

MHS Announcements - January 25, 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 **

- MHS Boosters Cake Auction is Friday, Jan. 26 along with Boys' & Girls' Basketball Games vs. Dav. North
 - Soph Boys at 4:30pm in the Main Gym
 - JV1 Girls at 4:30pm in the VanHecke Center
 - Freshman Boys at 6pm in the VanHecke Center
 - Girls Varsity at 6PM in the Main Gym
 - Boys Varsity at 7:30PM in the Main Gym
- Thursday, January 25, 2024: 2-Hour Early Dismissal
- Friday, January 26, 2024: NO SCHOOL - Inservice Day
- Class of 2024 - FAFSA Completion Events and Local Scholarships Assistance Info: [Financial Aid & Local Scholarship Assistance Info](#)
- **REMINDER!** Component Recovery: Update for students completing Semester 1 Component Recovery: Due to school cancellations, we are extending the current deadline for Component Recovery to **January 25th**. Please work to get all of your assignments completed so you can receive credits for the class(s).
- **REMINDER!** Class of 2025 & 2026 - Honors or Scholar Program for Graduation: If there is any student who is currently working to achieve the Honors or Scholar Program, please notify your grade level counselor by January 26, 2024 to be eligible to move forward with either program. [Honors & Scholar Programs](#)
- MHS Booster Cake Auction is Friday, January 26th! See MHS Booster Cake Auction section below for details. Cake Registry link: <https://forms.gle/pJYfcCm8FKkyr5W9A>
- 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!
- Seniors: Please see the Class of 2024 section below for announcement information pertaining to seniors. This is your last semester at MHS and there is a lot of information between now and graduation!
- Silver Cord Opportunities: Please see the Silver Cord section below for all Silver Cord opportunities.
- Scholarships: [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)
- Juniors & Seniors: If you would like to take the ACT Test at the high school on April 9th, 2024 at 8:30am, you need to complete this form: [ACT District Testing - April 9, 2024](#) by the end of the day February 2nd, 2024. The school will cover the cost of this testing date only. There will be NO late sign ups as testing accommodations and orders need to

be made at this time. You do NOT need to fill out this form if you are NOT planning on taking the ACT.

Preparing for the ACT: <https://academy.act.org/>

ACT Calculator Policy: [ACT Calculator Policy](#)

- **Boys' Track Meeting:** There will be a boy's track meeting on Wednesday, January 31 during Muskie Time in Coach Rusch's room (21-022) for anyone planning on participating in boy's track this spring. Please complete the [Boys' Track Sign-up Form](#) and you will be requested during Muskie Time for the meeting. Please contact Coach Rusch (mark.rusch@mcsdonline.org) with any questions.
- **Boys' Track Sign-Up:** Do you like to compete? Do you want to become a better all-around athlete for your main sport? Are you interested in the possibility of earning a varsity letter as an underclassman? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Boys' Track is the place for you! Please use this [Boys' Track Sign-Up](#) link to complete a Google Form to sign up!!
- **FFA Important Dates**
 - FFA Sub Districts: February 19th At CAL-Wheat
 - FFA Banquet: March 7th @5:30PM Muscatine Ag Center
 - FFA Districts: March 9th @ Louisa Muscatine High School
 - State FFA: April 14-16
- **Muskie Minutes - Season 4 Episode 16:** [Muskie Minutes](#)
- **MHS Athletics has a few new coaching positions that need to be filled for our summer sports:**
 - Assistant Baseball Coach
 - JV Softball Coach

Visit the MCSD website to apply for these positions - or any of our other open positions: [MCSD Website](#)

- **Summer Job Opportunity:** Geneva Golf & Country Club is hiring lifeguards for the upcoming summer season. We offer:
 - A competitive starting salary with annual raises for returning staff
 - Flexible scheduling options
 - Opportunities for reimbursement of lifeguarding course expenses
 - Employee meal discounts

Please email genevaccpool@gmail.com or text 563.260.5039 with questions or for additional information.

