

MHS Announcements - February 29, 2024 [2023-24 MHS Bell Schedules](#)

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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 **

- **Girls' Track Parent Meeting:** There will be a Girls' Track Parent Meeting on Monday, March 4th at 6PM in the MHS Cafeteria. If you have any questions please contact Coach Hainey at caleb.hainey@mcsdonline.org
- **2024 Dessert Concert:** The Vocal Music Department's annual Dessert Concert will be Monday March 4, at 7:00PM. Our middle school show choir will open the show again this year. Jazz, Etc., and River City Rhythm will also perform, as well as ten auditioned student acts! It's going to be a fantastic show, and we hope you are able to join us.

This event is a fundraiser for our Muskie Choral Boosters, which directly supports the MHS Choral Program. Admission will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for MCS D students in grades K-12. Please note that since this event is a fundraiser, activity passes or gold passes are not accepted.

This year we will be adding "Pie in the Face" to the evening's events as part of our fundraiser.

The victims: Mr. Stone and Mrs. Burford! Buckets labeled with each director's name will be set out at the admissions table to collect money. The teacher with the most money at the end of the night will get a pie in the face after the concert. Which teacher would you like to see with pie on their face? Show your support by putting money in their bucket!

- **Iowa International Summer Writing Program-Between the Lines:** Meet new people. Learn and write together. Live for two weeks on the UI campus. Study under award-winning writers. Applications for students 15-18 years old are open now! Application deadline is March 15, 2024. [U.S. Student Application for BTL 2024](#)
Further information can be found here: [Iowa International Writing Program Info](#)

• MHS Fine Arts Concerts:

- **TONIGHT!** MHS Symphony Band and SCJH 7th Grade Band: Thursday, February 29, 7PM in the MHS Auditorium
Free-will donations accepted.
- **MHS Wind Ensemble and SCJH 8th Grade Band Concert:** Friday, March 1, 7PM 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.

- **Seniors - Scholarship Deadlines:** One final reminder that the MCC scholarship packet and the Connections scholarship applications are due on Friday, March 1st. The scholarship packet is located on the Community Foundation's Scholarship portal: <https://www.givinggreater.org/scholarships>

The Connections Scholarship application can be found using this link: [Connections Scholarship Application](#)

The local packet offered by the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine closes on March 8th at noon. The instructions that were emailed previously are provided in the link below.

<https://www.givinggreater.org/scholarships>

[2024 Community Foundation Local Scholarship Application Instructions](#)

