

MHS Announcements - February 2, 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 Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - [Monday, February 12](#)
Virtual: 4:00-6:30PM (Sign-up link coming soon!)
In-person: 6:30-7:30PM (Walk-in – no appointment needed)
 - [Wednesday, February 14](#)
In-Person: 4:00-6:30PM (Walk-in – no appointment needed)
Virtual: 6:30-7:30PM (Sign-up link coming soon!)
 - [Thursday, February 15](#)
In-person: 1:45-3:45PM (Walk-in – no appointment needed)
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- Weekly Activities: [Activities Feb. 2 - 11, 2024](#)
- Muskie Minutes - Season 4 Episode 17: [Muskie Minutes](#)
- It is February! Be sure to read [the school newspaper](#) and look back at some of the happenings and topics of January. Idea for a story? Email [@Amaya Wagner](#), our Chief Editor.
- **TODAY! - Deadline to sign-up is Friday, Feb. 2nd!** 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](#)
- 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](#)
- See the Activities & Athletics section below for Spring Sports sign-ups and meeting information.

- **Scholarships:** [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)
- **TODAY!** Girls' Preseason Track Meeting: There will be a Girls' Track meeting in the Commons on Friday, Feb. 2 during Muskie Time.
- **Orchestra Driven Coffee Fundraiser: Support Muskie Orchestras!** The SCJH 8th Grade & MHS Orchestra students are selling a variety of coffee and treats. Sales end March 28th. Ask a Muskie Orchestra student for order details! Questions? Contact the Muskie Orchestra Boosters at muskieorchestras@gmail.com
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- **Boys' Track -** If you plan on participating in Boy's Track this spring and did not attend the meeting, please see Coach Rusch (Rm 21-022) for a calendar and use the link to sign-up: [Boys' Track Signup](#)
- **Class of 2024 - FAFSA Completion Events and Local Scholarships Assistance Info:** [Financial Aid & Local Scholarship Assistance Info](#)
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.
- **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.
- If you are interested or would like more information the Air Force Recruiter will be here during both A and B lunches on Wednesday, February 7th in the gym foyer. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Heuer or Mrs. Meineke in the student services office.
- **Winter Thaw Dance - Saturday, Feb. 17, 7-10PM** at the VanHecke Center. Tickets will be on sale for \$10 each February 12 - 15 during lunch in front of the Instructional Coaches Offices. [Winter Thaw Info](#)
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!
- **MHS Prom is on April 27, 2024 for Grades 11 & 12** at the Merrill Hotel. If you are looking for a prom dress or suit, please sign up for an appointment during lunch or after school. All items are FREE! Sign up Here for Appt.: [Prom Dress Appointment Sign-up!](#)
- **Parents/Guardians: Carnival After Prom Extravaganza (CAPE)** will be held after Prom on April 28 from 12AM-4AM: CAPE is a FREE event and provides an evening of fun after the dance with a variety of games and activities. Students can attend CAPE even if they choose not to attend the dance. Security will be provided.
To help make CAPE 2024 a safe and memory-filled event, please consider sending a monetary donation and/or offer your time as a volunteer. Completed Volunteer forms and any checks made payable to CAPE and should be returned to MHS. For more information contact CAPE Chair: Karen Brookhart at kbrookhart71@gmail.com
[2024 CAPE Parent/Guardian 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](#)

- 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](#)
- 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](#)
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- 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](#)

- 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

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If you have any questions, please contact Coach Sichterman at jjims@machlink.com

- 2024 Baseball Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 during Muskie Time in the Commons.

Baseball sign-up for current 8th grade students will take place at the end of March and a meeting will be held at Susan Clark Junior High. More information will be available in March. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Zumsande at nick.zumsande@mcsdonline.org

- 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](#)

- MHS Boys' Soccer Sign-up: Any students interested in participating in Boys' Soccer this Spring please sign up by clicking on the link below. Go Skies!! [Boys' Soccer Sign-up](#)

- **MHS 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!!! [Girls' Soccer 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
- **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/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, if you'd like to be requested for our meetings.
- 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 ****

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- **MHS Esports Fundraiser:** The MHS Esports Club will be selling Sal Vitale's Take & Bake pizzas until February 26. For Every Pizza sold, Sal Vitale's Take & Bake will donate \$1.00 to MHS ESports! Pizza pick up will be at the high school on Wednesday, March 6th and Friday, March 8 from 3:45pm - 5:30pm. [ESports Pizza Fundraiser](#)
- **Teams Fundraising for Senior Survivor & Their Charity:** The following teams are raising money for their select charities - if you see them in the community over the next few weeks, please consider giving your support! Initial fundraising ends Wednesday, February 20th and top teams will compete in Senior Survivor February 26th-March 1st.

Micaela's Hope

Haley Thomas
Anthony Ash

Safe Families for Children

Trey Ulses
Grace Miller

Micaela's Hope

Aadon Layne
Ella Evans

Salvation Army

Dayton Truesdale
Gabby Steele

Micaela's Hope

Cesar Garrido
Anna Bode

The ALS Association

Ty Cozad
Aubrey Bender

Kids First Fund

Nathan Bovenkamp
Kate Schlawin

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Creed Birkhofer
Avery Schroeder

Kids First Fund

Raul Madrigal
Lucy Hoag

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Sawyer Zeck
Grace Zorich

- **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 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.

- 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.

**** 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.