

MHS Announcements - May 6, 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)

2024 Semester 2 Finals Schedule: [2024 Semester 2 Finals Schedule](#)

Note: Senior's finals should take place during the regular school schedule prior to their last day (May 15).

** Daily News & Information **

- [Happiness Week: May 6-10](#)
 - Monday, May 6: PJ Day - Stay comfy one more day and wear your PJs and slippers to school on Monday! Stop by the Happiness Week posters at lunchtime and write what makes you happy and grab a quick treat!
 - Tuesday, May 7: Road Trip Day - Summer is coming! Wear a shirt that represents your favorite road trip or vacation. During passing time, enjoy some of your favorite road trip songs throughout the building.
 - Wednesday, May 8: Who let the dogs out? Teachers will bring their furry friends from home while students wear Crazy Hats and unique footwear for our first Anything But Shoes Day! Who can find the most fun substitute for shoes? **No roller skates/rollerblades allowed.
 - Thursday, May 9: Rhyme Without Reason Day - Find a buddy or two and dress as rhyming words that don't necessarily go together! Examples: Fox and Box, Star and Car, etc. While you're showing off your costumes, grab some popcorn from Student Council Members throughout the building.
 - Friday, May 10: FREAKY FRIDAY - In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, students should dress as teachers and teachers should dress as students! Post your photos while participating in Happiness Week events all week and tag @muskiestuco on Instagram for a chance to win a prize. Winners will be announced on Friday.
- Seniors: Please check your MySchoolBucks balance or have your parent/guardian check for any outstanding fines or fees. These senior obligations need to be paid prior to receiving your cap & gown on May 17. Payments can be made online or at the MHS Attendance Center or in person on May 17 when computers and fees/fines are due out at the Concession Stand after graduation practice.
- **REMINDER - TONIGHT!** Choir Concert: Monday, May 6 @ 7PM - MHS Auditorium. Come bid a fond farewell to our seniors as they close out their years in the music department. We will send along many students with their letter awards and other accolades, and of course there will be plenty of music.
Admission: \$4/adult, \$3/student, \$10/family, 5 and under free, All passes accepted.
- **REMINDER - TOMORROW TONIGHT!** Band Concert: Tuesday, May 7 @ 7PM - MHS Auditorium
Admission: \$4/adult, \$3/student, \$10/family, 5 and under free, All passes accepted.
- 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!](#)
- **REMINDER!** May 8: Collegiate Sport Signing Day: Collegiate Sport Signing Recognition Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 8 during Muskie Time in the Auditorium for those that registered. Parents/guests invited to attend. Please check in at the Attendance Office.
- **REMINDER!** [Books for students graduating with the class of 2024 are due Wednesday, May 8th](#) and all library or resource fines before receiving their cap and gown for graduation.