- **Muskie Minutes Season 4 Episode 21:** <https://youtu.be/VTOua3M4zcM>

- **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/>
- **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.
- **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED! Scholarships:** [2023-24 Scholarship List](#) (These scholarships are in addition to the Muscatine Community Foundation & MCC scholarships.)
- **Talent Show Ticket Sales:** MHS Key Club will be hosting a Talent Show on Friday, March 8th from 8:30-10:30AM in the auditorium. Tickets need to be purchased in advance and will be sold outside of Old Student Services Before School and during Lunch March 5th-8th for \$5 each. Community members are welcome to purchase tickets and attend the talent show - families of the performers can contact Mrs. Keltner (jen.keltner@mcsdonline.org) to purchase tickets anytime, not just during ticket sales outside of old student services. [MHS Talent Show Info](#)
 Proceeds from the show will be donated to the local charities. Students who attend the show will be excused from class. Acts include: individual and duet student singers and musicians, jazz choir, MHS Martial Arts, mariachi band, River City Rhythm Show Choir, and many more!
- **Grand Canyon University** will be at the high school during lunch time on Thursday, March 7th located in the gym foyer. If you would like more information stop by!
- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** Volunteers are needed for the March 5th MCSD & River Bend Mobile Food Pantry at the Administration Center. If interested, please sign up here: [March 5 MCSD & River Bend Food Pantry Sign-up](#)
- **EICC Gaming Convention** will take place on Saturday, April 6 from 10AM-4pM at Scott Community College Urban Campus, 101 W. Third St., Davenport. The event is open to the public. Registration is required. Details are in the flyer. [EICC Gaming Convention Information](#)
- **Track Apparel:** Get your Muscatine Track apparel now! The [Muscatine Track Webstore](#) is now open! The store will remain open until March 7. Items will arrive March 26. Use the link above to access the webstore.
- **Boys' Track Parent Meeting:** There will be a Boys' Track Parent Meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00PM in Coach Rusch's room (21-022). If you have any questions, please contact Coach Rusch at mark.rusch@mcsdonline.org
- **REMINDER! 2024-25 Course Selection Appointments:** If you haven't set up your one-on-one appointment with your grade level counselor, please do so as soon as possible! After this week there are only 9 more days to get in and get signed up. Parents are invited to attend this meeting!
 - Remember, if you do not have a one-on-one meeting with your school counselor to go over course selection and graduation progress, your schedule for next year will be chosen for you.
 - If you have already completed your course selection appointment, thank you!
 - If you still need to make an appointment, below are the Calendly links by class of/grade level counselor.
 Class of 2025: <https://calendly.com/dani-wolfe/course-selection-appointments>
 Class of 2026: <https://calendly.com/scott-mauck/course-selection-appointment>
 Class of 2027: <https://calendly.com/elyse-kress/2ndsemester-schedule-meetings>
- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** Jefferson Elementary is looking for volunteers to run games at their school Carnival on Thursday, March 28th. The Carnival takes place from 4:30-7pm. Students should check in between 4:15-4:25PM to learn the game and find their location. Volunteers will run games, supervise bounce houses, hand out raffle prizes, and serve food. If interested, please sign up here: [Jefferson Elementary Carnival Volunteer](#)
 If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Manjoine at sarah.manjoine@mcsdonline.org

- The Six Top Qualifying Senior Survivor Teams Competing Next Week (in no particular order):

Anthony Ash & Haley Thomas
Creed Birkhofer & Avery Schroeder
Ty Cozad & Aubrey Bender
Cesar Garrido & Anna Bode
Trey Ulses & Grace Miller
Sawyer Zeck & Grace Zorich

The Community Challenges will start at 6:00PM and be finished by 6:45-7:00PM.

TONIGHT! Thursday, Feb. 29 in the VanHecke Center

Family, students, staff, and community members are invited to attend!
All entry fees will be good-will donations (meaning only if they want to donate money).

- Weekly Activities: [Activities Feb. 23 - March 3, 2024](#)
- NEW SUB & SALAD ORDER LINK: [Sub Sandwich & Chef Salad Order Form](#)
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. 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.
- 11th & 12th Grade Students: MHS Prom is on April 27, 2024 from 7-10PM 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/Suit Appt Sign-Up](#)
- MCC Upcoming Dates:
 - March 1: High School [Connections Scholarship](#) Applications due
 - March 1: [Foundation Scholarship](#) Applications due
 - March 6: Vet Tech Visit Day @Ag Learning Center (3200 Lucas St) 3pm-5pm
Learn more about the program, tour our facility, meet the program facilitator and the academic advisor.
- Junior Police Academy 2024 is scheduled for June 3-7 at MCC. Interested in hearing more about the academy, please contact Heather Duytschaever (office is in the Commons) or at heather.duytschaever@mcsdonline.org.
- YQCA trainings at the Extension Office on:
Saturday, March 2 at 9:30AM
If you have any FFA members interested in attending these training sessions, they are welcome to join!
Please just have them register beforehand here: www.yqcaprogram.org
- 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!
- Parents/Guardians: Carnival After Prom Extravaganza (CAPE) will be held after Prom on April 28 from 11PM-3AM:
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](#)

- 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>
- 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/>
- 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/>
- 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/>