- **Kiwanis All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner:** Muscatine Kiwanis (the parent organization for Key Club) is selling tickets for their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 9th from 4:30-7:00pm. Kiwanis Club is a big supporter of Key Club so our high school members benefit several ways when Kiwanis is successful! [Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner Info](#)
- **Jan. 22 Boys BB games vs Burlington have been rescheduled for Feb. 5 at the same time.**
Feb. 5 - Salute to Service: All military personnel get into the basketball game FREE plus special recognition during the game!
- **Micaela Brunson Memorial Blood Drive:** Any MHS Students or Staff interested in donating blood on Friday, February 2nd 2024, need to sign-up with Key Club members or email Mrs. Keltner at jen.keltner@mcsdonline.org. Walk-ins will NOT be taken for this blood drive. Donors need to have a scheduled time between 8:00 am to 12:00 in the Van Hecke Center Gym. Students under 17 need to have a signed permission slip.
***This drive is for MHS Students & Staff only - any community members that want to donate to the Micaela Brunson**

Community Drive can call IMPACT Life at 800-747-5401 and make an appointment for February 19th - March 2nd - mention code 3427 at registration. [Micaela Brunson Memorial Blood Drive Info](#)

- **Weekly Activities:** [Activities Jan. 19-27, 2024](#)

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- **WQAD My Favorite Teacher Contest 2024:** Do you have a favorite teacher that you would like to be recognized? Nominate them for the WQAD My Favorite Teacher. Mailed entries must be postmarked by the end of the Contest Period (2/4/24) and received by mail no later than 5PM on February 8, 2024. Details and form: [WQAD My Favorite Teacher Instructions and Entry Form](#)

- **THAW & PROM APPAREL -** Need a dress or outfit (pants, shirt, tie) for Thaw Dance on February 17 for Grades 9, 10, 11, 12). **There is a display of THAW dresses outside of the Main Office. Please see Mrs. Borde in the Main Office if you would like to try on a dress! All dresses are FREE! There are also pants and shirts for the guys!**

Prom is on 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!](#)

- **Muskies:** Join us for the MHS Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Friday, February 2nd at 6:00pm in the MHS Auditorium - we will honor nine individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to our school.

Honorees will also be recognized that evening during the home basketball games. [MHS Athletic Hall of Fame Info](#)

- **Summer Opportunity for MHS Students:** <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php>

- 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>

- **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://drived.mbaea.org/student-programs/driver-education/>

- **Online Remote Students - Odysseyware:** If you are having any issues with your Odysseyware, please reach out to Mr. Gehret at 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/>

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**** Class of 2024 Information ****

- Class of 2024 - FAFSA Completion Events and Local Scholarships Assistance Info: [Financial Aid & Local Scholarship Assistance Info](#)
- Class of 2024 - Fall 2024 Nursing Applications Are Now Open: Fall 2024 Nursing Applications are now open.
 - [LPN Requirements](#)
 - [ADN Requirements](#)
 - [General Application \(must be completed prior to nursing application\)](#)
 - [LPN Application](#)
 - [ADN Application](#)

Applications are due February 6th. Please reach out to Tia Day, Admissions & Community Outreach Coordinator, at tjday@eicc.edu with any questions.

- The Muscatine Community Foundation Scholarship Application is open! The directions for completing the packet are below along with some tips and the direct link to the scholarship portal. Be sure that you are reading the instructions carefully and that you provide complete and thoughtful answers. Please feel free to stop and see Mrs. Hawkins with any questions you might have as you continue to work on your applications or if you'd like her to review your application before you submit.

Instructions for creating an account are provided in the link below. Application deadline is March 8 at noon!
MUSCATINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LINK:

<https://www.givinggreater.org/scholarships>
[2024 Community Foundation Local Scholarship Application Instructions](#)

- FAFSA is now open and you will need to upload information from it in order to qualify for any scholarships that may consider financial need. EVERY student should mark "Yes" to the question asking if you would like to be considered and that "Yes" answer is tied to 33 of the scholarship awards.

If you would like assistance creating your FSA ID or completing the new FAFSA form, Ms. Hawkins is happy to help. Please feel free to schedule a time that works well for you and your parents to come in.

- 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

**** Athletics/Activities Information ****

- MHS Boys' Soccer Sign-up: Any students interested in participating in Bo' Soccer this Spring please sign up by clicking on the link below. Go Skies!!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoEvp9oyA0IB1vTQmmvtTz_zkRrK6-dhoN5nmCm3IA7mUvdQ/viewform?usp=sf_link
- 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
- [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!
- FFA Apparel Store: 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:



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

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](#)

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

- McKinley Elementary will host its first STEAM Family Night on February 1, 2024, from 4:00-6:00. We are looking for volunteers to help set up, run the stations, and clean up. If interested, please sign up here: [McKinley STEAM Family Night Volunteers](#)
- 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.

**** Summer Job Opportunities ****

- 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 website and the 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.

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**** 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.