- **MHS Activities May 3-11: [Activities May 3-11](#)**
- **Boys' XC:** There will be a brief meeting in Coach Foxen's room 11-033 (social studies wing) on May 22nd during Muskie Time. If you were a member of the team in the past Coach Foxen will request you on May 22nd. If you have interest and have not run XC please fill out this [form](#) to be requested and check out what XC is all about. If you have any questions or would like to visit with Coach Foxen, please stop in room 11-033.
- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** Muscatine resident is in need of help carrying a couple large items out of the basement. If interested in assisting, please contact Patty Lawrence at anna.lawrence@unitypoint.org
- **FFA PLANT SALE FRIDAY, MAY 10** The Muscatine FFA Plant Sale will take place at the MHS Greenhouse on May 10, and May 17 from 7:30AM-6PM. [FFA Plant Sale Info](#)
- **Orchestra Concert: Thursday, May 9 @ 7PM - MHS Auditorium**
Admission: No admission but donations are welcome!
There will be a flower sale that our Muskie Orchestra Boosters will be selling. Carnations will be sold at the door for \$2 each OR 3 for \$5!
- **REMINDER!** MHS Key Club is hosting a book drive in memory of Kahina Ourkhou. The drive concludes on May 10th. You donate used books that are in good condition in the drop boxes in Student Services and the MHS Library. In exchange for your book donation you will earn silver cord hours. 1 book is 30 minutes of service. 2 books is 1 hour and so on with a cap of 2 hours. More information here: [Book Drive Information](#) [Book Drive Flyer](#)
- **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED!** Scholarships: [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)
(These scholarships are in addition to the Muscatine Community Foundation & MCC scholarships.)
- ALL library books are due Friday, May 17th. Students are allowed to continue to check out new books up until the final due date - as long as everything is returned by Friday, May 17th.
Books for students graduating with the class of 2024 are due Wednesday, May 8th and all library or resource fines before receiving their cap and gown for graduation.
If you need books longer because of academic work, please let Mrs. Keltner know (either in the library or email jen.keltner@mcsdonline.org) and we will be flexible with due dates as needed!
- If you are grades 9-11 and are interested in playing Rainbow 6 Siege next fall, there will be an informational meeting Tuesday, May 7th during Muskie Time in RM-11-016. Please sign up using the link below by May 3 to be requested in Adaptive Scheduler: [Rainbow 6 Siege Meeting Sign-up](#)
If you have any questions please stop by room 11-016 or email: Joe Williams joe.williams@mcsdonline.org or Joe Vitali joe.vitali@mcsdonline.org
- Muskie Minutes - Season 4 Episode 29: https://youtu.be/GgpOcu_x_R4
- **REMINDER!** Muskie Pom Squad (Muscatine Dance Team) will hold auditions for the 24-25 squad on Friday, May 17. The team is open for auditions for current 8th-11th grade students.
 - Technique Only Clinics: May 8, 6:15-7:30AM - MHS Main Gym
 - Audition Clinics: May 14-16, 6:15-7:30AM - MHS Main Gym
 - Fill Out This Form: [Muskie Poms](#) for audition registration
- ACT Practice: If you are looking to practice for the ACT here is a link that can assist you: [Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf](#)
- AEA Driver Education / Muscatine High School: To register for upcoming Driver's Ed sessions, please visit: <https://driveded.mbaea.org/student-programs/driver-education/>
- 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!

- 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>
- 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/>

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

- Seniors - Grad Cap Design: The Class of 2024 will be allowed to decorate their Graduation Caps! To participate, please submit your Grad Cap design by 3:30PM on Friday, May 3rd to Mr. Kulland in Student Services. Please read and abide by the rules for your cap design. Counseling Staff will review your design and approve or deny. Only approved designs will be allowed at the Ceremony so get your design in by the deadline! A Grad Cap Design Template is attached for you to print out, design, and turn in for approval. Have Fun! Grad Cap rules and template are available in Student Services, Attendance Center, or this link: [2024 Grad Cap Design Template](#)
- FAFSA - NOW OPEN FOR CORRECTIONS: Seniors - If you received notice that your FAFSA had errors or was not submitted for some reason, you are now able to log in and correct those errors. Please see Mrs. Hawkins in Student Services with any questions.
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- May 15: Seniors Last Day
- May 15: Senior Awards Night @ 6:30PM - MHS Auditorium. Invitation Only. Seniors will receive their invitations approximately one week prior to the event. All students receiving an invitation will be receiving a scholarship or award that evening.
- May 17: Graduation Rehearsal @ 9AM - MHS Stadium (Detailed info will be provided closer to the date)
- May 17: Senior Obligations & Cap & Gown Pick Up (Turn in computers, chargers, library books, pay fines, and pick up cap & gown. (Detailed info will be provided closer to the date) following Graduation Rehearsal - MHS Stadium Concession Area

- May 17: Senior March through their elementary school building. (Details will be provided once visiting times are confirmed with elementary principals.)
- May 19: Graduation: @ 2PM - MHS Stadium (NO TICKETS ARE REQUIRED & NO LIMIT TO # OF GUESTS)

**** Athletics/Activities Information **** [MHS Official Activities Site](#) (schedules, rosters & directions)

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- **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!
- 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](#)
- 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 ****

- 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.
- 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 ****

