

## MHS Announcements - May 16, 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)

### 2024 MHS GRADUATION LIVESTREAM - MAY 19, 2024:

Join us for the commencement ceremony of the Muscatine High School Class of 2024 on May 19, 2024!

The live stream will start at approximately 1:45 pm, with the ceremony starting at 2:00 pm.

No cowbells, horns, or noise makers are allowed.

### Ways to Watch:

- <https://discovermuscatine.com/mhs-graduation>
- Facebook
- YouTube
- X (Twitter)
- PCTV - MPW Cable Channel 3

## \*\* Daily News & Information \*\*

- State Track Shirts: If you purchased a state track shirt, you can pick it up in the Attendance Office.
- MHS Football - Student Manager: Any 9th-11th grade students that are interested in being a student manager for Muskie Football this fall, please contact Coach Truitt at [mike.truitt@mcsdonline.org](mailto:mike.truitt@mcsdonline.org) or stop by Room 22-020.
- **REMINDER - SENIORS!** May 17: Graduation Rehearsal @ 9AM - MHS Stadium (Detailed info will be provided closer to the date)
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    2. Chromebook charger (\$25 fee if not returned)
    3. The hardshell case (top and bottom) for your Chromebook (\$5 fee if not returned)
- **REMINDER - SENIORS!** May 17: Senior March through their elementary school building. (Please check your Class of 2024 for check-in times at each elementary school.)
- 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).
- 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!](#)
- Class of 2024: Check the Class of 2024 section below for important information!

- **REMINDER!** 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.  
If you need books longer because of academic work, please let Mrs. Keltner know (either in the library or email [jen.keltner@mcsdonline.org](mailto:jen.keltner@mcsdonline.org)) and we will be flexible with due dates as needed!
- **FFA PLANT SALE FRIDAY, MAY 17** The Muscatine FFA Plant Sale will take place at the MHS Greenhouse on May 17 from 7:30AM-6PM. [FFA Plant Sale Info](#)
- **Girls' and Boys' Interested in Playing Golf Next Year:** There will be an informational meeting during Muskie Time on Wednesday, May 22 on the Learning Stairs. Please sign-up if you intend on planning the meeting.  
[Girls & Boys' Golf Info Meeting - May 22](#)
- **REMINDER!** Student Council Candidates: If you missed the informational meeting last Friday and want to apply for the 2024-2025 Student Council, you MUST stop by and speak with Mrs. Huot (Rm 22-010 ) or Mr. Stuart (Rm 11-022). Once you meet with one of them, they will send the application to you! All applications are due Friday, May 15 by 3:31PM.
- **Muskie Minutes Episode 30!** <https://youtu.be/fdLHKh84ZHg>
- **Silver Cord Opportunity:** Volunteers are needed to corner marshall for the 44th Melon City Criterium, Charlie Harper Memorial Bike Race at Weed Park on Sunday, May 26, 2024. If interested, please sign up using this link:  
<https://www.meloncitybikeclub.org/new-page-3>
- **TONIGHT!** Boys' Track Banquet: The boys' track banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:00 PM in the MHS cafeteria. Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided as a main dish. Junior and Sophomore families, please bring a side dish to share. Senior and Freshman families, please bring a dessert to share. Please bring your own table service and a drink.
- **Boys Track Uniform Turn In: UNIFORM HAND IN AT THE BANQUET (5/14/24) 5:30 - 5:50 PM or AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAY (5-21) @ 3:31 PM** in the coach's office in the locker room. Anyone attending the state track meet will turn in their uniforms after the state meet. You will be billed for any item checked out to you that is not returned. Please make sure uniforms are turned in clean and dry. If you have any questions please contact Coach Rusch ([mark.rusch@mcsdonline.org](mailto:mark.rusch@mcsdonline.org))
- **MHS Activities - May 10-18:** [Activities May 10-18](#)
- **9th-11th Grade Students - MHS Parking Tags - Keep Your Parking Tag To Use Next Year!** This is a REMINDER that if you have an MHS Parking Tag, please keep it over the summer (DO NOT THROW IT AWAY) because you will use it as your Parking Tag for next school year. If you misplace it, you will have to pay a \$5 fee for a new parking tag.
- There will be a Pizza Hang Out Lunch with students and their friends from the Walnut Park Baptist Church Youth Group on May 21. Sign-up is required by May 17: [Pizza Hang Out Lunch Sign-up](#)
- Hello students! The Instructional Team at MHS wants to highlight some of the amazing things that are happening throughout our building, but we need your help. Please consider nominating a teacher (or multiple teachers) for the wonderful things they do inside and outside of the classroom. This can be related to specific lessons they have taught, their teaching style, their ability to build relationships, their involvement in extracurricular activities or anything else you feel is relevant and necessary. These types of shout outs are incredibly rewarding for teachers, so please take some time to make their day! [MHS Impactful Staff Nomination Form](#)
- **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.
  - **Audition Clinics:** May 14-16, 6:15-7:30AM - MHS Main Gym

- Fill Out This Form: [Muskie Poms](#) for audition registration
- 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.
- AEA Driver Education / Muscatine High School: To register for upcoming Driver's Ed sessions, please visit: <https://drivered.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](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/>

## **\*\* Class of 2024 Information \*\***

- 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.
- Class of 2024: ALL Library Books + Textbooks are DUE. Just a reminder that all of your library books, textbooks, class novels, etc. are now due to the MHS library. Please return these materials ASAP! If you need them for classwork over the next week, please send me an email or let one of the library staff members know. We will adjust your due date until next week.  
  
Fines can be paid in person at the attendance office or parents can access fines on MyschoolBucks.com. You can also pay your fines in-person on Friday, May 17th during graduation practice, but you will not be allowed to pick up your cap and gown until all fines are paid. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Keltner or talk to a member of the library staff.
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- 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.
- **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED!** Scholarships: [2023-24 Scholarship List](#)  
(These scholarships are in addition to the Muscatine Community Foundation & MCC scholarships.)

**\*\* 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 \*\***

- 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](mailto:anna.lawrence@unitypoint.org)
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jake@bearcreek.camp) or apply online at [bearcreek.camp](http://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](mailto: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 \*\***

- 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\\_ayq\\_asjSc?si=YUHq1Uj1ir\\_ITyDU](https://youtu.be/B_ayq_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](mailto: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.