach Mauck at scott.mauck@mcsdonline.org

- 2023-24 Yearbooks can be purchased on Jostens.com. Select Yearbook, then enter "Muscatine" as school then search. Cost is \$63. [Order Your Yearbook Here!](#)
- 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.
- 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
- ACT Test Date & FREE Test Prep: 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 was 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>

- 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.
- 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 ****

- Boys and Girls Bowling: Anyone interested in bowling this season, please complete the form below. There will be an informational meeting before the first practice. First practice for bowling will be Nov 6. Please watch your email for more information. [Boys and Girls Bowling Sign-up Form](#)
- Girls' Soccer Sign-up: Any students interested in participating in Girls' Soccer this Spring please sign up by clicking on the link below. This will also add you to the email list for our pre-season open gyms

and other activities. If you have any questions please reach out to Coach Arceo. Go Skies!!!

<https://forms.gle/pFnzfyfXdZDWKuzS6>

- 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 an 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 an 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 ****

- 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 ****

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- Volunteers are needed for the Madison Elementary Annual Carnival on November 9th. Deadline to register to volunteer is November 1st.
Here is the link to sign up: [Madison Elementary Fall Carnival Volunteer Sign-up](#)
- The Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry is seeking volunteers to help at the information booth and with cleanup at the Pearl City Vintage Market on Saturday, October 14th on the Muscatine Riverfront. The hours needed are from 10:00am – 3:00pm, and shift times can be adjusted based on availability. Please contact GMCCI's Director of Marketing & Events Dena Ferreira by emailing dferreira@muscatine.com or calling 563-263-8895.
- 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.
*160 hours are required for students graduating in the Class of 2024 and after.

**** Yearbook Info ****

- 2023-24 Yearbooks can be purchased on Jostens.com. Select Yearbook, then enter "Muscatine" as school then search. Cost is \$63. [Order Your Yearbook Here!](#)
- 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.