

MHS Announcements - November 20, 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.

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

** Daily News & Information **

- **Muscatine Orchestra Booster Fundraiser - Tuesday, November 28th, 2023**
On Tuesday, November 28th is our "Together We Care" with Applebee's: Together We Care - Orchestra Fundraiser!

The Muscatine Orchestras will be participating in the Applebee's "Together We Care" Fundraiser happening on Tuesday, November 28th! The fundraiser runs all day long from 11 AM -11 PM. Order off of the special menu provided, and 50% of sales go DIRECTLY to the Muscatine Orchestra Programs! The menu is available for both dine-in AND curbside pickup orders. Please consider ordering from Applebee's Together We Care menu on Tuesday, November 29th! [Muscatine Orchestra Booster Fundraiser](#)

- **NO SCHOOL:** Wednesday, Nov. 22-24 for observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Join in the fun and support your 2023 Mr. Muscatine contestants and they compete for the title of Mr. Muscatine!:
Gavin Brookhart
Lincoln Brookhart
Cesar Garrido Hernandez
Aadon Layne
Dayton Truesdale

The Mr. Muscatine Pageant will be held on Tuesday, November 21st from 8:30AM-10:30AM. **Tickets are on sale during lunch outside of the Instructional Coaches office in the Main Foyer. Tickets are \$5.** You must be in good standing in order to purchase a ticket. Proceeds will go to MCSA.

- **MHS Activities:** [Activities Nov. 20-26](#)
- The challenge is on- It's not too late to bring in your non-perishable food item/can goods to your second hour class! MHS Student Council Food Drive Update: Here's this week's results:

1st Place: Hines
2nd Place: Cromer
3rd Place: Truitt

Students: Please bring in canned goods or non-perishable food items and place them in your 2nd hour Teacher's Food Drive Box. At the end of the collection period (11/21), the class who has collected the most items will win a breakfast party. Collection bins will be emptied during Muskie Time on Wednesdays and Fridays. All food will be donated to the Salvation Army's Two Weeks of Love campaign.

Staff: If you would like to contribute to the Student Council Food Drive, there is a box in the Attendance Office for you to drop off your canned goods or non-perishable items through Tuesday, Nov. 21st.

Parents: If you would like to contribute to the Student Council Food Drive, please bring your items to the MHS Attendance Center through until Nov. 21.

- **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED!** Scholarships: [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)

- **MHS Booster Cake Auction:** See [MHS Booster Cake Auction](#) below for details!
- **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.)
- **Girls' Track:** Please sign up to work basketball concessions for Thursday December 21st. There's two time slots
Slot one is from 5:00pm-7:30pm and slot two is from 7:00-9:30pm. Your parents can also sign up to help with this as well. [Girls' Track Concession Sign-up for Dec. 21st](#)
- **FREE! 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 with any questions. We look forward to guiding you on your AI journey.
- **Parents/Guardians/Grandparents/Friends:** Winter Athletics Season has arrived! If you would like to place an ad for your winter athlete in the Winter Sports Program, please complete this [form](#).
Have a great Winter Season!
- **Musical Auditions:** Auditions for the MHS Spring Musical, *Freaky Friday*, will be held December 5 & December 6. For information, instructions and material please visit the following link: [Audition Packet](#). Rehearsals will begin in mid-February and the show is April 18, 19 & 20.
- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** Volunteers are needed nightly to ensure event success from Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve. Please help circulate the volunteer link below to your community contacts. Any business that recruits a full night of volunteers will be recognized for their support and dedication. [iLLUMINATE Volunteer sign-up link](#)

Volunteer Details: iLLUMINATE is only possible with dedicated volunteers each night to help take donations and guide traffic. By volunteering, you are showing your support for senior and disability services provided by Crossroads and Senior Resources in Muscatine and Tipton.

Volunteers must be 16 or older or accompanied by a responsible adult.

Nightly volunteer duties will include counting cars, guiding traffic, scanning and collecting tickets, and handing out brochures. All shifts require standing in the cold, so please dress for the weather and wear appropriate shoes or boots. Dress warm and plan for cold and windy conditions. Reflective vests will be available for all volunteers, but we encourage volunteers to wear bright or reflective outerwear when possible.

Traffic flow will be limited to event goers during the event. When you sign up, please confirm that you can arrive promptly at 5 pm and stay for the duration of the shift. To show our appreciation for your commitment to supporting our event, HyVee will provide hot cocoa and treats for all volunteers.

Event Details: Volunteer shifts are nightly from 5-9 pm. The drive-through is open to the community from 5:30-8:30. We ask volunteers to park in the Aquatic Center parking lot and check in at the HyVee Volunteer Hospitality trailer.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Megan Francis at mfrancis@crossroadsmuscatine.org.

