

MHS Announcements - October 26, 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 **

- **Key Club Blood Drive:** Any MHS Students or Staff interested in donating blood on Thursday, November 9, 2023 need to sign-up with a Key Club member or email Mrs. Keltner at jen.keltner@mcsdonline.org. Walk-ins will NOT be taken for this blood drive - all donors need to have a scheduled time between 8:00am-12:00noon in the VanHecke Center Gym. [Key Club Blood Drive Info](#)
- **Scholarships:** [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)
- **Silver Cord Opportunities:** Please see the Silver Cord section below for all Silver Cord opportunities.
- **Silver Cord Opportunity: Volunteer Timers** needed for this Saturday, Oct. 28, Girls' Swim JV Invitational Meet at MHS Carver Pool. Please contact Coach Erin Gould at erin.gould@mcsdonline.org if interested. Lunch will be provided! Arrive no later than 10:20 AM for the Timers Meeting and plan for conclusion around 2 PM.
- **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!** MHS Drama will present Peter and The Starcatcher on November 3 & 4 at 7pm in the MHS Auditorium. This wildly imaginative prequel to Peter Pan features music and magic! When a young orphan boy's ship is taken over by pirates, led by the notorious Black Stache, he realizes that the mysterious cargo aboard must be protected at all costs. An ensemble of actors plays over a hundred roles, from pirates to jungle tyrants, in this fast-moving adventure! **This show is family friendly and fun for all ages. Tickets are on sale online at muscatine.hs.booktix.com. Tickets will also be available at the door, day of show.**
- **Boys' and Girls' Bowling Parent Meeting** will be held at 5:15pm on Monday, Oct. 30 at the Rose Bowl. First day of practice will be Nov 7th at 4:00pm at Rose Bowl. Please email Triscia Laucamp (triscia.laucamp@mcsdonline.org) or Mindy Stoltzfus (mindy.stoltzfus@mcsdonline.org) with any questions or concerns.
- **Class of 2024 - Signing Day Fall 2023:** At this time we are planning to do a 'signing' recognition for Muskies that are planning to participate in a college sport at any level after high school. Please complete this form to let us know what you are planning. [Signing Day - Fall 2023 Form](#)
DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IS FRIDAY OCT 27.
Recognition will be on Nov. 8 in the Auditorium during Muskie Time (10:06-10:36).
- **Boys' XC: Uniform/Gear Turn-in:** Please pick the day that works best for you:
 - Oct. 31st-Tuesday after school in the boys' locker room OR

- Nov. 1-Wednesday after school in the boys' locker room.

Please know uniforms or XC gear will only be accepted in the locker room.

Bags can not be accepted in teacher classrooms Any questions please see Coach Foxen.

- Read it! MHS School Newspaper: The Auroran Today: Stories added almost daily! [Click HERE!](#)
- MHS Activities: [Activities Oct. 23-28, 2023](#)
- **REMINDER!** 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](#)
- **REMINDER!** Can-Ball registration packets are due on Friday, Oct. 27 at 3:31pm to Ms. Petersen in Room 22-016. 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. [CANball Registration Form](#) [CANball Information](#)
The CanBall Tournament will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 4PM in the MHS Gym.
- Muscatine Girls' Coding Club: Are you eager to explore the realm of coding and technology alongside a supportive community of like-minded girls? The Muscatine Girls' Coding Club invites you to:
 - Enhance your technical skills through learning code languages.
 - Strengthen your college application.
 - Connect and collaborate with peers who share your passion.
 - Gain invaluable insights from experienced mentors.
 - Express your interest by contacting hc116830@mcsdonline.org or sarah.wilson@mcsdonline.org by October 31, and stay tuned for forthcoming details.
- Muscatine High School's Math Honors Society offers engaging math-related activities, a chance to develop leadership skills, and a boost to your college applications. If you're passionate about math and would like to join, please express your interest as soon as possible. The requirements are to have taken at least 2 years of high school math with at least a 3.0 GPA in these classes.

Please Contact: Kathy Carver (hc116830@mcsdonline.org) or Mr. Wiley (adam.wiley@mcsdonline.org)

- 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 Director's Office).

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- 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.

- **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.
- 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.
- 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](#)

Study abroad applications must be submitted through the Community Foundation's scholarship portal by Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at noon.

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>.

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 ****

- 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.
- 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/pFzfyfXdZDWKuzS6>
- 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 ****

- Muskie Band's Annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser:
October 17 - December 9, 2023 @ 123 W 2nd Street - Downtown Muscatine.
Open Tuesdays 6-7:30PM & Saturdays 10AM to 12 Noon.
[Muskie Band's Annual Koeze Nut Fundraiser Info](#)
- 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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- 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
- 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](#)

- Silver Cord Program: Students recording 160 hours of volunteer service, at four or more locations, 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. [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.

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- 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.