

Organizations and Clubs at Memorial: A Guide to Some Electives and Extracurricular Activities

American Sign Language (ASL) Club

American Sign Language (ASL) club is for all students who are enrolled or have been enrolled in an ASL class. Goals consist of activities and field trips promoting Deaf culture and awareness as well as opportunities to practice ASL skills. Meeting time and place will be determined at the beginning of the school year.

Heather Galloy

Athletics

Memorial has three athletic seasons—Fall, Winter, and Spring. Fall Sports: Football, Cheer & Dance, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Volleyball, Girls Swim & Dive, and Boys Soccer. Winter Sports: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheer & Stunt, Gymnastics, Boys Hockey, Girls Hockey, Boys Swim & Dive, Dance, and Wrestling. Spring Sports: Baseball, Boys Golf, Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys Tennis, Boys Track and Field, and Girls Track and Field.

Kevin Thompson

Band

Come join your friends and play great music and have unlimited experiences! We have multiple bands here at MHS--Concert Bands, Pep Bands, Marching Bands and Jazz Bands. We are an exciting group of students who enjoy taking these elective classes.

Eric Dasher and Dominic Domeyer

Black Students United

This is a club to create a supportive community and safe space for Black Students at Memorial High School to use their voices. Our focus is to create awareness and educate the MHS community about being Black in today's society. This club is open to all MHS students regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, background, sexual orientation or gender. The club will meet on Tuesdays after school in room 2197.

Angie Rush

Breakdancing Club

We will learn to express ourselves with movement and style using safe practices of breakdancing basics. The club meets in the multipurpose room after school on Mondays.

Matt Palm

Chess Club

Everyone is invited to hang out and play chess on Mondays after school from 3:00-3:45 in room 1287.

Erik Trampush

Choir

Choir is a great place for students who love to sing! We work hard to perform some amazing music! The main choir classes are Treble Choir, Bass Choir, and Concert Choir (auditioned). There are two other auditioned choir classes, Old Abe Show Choir and Madrigals/A Cappella Choir. There is also Eagle Show Choir (soprano/alto prep group), which is a club that meets on Tuesday evenings. Come and join our choir family!

Aurora Krajnikonde

DECA

DECA is a student organization that prepares the next generation to be academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced leaders. As a member you will have the opportunity to participate in community service projects, social outings, and professional development activities. Members are also eligible to compete at the district, state, and international level. When juniors and seniors sign up for marketing classes, they automatically become a DECA member.

Brittnie Prock

Eco Warriors

Students joined together to fight for a more sustainable school, community, and planet. All are welcome! Meetings on Thursdays after school in Ms. Howe's room. (2179).

Alicia Howe

Equestrian Team

The goal of our equestrian team is to promote growth in horsemanship education and to encourage interscholastic participation.

Melissa Gunnes

E-Sport Club

The club will play electronic sports and games competitively using personal devices. Teamwork and sportsmanship will be practiced. The club will meet in room 1289 on Thursdays (2 on and 1 off) from 3:00-4:00.

Bob Peterson

FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA members may participate in competitions against other State and National FBLA members. They may also get involved in various community and social events as determined by the club's leaders. The only requirement for membership is that a student be enrolled in a business course.

Carolyn Sylte and Kelly Hebert

FCA-Fellowship Of Christian Athletes

Everyone is welcome to join Memorial's Fellowship of Christian Athlete's "Huddle" which meets every Tuesday Morning 7-7:33am in the north side of the Commons. (Typically we do not meet when there was no school the Monday before). We always have free PANCAKES, fun, and an encouraging Christian message. The group is led by student-athletes. Sign up for reminders and announcements with Remind101 by texting "@memorialfc" (correct, no A) to 81010. Please contact Ms. Beaupre, Coach Draper or a student leader with any questions! In the summer, Sports and Leadership Camps are an awesome opportunity for anyone interested! Check out the fun: wisconsinfca.org/camps and follow Northwest WI FCA on Facebook @NorthwestWIFCA & Instagram northwest_wi_fca

Katie Beaupre & Andrew Draper

FCCLA

FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) members develop leadership skills through local, regional, state and national competition as well as various community service projects. There are social activities as well as fundraising activities to fund member activities. FCCLA membership is open to any Memorial student.

Ashley King & Michelle Bassett-Shermo

FFA (Eau Claire)– Agriscience

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Eau Claire has a number of activities to help develop these areas such as: host Farm City Day, Adopt A Family, host Ducks Unlimited banquet, speaking contest, Career Development Events (equine, wildlife management, forestry, livestock, floriculture, dairy, dairy foods, and more) leadership conferences/workshops and State and National FFA Convention.

Vanessa Nicpon

Film Club

Film Club is open to any student interested in helping produce movies. Students may write scripts, act, film, and/or produce movies depending on their individual interests. We are a fun group full of great ideas. Meet Thursdays after school in room 1375.

Matt Palm

French Club

French club is an extra-curricular activity for students interested in French language and culture. (You don't have to be in a French class to participate in French club!) French club meets periodically throughout the year to enjoy cultural activities, go on trips, eat great food and have lots of French fun. Come to one event or all of them! See Madame Smith Reuter in 1875 for more information or talk to someone in French V.