- District Food Service is looking for volunteers to help with the Summer Weekly Meal Pick-up for families on Wednesdays starting June 10th - July 31, 2024, at MHS. We have a morning pick-up starting at 11 am to 1 pm & an evening pick-up starting at 4 pm to 6 pm. We would love to see MHS group organizations do this as a team to share the MHS spirit. If interested, please email us at schoolmeals@mcsdonline.org
- Mulberry Elementary is looking for 10-15 students to help with activities for their Field Day on Friday, May 24 (rain date is Tuesday, May 28). If interested in volunteering, please contact Becky Eserhaut at becky.eserhaut@mcsdonline.org
- Church of the Living Water in Muscatine, is looking for volunteers to assist with child care for a special needs preschool class on Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:30AM. Training will be provided, but experience with children would be helpful. Interested students can call or text Bethany Anderson at 563-260-7527 or email bethany.lee.anderson@gmail.com The church address is 3120 Park Avenue West in Muscatine.
- Camp Bear Creek (located in Jones County, Iowa) is in need of high school volunteers this summer! Come join us for a fun-filled, incredible week and make a HUGE impact in the lives of countless campers!
[Camp Bear Creek Volunteer Information](#)

If you are interested in working or volunteering at Camp Bear Creek, email Jake O'Connor at jake@bearcreek.camp or apply online at bearcreek.camp

- It Takes A Village Animal Rescue is having their 3rd Annual Car Show on May 11th from 10-3. We are in need of volunteers to help with this event. Set up, hands on during the event and tear down.
If you are interested in volunteering, please email Beth Gomez at beth@ittakesavillag.dog
- 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 Camps/Classes/Opportunities ****

- Summer 24 College Classes - Registration is Limited!

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges will again offer free summer concurrent classes. Attached is the summer concurrent flyer with the list of what courses are available. Please note the location/type of each class. If you are interested in a summer class, please complete the attached summer CCIR concurrent registration form. If interested in the CNA class, please make sure to also review the CNA steps to enroll and the information below. Let me know if you have any questions. [Summer Concurrent Classes](#)

CNA Important Information [Concurrent CNA Steps to Enroll](#)

- Registration is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. All CNA documents must be submitted in order to secure your registration.
 - Must be 16 years old by the orientation date (May 22nd).
 - Completed EICC application (www.eicc.edu/apply) (if you have never taken college classes with us before).
 - Completed summer concurrent registration form. [CCIR Registration Form](#)
 - Completed background check form. [Background Check Form](#)
 - \$25 background check fee – cash only (no checks accepted)
 - Copy of ID – this can be a driver's license, state issued ID, or school ID with picture.
- After registration, you will need to attend the mandatory CNA meeting. MCC's meeting will be held at the MCC Campus on May 22nd, 4-5pm. You must attend the mandatory meeting to be eligible for the class. If you do not attend, you will be removed from the class, and a student from the waitlist will be enrolled.
- Junior Police Academy 2024 is scheduled for June 3-7 at MCC. Attached is the 2024 Jr. Police Academy "Digital Poster" and the link to our YouTube video. Please utilize these as you see fit to help promote this year's academy. Also feel free to share these with anyone you see fit to help us push this out to all the students at Muscatine High School. As a reminder, all high school students are eligible to apply but preference will be given to Jr's and seniors. [Jr. Police Academy Info](#)

Some more exciting news is this year, we will bring Officer Tylor Staley on to assist with the academy and learn the ropes. Officer Staley has been with the Muscatine Police department since 12-2022 and has a military background. He is young and energetic and feel he will be a great addition to our already EXCELLENT group.

https://youtu.be/B_avq_asjSc?si=YUHq1Uj1ir_ITyDU

Interested in hearing more about the academy, please contact Heather Duytschaever (office is in the Commons) or at heather.duytschaever@mcsdonline.org.
- Genesis Adventures In Nursing (GAIN) Camp 2024 - Registration is now open! Genesis Adventures In Nursing (GAIN) Camp sessions will be offered the week of June 24-28, 2024, and July 22-26, 2024! If you are interested in learning if a career in healthcare is for you, and various career opportunities, GAIN Camp is for you! Campers will explore different nursing specialties and other health care careers. Campers will tour practically every nursing area and participate in numerous hands-on activities! <https://www.genesishealth.com/careers/nursing/education/> High School students who have completed their Freshman year through Seniors graduating in 2024 are eligible to attend Camp. [GENESIS GAIN CAMP Info](#)
- Summer Seminar & Summer STEM Opportunities: Naval Academy & Science Technology-Science & Math <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php>

** 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/>

[Summer Conservation Aide Info](#)

These jobs are great for students looking to get into conservation, parks and rec, or a related field.

**** 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.