

## MHS Announcements - December 5, 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)

**2023 1st Semester Finals Schedule:** [2023-24 1st Semester Finals Schedule](#)

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

- **NEW CLUB - VALORANT eSPORTS CLUB:** Are you interested in trying out for MHS eSPORTS Spring Valorant Team? We will have an informational meeting on Friday, Dec. 8th during Muskie Time in Rm 11-016 (Math Hallway). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Vitali at [joe.vitali@mcsdonline.org](mailto:joe.vitali@mcsdonline.org) or stop in Rm 11-016.
- **Martial Arts Club:** NEW students are welcome to join anytime during the school year! We meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:40 PM to 5:15 PM in the VanHeck weight room. For further information please contact Mr. Jesse Valenzuela email: [jesse.valenzuela@mcsdonline.org](mailto:jesse.valenzuela@mcsdonline.org)
- **The Auroran Today - School Newspaper:** Read about the people, places, events, and trends at our school! [The Auroran Today](#)
- **Finals Schedule:** [2023-24 1st Semester Finals Schedule](#)
- **Updated! MHS Fine Arts Winter Concerts:**
  - **Winter Glow Concert (Choir & Symphony Orchestra):** Friday, December 15, 7PM @ Wesley United Methodist Church, 400 Iowa Ave, Muscatine, IA 52761. FREE Admission.
  - **Choral Department Winter Concert** on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7:30PM in the MHS Auditorium Admission: \$3 students K-12 and senior citizens, \$4 adults, \$10 maximum for families. MHS Staff IDs, Student Activity Passes, Gold Passes, and Punch Cards will be accepted.
  - **Band: Holiday Band Concert,** Saturday, December 16 3:00 – 6:30PM in the MHS Auditorium Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for Students, 5 and under Free, \$10 per family. MHS Staff IDs, Student Activity Passes, Gold Passes, and Punch Cards will be accepted.
- **MHS Activities:** [Activities Dec. 1-9](#)
- **Happiness Week** Theme Days hosted by Student Council, Dec. 4-8:
  - **Tuesday, Dec. 5:** Winter Wonderland (White Out)
  - **Wednesday, Dec. 6:** Holiday Accessories (Staff Dog Day)
  - **Thursday, Dec. 7:** Red & Green
  - **Friday, Dec. 8:** Ugly Sweater Day
- **REMINDER - TODAY & TOMORROW!** 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.

- **DUE DEC. 20!** Senior Pictures for Yearbook + Baby Ads for Grads (due Dec. 20th): Deadline for Senior Picture submission and Baby Ads for Grads is Wednesday, December 20th! Attached are all the submission details and links. If you need help, reach out to a yearbook staff member or Mrs. Rauenbuehler (rm. 21-026).  
[Yearbook Sales + Senior Information \(2023-24\)](#)
- **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.)
- **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED!** Scholarships: [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)
- **TODAY!** U.S. Marines Visit: If you're interested in learning more about the United States Marine Corps, Ssgt. Matthew Fee will be in the Commons Foyer on Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 to provide information as well as provide answers to any questions you may have.
- **Soccer Apparel:** Boys and Girls Soccer Players and Parents – need to order any apparel before Christmas? Store will close Friday, December 8th. Order now! [https://stores.inksoft.com/phelpsusa\\_mhs\\_soccer/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/phelpsusa_mhs_soccer/shop/home)
- **Student Scholarship Opportunities:** The 2024 Abdelkader Global Leadership Prize is now open. It challenges students attending high schools in the United States to expand their worldviews as they engage critical thinking skills to study vibrant history vital for today.

Students will sign-up then read, research, and write an Essay or create a Multimedia entry. First place winners in each category will receive \$500 plus opportunities. Final entries must be received on or before February 10, 2024. Find contest details at <https://abdelkaderproject.org/student-contests/>

Emir Abdelkader believed learning to live together in community with people is the most important and most difficult challenge of life. As a reconciler and humanitarian, Abdelkader's legacy supports social justice and ethical leadership exhibiting universal values of moral courage, inclusion, integrity, intellect, and compassion that connects cultures and counters stereotypes.

- **Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency's Driver Education Program:** To register for upcoming Driver's Ed sessions, please visit: <https://drived.mbaea.org/student-programs/driver-education/>
- **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://drived.mbaea.org/student-programs/driver-education/>

## **\*\* Athletics/Activities Information \*\***

- [MHS Basketball T-shirts](#) for Sale in the Student Services Office:  
T-SHIRTS: Black long sleeve and purple short sleeve - Sizes S-XXXL, \$15 each or 3 for \$40  
ALL WEATHER STICKERS: \$5
- Muskie Apparel for Sale: The Activities Department is selling the following Muskie apparel from Puma and Adidas apparel - all with the Muskie Logo. We are now offering these items for sale to Staff, Students & the General Public. Please contact Mike Henson or Mindy Stoltzfus at 563-263-6141 Option 4 (Athletics) or 263-4191.  
Items include:
  - [Hoodie Sweatshirt](#) (Black and Grey) - \$35
  - [Jackets](#) (Gray) - \$45
  - [Stocking Hats](#) (Creme) - \$10
- **REMINDER!** 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!
- **REMINDER!** 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!
- 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](#)
- FFA Apparel Store: [https://stores.inksoft.com/phelpsusa\\_muscatine\\_ffa/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/phelpsusa_muscatine_ffa/shop/home)
- Social Justice Club: Please come see what Social Justice Club is all about! If you care about students being treated fairly and equitably please join us! We meet Tuesdays during Muskie Time in Ms. Konczyk's room 21-030. Please email Ms. Konczyk ASAP at amy.konczyk@mcsdonline.org, if you'd like to be requested for our meetings.
- 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!
- 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.

## **\*\* 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](mailto: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:** The MCSD & River Bend Mobile Food Pantry returns next Tuesday, December 5th. Volunteers are needed and may sign up here: [Dec. Mobile Food Pantry Sign-up](#)
- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** The River City Showcase is coming up in January and we need your help! Do you need hours for Silver Cord, NHS, Tri-M or Key Club?
  - We can use your help on Friday, January 12 and/or Saturday, January 13. On Friday, we can use help from 4:30 pm until approximately 11:00 pm.
  - On Saturday, we need help from 7:30 am until approximately 11:30 pm, or anytime in between.
  - This does NOT have to be an all-day commitment! If you are able to volunteer for a few hours we have places just for you.
  - If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this google form: [River City Showcase Sign-up Form](#)
- **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](mailto: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.**

- **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.

## **\*\* Yearbook 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 Directors Office).

We thank you for your continued support! The Auroran Staff (the MHS Yearbook)

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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.**