Celena Smith Reuter

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Garden Club

Martha Annis

Garden Club is a fun group of students who are interested in creating and maintaining the garden in the Memorial Courtyard. Watch for announcements about when they will meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden

Gender Sexuality Awareness (GSA)

Amber Dernbach & Zach Schultz

The Gender and Sexuality Awareness Club (GSA) aims to support the LGBTQA community and to bring an awareness to the issues that the LGBTQA community faces. By spreading knowledge and hosting events, the group hopes to create camaraderie and advocacy throughout the community. All are welcome to come and share ideas and lend a hand.

German Club

Sara Poss

Students enrolled in a German class make up the membership of the German Club. Students organize trips and activities; they try to provide opportunities to use German while interacting with classmates. A student exchange trip (known as GAPP) is offered bi-annually for students enrolled in German who wish to experience the German language and culture first-hand.

Improv Team

Amber Dernbach

The Memorial Improv Team consists of students who audition in the fall each school year. This select group works throughout the entire academic year on refining skills and fundamentals of improvisational theater. The team produces at least five shows, providing intensely focused and inevitably hilarious entertainment to students and the community. The Memorial Improv Team has established itself as a highly prestigious and respected program for the art of improvisation.

Intramural Basketball

Kelly Hebert & Brittne Prock

Intramural basketball is open to guys and gals! We start the season approximately the second week of December. Teams need 10 players on a team, the name of their team and a team contact person. Participants can hand information in to Ms. Hebert in room 1280.

Japanese Club

Hiroko Nagai

Do you want to share Japanese language and culture with people? We will visit elementary schools and middle schools to teach them simple Japanese. Ms. Nagai provide teaching ideas and materials. No Japanese experience required. (This counts for your volunteer hours.) We also have a fun Japanese activity every other month.

LINK Crew

Erin Layde

LINK Crew is a program designed to allow senior students to act as mentors, friends and ambassadors from Memorial High School to the incoming freshman class. It involves a first day orientation for the freshman led by the link leaders which includes an assembly, a small group breakout time, and a building tour. We seek all kinds of students with all kinds of interests for this position.

Math League

Mike Glassbrenner

Math League consists of a series of six math contests offered through the Wisconsin Mathematics League. The tests are given once a month from October through April. During each contest participating students answer six challenging math questions. The students compete against other Wisconsin schools, and results are submitted and available online. All contests are held after school.

Mock Trial (fee)

Erik Trampush

Mock Trial is an organization of students who act as lawyers and/or witnesses in competing against other regional schools in front of actual judges. The season begins in mid-October, with the regional competition taking place in February. Mock Trial exposes students to the field of law and specifically trial procedure. It is an excellent experience for those entering fields of law, criminal justice or public administration, but any student who enjoys thinking critically and quickly will benefit from the experience of Mock Trial.

National Honor Society (NHS)

Kathy Martin

NHS is a select group of students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and have demonstrated the qualities of leadership, character, service, and scholarship. Students who wish to be part of NHS must submit a formal application letter and resume to a faculty review committee during the second semester of their sophomore or junior year. Membership is subject to faculty review and NHS membership requirements.

Old Abe Literacy Center (OALC)

Jessica Borst

The OALC is a student-led writing center in which skilled Literacy Assistants help other students with written work across all subject areas. Lit Assistants are prepared to guide students through the brainstorming, writing, and revision processes. Appointments can be made on our website. Walk-in appointments are welcomed on a first-come, first-served basis. The OALC is located in room 1890 in the English wing. Hours of operation are weekdays during 5th hour, plus Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. from 3:00-3:30.

Orchestra

Soma Pierce-Smit

If you have a love for playing stringed instruments, this is the place for you. Well known for our amazing talents, these elective courses in Orchestra- Concert Orchestra, Old Abe Orchestra, Entry Level Orchestra- will enhance your MHS experience.

Partners Club

Matt Palm, Erik Larson and Bob Peterson

Partners Club is a social club that connects mainstream students at Memorial with students with special needs. Monthly events include activities such as pumpkin carving, arts and crafts activities, attending MHS sporting events, finger painting, bench making and various collaborative activities with agencies outside MHS.

Prom Committee

Christina Schroeder

Prom committee's members change each year as the committee is made up of members from the Junior class. Prom committee members meet with Mrs. Schroeder starting second semester to begin Prom planning. The committee decides on decoration, menu, music, theme, and other details. Meetings occur once a week after school from 3:00-3:15 in room 1970 (the day of the week is decided by the committee majority). Any member of the Junior class is welcome to join.

Recycling Club

Melissa Gunnes

The purpose of the Recycling Club is to encourage students and staff to recycle to reduce pollution and conserve our natural resources. We recycle on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ski and Snowboard Club

Jed Stutzman

Are you looking for something to do this December through March? Do you enjoy the fresh air and being outdoors? If so, then join the Memorial Ski and Snowboard Club! Whether you are just starting out on the bunny hill or you are an experienced black diamond pro, Memorial Ski and Snowboard Club is designed for all abilities! Come hang out with friends on the slopes and develop a recreational you can use for many years to come! Talk to Mr. Stutzman if interested.

