

## MHS Announcements - November 9, 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 \*\*

- **Send-off for Girls' State Swim Qualifiers:** There will be a Send-off for our State Girls' Swim qualifiers in the Pool Bleachers after school today starting at 1:35PM. Good Luck Muskies!
- **Artificial Intelligence Enrichment Program led by Stanford and MIT Graduates:** [Inspirit AI](#) is a 25-hour enrichment program that introduces middle and high school students to fundamental artificial intelligence concepts to build socially impactful projects such as fake news detection, COVID-spread prediction, art generation, self-driving car simulation, and more! Developed and taught by our team of graduate students from Stanford, MIT, and other leading universities, students receive a personalized, interdisciplinary learning experience in small-group classrooms. No programming experience is required, and advanced cohorts are available! Applications for winter courses are due November 30th. Please find the high school program application [here](#) and the brochure [here](#). Feel free to contact our program coordinator, Jared, at [jaredgreene@inspiritai.com](mailto:jaredgreene@inspiritai.com) with any questions. We look forward to guiding you on your AI journey.
- **Food Drive Update:** After the first collection, here are the standings for the Food Drive:
  - 1st Place: Mr. Hines
  - 2nd Place: Mr. Truitt
  - 3rd Place (tie): Ms. Cromer & Mrs. Huot

Keep bringing in non-perishable food items to support the Salvation Army's Two Weeks of Love and help your 2nd Hour class win a breakfast party!

Also, any class that has 25 or more items in their collection box on the next collection day (Wednesday 11/15) will receive candy!

Teachers: If we missed you today and you need your items picked up before the next collection day, or if you are still in need of a box for your classroom, please contact Becky Huot.
- **Members of the National Guard will be in the building all day on Thursday, November 9th, 2023.** If you are interested in speaking to them, or would like to know more about the National Guard, please reach out to Mr. Kulland, Mrs. Meineke, or Ms. Freers in Student Services.
- **Nov. 9: 2-Hour Early Out @1:31PM**
- **Nov. 10: NO SCHOOL (TQ Day)**
- **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED!** Scholarships: [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)

- **Silver Cord Opportunities:** Please see the Silver Cord section below for all Silver Cord opportunities.
- **Lost and Found:** Please check at the Attendance Center if you have lost an item (keys, phone, water bottle, etc.)
- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** The Next Level boys basketball program is looking for volunteers to work their tournament this weekend. Please use the link below to sign up if you'd like to volunteer and earn Silver Cord Hours. <https://signup.com/go/DxENSDb>
- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** MCSD & River Bend Food Bank, Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at the Administration Center. If interested, please sign up here: [Nov. 14 Food Pantry Sign-up](#)
- **MHS Bowlers:** Please stop by Coach Stoltzfus' office in Rm 11-002 for a posting of the practice days you will be participating in. If you have any questions please let me know.
- **The Mr. Muscatine Pageant** will be held on Tuesday, November 21st. Any Senior boy who would like to be a contestant and compete for the title of Mr. Muscatine 2023 needs to pick up a registration form outside of the Athletic Office. Completed registration forms should be returned to Mrs. Huot in Room 22-010 by the end of the day on Thursday (11/9)!
- **Muskie Minutes Season 4 Episode 9:** <https://youtu.be/DhMct5V7zqA>
- **MHS Activities:** [Activities Nov 6-12](#)
- **MHS Athletes:** If you did not attend your sports banquet/did not receive your participation award, please stop in the Activities Office - Room 11-003 to pick up your item. This is for last year's sports banquet as well!
- **MHS School Newspaper:** The Auroran Today: Stories added almost daily! [Click HERE!](#)
- **Class of 2024 & 2025 - Spring Enrollment at MCC:** We will begin registering for Spring classes at MCC on Monday, November 6th. Interested students will need to schedule an appointment using the appropriate calendly link below.

In order to enroll in courses, students must meet the eligibility criteria below:

- 10th through 12th grade students
- Student must meet EICC admission and placement requirements
- Must enroll in a course not offered at Muscatine High School or after the equivalent MHS course has been successfully completed
- Grades of "C" or higher in core courses
- Should not have received a letter documenting 12 absences

If this will be the first time you have taken a course at MCC you will need to schedule an appointment with Anabelia from MCC to complete the necessary application and paperwork as a first step. Use can use the link below to schedule:

[https://calendly.com/eicc\\_anabeliacf/advising-appointment](https://calendly.com/eicc_anabeliacf/advising-appointment)

If you are currently enrolled or have been previously enrolled in courses, you will need to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Hawkins to select courses. You can use the link below to schedule:

<https://calendly.com/karey-hawkins/mccspringenrollmentappointment>

- 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/>
- Parent/Player Softball Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov 14 at 6pm in the MHS Commons for any girl who is interested in playing MHS softball.
- **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](mailto: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](#)

- 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](mailto:alex.rauenbuehler@mcsdonline.org) (Yearbook Adviser) or [mindy.stoltzfus@mcsdonline.org](mailto: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

[Nursing Information Session](#) - Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 PM @ the Muscatine Community College Career Advancement Center, Room 10 (this is the newest building on campus closest to Colorado Street), 152 Colorado Street, Muscatine

- ACT FREE Test Prep: <https://cloud.e.act.org/free-practice-act-test>
- 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)
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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:**  
Store is open until 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](#)

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- **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.