** Class of 2024 Information **

- Class of 2024: All Silver Cord and NHS hours are due by April 26th. Please contact Mr. Kulland with any questions.
- Seniors - Scholarships and FAFSA: We are closing in on some big deadlines for scholarships. The local packet offered by the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine closes on March 8th at noon. Please DO NOT wait until the last minute to submit. The instructions that were emailed previously are provided in the link below.
<https://www.givinggreater.org/scholarships>
[2024 Community Foundation Local Scholarship Application Instructions](#)
The MCC scholarship packet is due on March 1st. The link to this packet can also be found on the Community Foundation's website in the Scholarship Portal. <https://www.givinggreater.org/scholarships>
FAFSA is open and Mrs. Hawkins is more than happy to help families through the process. It can seem like an intimidating and stressful process but it should not be. If you have not completed FAFSA and would like help, please do not hesitate to stop in and see Mrs. Hawkins in Student Services, email at karey.hawkins@mcsdonline.org or call 563-264-8637 to make an appointment. <https://studentaid.gov/>
- **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED!** Scholarships: [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)
(These scholarships are in addition to the Muscatine Community Foundation & MCC scholarships.)
- 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 **

- Girls' Track Parent Meeting: There will be a Girls' Track Parent Meeting on Monday, March 4th at 6PM in the MHS Cafeteria. If you have any questions please contact Coach Hainey at caleb.hainey@mcsdonline.org
- Boys' Track Parent Meeting: There will be a Boys' Track Parent Meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00PM in Coach Rusch's room (21-022). If you have any questions, please contact Coach Rusch at mark.rusch@mcsdonline.org

- Track Apparel: Get your Muscatine Track apparel now! The [Muscatine Track Webstore](#) is now open! The store will remain open until March 7. Items will arrive March 26. Use the link above to access the webstore.
- Boys' and Girls' Soccer Players: Important info and dates to know for the upcoming season. [Soccer Season Important Info](#)
- 2024 Boys' Tennis Sign-up: If you are interested in playing Boys' Tennis this Spring or learning more about it, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/i7REsnMJ8AHT88GK9>
If you have any questions, please contact Coach Sichterman at jims@machlink.com
- 2024 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](#)

- FFA Important Dates
 - 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
- **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.
- 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 ****

- 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
[Orchestra Driven Coffee Fundraiser Info & QR Code](#)
- 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: Volunteers are needed for the March 5th MCSD & River Bend Mobile Food Pantry at the Administration Center. If interested, please sign up here: [March 5 MCSD & River Bend Food Pantry Sign-up](#)
- Jefferson Elementary is looking for volunteers to run games at their school Carnival on Thursday, March 28th. The Carnival takes place from 4:30-7pm. Students should check in between 4:15-4:25PM to learn the game and find their location. Volunteers will run games, supervise bounce houses, hand out raffle prizes, and serve food. If interested, please sign up here: [Jefferson Elementary Carnival Volunteer](#)
If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Manjoine at sarah.manjoine@mcsdonline.org
- McKinley Elementary is looking for volunteers to run games at their school Carnival on Thursday, March 28th. The Carnival takes place from 4:30-7pm and we ask that volunteers arrive 10-15 minutes early and check in by the office. Volunteers would be done by 7:10. When signing up, you can choose to enter the name of someone you would like to be paired with or if you sign up alone, we will pair you with another volunteer. Come have some fun with us!
*Note that there are boys and girls track meets and soccer games on the school calendar for that night, so please check your schedule before signing up.

Email McKinleyLionsPTO@gmail.com if you have any questions or sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4BADAB28ABFC1-47818963-mckinley#/>

- 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 Parks and Recreation is now hiring for summer jobs.
For more information here is the link: <https://www.muscatineiowa.gov/1598/Career-Center>

Summer Job Opportunity Info

If you have any questions please contact Blake Allington, Program Supervisor, City of Muscatine (563) 263-0241 x172

- 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.asp>
[x](#)

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.