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Skills USA (VICA)

Students in VICA compete twice a year focusing on leadership activities and skill development. VICA also integrates job interviews, speeches, and extemporaneous speaking. Some of the skills developed by members are in the fields of electronics, drafting, engineering, photography, small engines, computer networking, and other life-skill fields.

Lisa Crotty-Nelson

Spanish Club

Spanish Club is open to all students in Spanish classes. Students organize activities to enhance their Spanish language skills and engage in the Hispanic culture. Opportunities are available to host students from Spanish speaking countries. Also a student trip is offered bi-annually for students enrolled in upper level Spanish courses who wish to experience the Spanish language and culture first-hand.

Jeff Hansen

Special Olympics

Through year-round sports training and athletic competition, Special Olympics builds self-esteem, fosters courage, and teaches valuable lessons about striving, winning, losing, and trying again. Athletes with cognitive disabilities, age eight to eighty, participate in Olympic-type sports. The athletes are given the continuing opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy. Here, they find a place of acceptance, friendship, respect, and belonging. ECASD Special Olympics athletes have the opportunity to participate in bowling, basketball, track, and swimming.

Stephanie Travis

Student Council

Student Council (STUCO) is the student government at Memorial. Members of Student Council are elected by their classmates each year. STUCO represents students' interests in regular meetings with administration to address student concerns, issue grants to students, teachers, and clubs, and organize activities to promote school spirit. We also host many different events throughout the year to either help the school or community (such as Club Rush and the spring American Red Cross Blood Drive) or to raise funds to help support our grant program (such as Winter Carnival, Kickball Tournament, Spring Talent show, etc.). If you've got suggestions, questions, concerns or comments on how to make MHS even better or what concerns you have, we want to know! Contact one of your representatives or find us on Facebook (Eau Claire Memorial Student Council) or on Twitter (@ecmhsstuco)!

Kathleen Campbell de Loyo

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

This is a group for students who are devoted to raising awareness in their school and community about the real-life issues and difficult decisions teenagers often face. We advocate for change and put into action peer-to-peer social marketing campaigns. Creating awareness about any destructive decision is what this group is about. Each year we also plan and host the Mock Car Crash.

Jackie Trautlein

Theatre Performances/Plays

A fall musical (see below) and a spring play are produced each year. Students are also able to perform in the annual Fine Arts night held each May. Casting for all three productions is by audition and all rehearsals and technical work sessions are after school and on weekends. Students can learn more about how to get involved in the theatre season each year by checking the Theatre bulletin board outside the Little Theatre, being in theatre classes at Memorial, or stopping by Ms. Dernbach's classroom. There are lots of creative jobs behind the scenes. Students are a crucial component in making props, costumes, constructing and painting sets, running sound and light systems, and creating promotional materials. Participating in MHS Theatre gives students an opportunity to engage in leadership, work collaboratively, and hone communication skills both on and off stage.

Amber Dernbach

School Musical

(Only occurs in the Fall of odd school years)

Aurora Krajnikconde

Trap Shooting Club

The Eau Claire Area High School Trap team named Clearwater Explosion is a competitive trap shooting team. Beginners to advanced shooters from 5th grade through college are invited to participate. Trap begins in late March and runs through mid-June at the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club. Practices and competitions are on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Ron Bowers

UGHANA ROCK!

UGHANA ROCK! hosts an annual benefit concert at Memorial High School to raise money for The Potters Village in Ghana. Rock Band auditions are held a month in advance. Watch for announcements or see advisor with questions.

Dominic Domeyer

Yearbook Staff

The Kodak is Memorial's yearbook. Yearbook is a separate class that can be taken through school. Students help to organize and put together the yearbook.

Carolyn Sylte

Young Democrats

Young Democrats is a group of students interested in the political process. It is for anyone who supports the principles of democracy. Members meet regularly during the voting season and get involved in local political campaigns. Young Dems meet on Wednesdays after school in room 1980

Eric Rasmussen

Young Life

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian ministry that reaches out to teenagers through volunteers, staff, club meetings and camps. We meet Mondays at 7:37pm at 5079 Highway 53.

Eric Dasher

Youth in Government

Leaders are developed by doing, and the Wisconsin YMCA Youth in Government (YIG) program seeks to foster the next generation of thoughtful, committed, and active citizens. The program aims to enable young people to prepare for leadership through participatory training in the theory and practice of determining public policy.

Jen Zwicky

There are two ways to learn about government:

The first is to read textbooks about what others have done.

The second is to take that theoretical knowledge and apply it in an actual government setting.

The Wisconsin YMCA Youth in Government program provides middle and high school students with a unique opportunity to learn how to be civically engaged by acting as state legislators, lawyers, and members of the Press Corps. The students simulate all phases and positions of the actual state government and are challenged with many of the same issues our real legislators must face in their elected offices.