Thank you for volunteering and helping us bring awareness to disability and senior services in Muscatine and Tipton.

Please use the [Sign-up Genius link](#) to view available slots and sign up.

Thank you for your support for the services of Crossroads and Senior Resources.

- **Muskie Minutes - Season 4 Episode 10:** <https://youtu.be/u724WRGTCM0>

- Senior Pictures for the Yearbook = FREE **DEADLINE = WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH**

Senior pictures will only be accepted by submitting them to Josten's website. Feel free to pass this information along to your photographer if needed. If a senior picture is not provided, the most updated Lifetouch school picture will be used.

Guidelines:

- The pictures must be vertical (portrait orientation).
- The photo must be mostly head and shoulders only (no full length body shots).
- There should be no other person.
- No selfies.
- There are no props, hand gestures, and/or hats allowed (the person only).
- There should be no dramatic filters used (ex. blurring, black/white, sepia).

*pictures that do not follow these will not be used. You will be notified if the picture is not accepted and given a chance to submit another picture by the deadline or the default Lifetouch for student IDs will be used.

To submit your senior portrait picture, follow these steps:

1) Click [here](#)

a) Copy and paste the User ID: **00mp-802Y3vxysVOZeSRwnw**

2) Choose the file you want to upload

3) Enter YOUR contact information

4) Enter the SENIOR information

* Brief description of portrait (ex. Shirt color, in front of tree) is helpful for tagging pictures

- Senior Baby Ads for Grads - \$35 per ad (for the Yearbook) **DEADLINE = WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH**

Honor your senior with a cute childhood picture and heartfelt message. Example) You have never failed to make us smile! Love, Your Big Brother

* You may submit more than one ad.

To submit your Baby Ads for Grads, follow these steps:

1) Click [here](#)

2) Create an account and follow the directions

3) Submit payment

- Robotics Club: If you are interested in learning more about the MHS Robotics Club - Fire Island Robotics, attend one of their team meetings. Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 6:30PM-9PM at Reynolds Engineering - 1602 Musser St, Muscatine. Contact MHS Robotics Team Member, Kamryn Tjebkes for information as well!
- MHS School Newspaper: The Auroran Today: Stories added almost daily! [Click HERE!](#)
- MHS Activities: [Activities Nov 13-19](#)
- FFA Apparel Store: https://stores.inksoft.com/phelpsusa_muscatine_ffa/shop/home
1st order is due Nov. 20th – orders will be handed out at school.
- 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!
- Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency's Driver Education Program: To register for upcoming Driver's Ed sessions, please visit: <https://driveded.mbaea.org/student-programs/driver-education/>
- 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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- 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
- 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 ****

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- 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/pFzfxfXdZDWKuzS6>
- 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.

**** MHS Booster Cake Auction ****

- **MHS BOOSTER 34th ANNUAL CAKE AUCTION DETAILS:** MHS Boosters is hosting our 34th Annual Cake Auction, which will be held at MHS on Friday, January 26th, 2024. The cake auction will be held during the Boys and Girls Basketball Doubleheader vs Davenport North at Muscatine High School. Our Cake Auction theme this year is "Muskie Big Top Carnival"! 🎡 🎪

Community engagement is key in sustaining a joint foundation for our Muskie students! We encourage our community residents, surrounding communities, friends, family and businesses to donate, engage, share or attend the auction to purchase a cake!

Cake Registry link: <https://forms.gle/pJYfcCm8FKkyr5W9A>

In 2023, MHS Boosters provided \$75,000 in funds supporting over 1,500 students within the Activities Department at Muscatine High School. All students actively participated in Academic Clubs, Performing Arts, and Athletics. As studies continue to demonstrate, students engaged in an activity are successful in their high school careers. MHS Boosters holds only two fundraisers during a school year: Concessions for home games & the Annual Cake Auction.

If you are unable to donate a cake or attend the cake auction, but would still like to support MHS Boosters, we have included our venmo QR code and the Community Foundation link! You are also welcome to send a check to the high school, Attn: Muskie Boosters, 2705 Cedar St, Muscatine IA 52761.

PAYMENT/DONATION METHODS:

Community Foundation Donation Link: [Community Foundation Donation Link](#)

Venmo QR Code:

If you have any questions on how you can get involved, please email muskieboosterclub@gmail.com.



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Volunteers, sponsors and donors are the reason we are able to support the students of MHS. All funds raised go back to the activities! We are grateful then, and now, for your support.

**** 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](#)

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

- **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](#)
- **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.