

## MHS Announcements - January 3, 2024 [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 \*\*

- Jan. 4: School Resumes/Begin 2nd Semester
- Please read your announcements each day and/or check the TVs throughout MHS and social media for class, club, athletics, and activities information.  
Daily Announcements can also be found on the MHS Website @ <https://mhs.muscatine.k12.ia.us/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MuscatineHS/>  
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MuscatineHS>
- Activities January 4-6, 2024: [Multiple Activities Jan 4-6, 2024.pdf](#)
- Girls' and Boys' 1st Semester PE Lockers: Students that had PE 1st Semester and did NOT clean out their PE lockers, your items (clothing, shoes, toiletries, etc.) can be claimed by contacting Mrs. Borde in the Main Office before school, during lunch or after school to claim your item(s).
- Class of 2024: The new 2024-2025 FAFSA is technically open but the system is currently saying that it is down for maintenance. With the launch of the new form, I anticipate that it will take a few days to get the system up and running.

Mrs. Hawkins will assist families who are able to access and start the form, but to avoid frustration, will wait until January 8th to set up appointments for FAFSA assistance specifically. If you are able to access the form prior, please feel free to email [karey.hawkin@mcsdonline.org](mailto:karey.hawkin@mcsdonline.org) or give me a call during school hours with questions. I can be reached directly at 264-8637 ext 3118.

In the meantime, FSA IDs can be created for anyone who is going to contribute to the FAFSA. With the new form, this means both parents of a student if they are married and contributing. Families can also begin to gather their 2022 tax returns and W2s in preparation.

- 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.
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  - If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this google form: [River City Showcase Sign-up Form](#)
- THAW & PROM APPAREL - Need a dress or outfit (pants, shirt, tie) for Thaw Dance (typically a February date for Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) or Prom (April 27, 2024 for Grades 11, 12)? Please sign up for an appointment during lunch or after school. All items are FREE! Sign up Here for Appt.: [Winter Thaw/Prom Dress Appointment Sign-up!](#)

- **2024 Senior Survivor Application and Information:** Senior Survivor information was emailed out to the Class of 2024 on December 20th. Please check your school email for eligibility information and application. **Packets are due January 15, 2024 by 3:31PM to Mrs. Borde in the Main Office. Please contact Ms. Petersen in Rm 22-016 or at [kindra.petersen@mcsdonline.org](mailto:kindra.petersen@mcsdonline.org) with any questions.** [2024 - What is Senior Survivor?](#)
- Grand Canyon University is visiting on January 9th at 10am in Student Services. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Heuer or Mrs. Meineke.
- **Lost and Found:** Please check at the Attendance Center if you have lost an item (keys, phone, air pods, water bottle, etc.) There are several keys, pieces of jewelry, clothes, water bottles, and airpods that have been turned in. Please stop by and see if an item may be yours by identifying it!
- **Silver Cord Opportunities:** Please see the Silver Cord section below for all Silver Cord opportunities.
- **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED!** Scholarships: [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)
- **Seniors: 2024-2025 MCC Foundation Scholarship Application Portal is Open!** Deadline for MCC Foundation scholarship applications is March 1, 2024.
  - Students can apply by going to: [www.eicc.edu/scholarships](http://www.eicc.edu/scholarships)
- **The Auroran Today - School Newspaper:** Read about the people, places, events, and trends at our school!  
[The Auroran Today](#)
- Muscatine County Conservation has 2 seasonal Conservation Aide positions available this coming summer. The workers do have to be 18 or older by the time they start work due to fair labor standard laws and the tools and equipment they will be using.

Please feel free to share with any of your high school seniors or college students looking for a summer job. We are asking for a resume, cover letter and three references.

- The jobs are listed on both the [MuscatineCountyConservation.com](http://MuscatineCountyConservation.com) website and the [MyCountyParks.Com](http://MyCountyParks.Com) websites:
- <https://muscatinecountyconservation.com/about/employment-opportunities/>
- <https://www.mycountyparks.com/Jobs/FA9B456A-5F07-45C1-B5FA-857C74300DEE/Summer-Conservation-Aide.aspx>
- These jobs are great for students looking to get into conservation, parks and rec, or a related field.
- 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.
- 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/>
- 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)
- 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.
- Lockers: If you would like a school locker, please request one from Ms. Wheeler in Student Services.

- 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/>
- 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/>

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

- **NEW CLUB - VALORANT eSPORTS CLUB:** Are you interested in trying out for MHS eSPORTS Spring Valorant Team? 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)
- **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
- **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!
- **FFA Apparel Store:** <https://stores.inksoft.com/phelpsusamuscatineffa/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](mailto: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/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](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 \*\***

- **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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  - If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this google form: [River City Showcase Sign-up Form](#)
- 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 \*\***

- 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!](#)
- 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.