

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

### ASL-American Sign Language Club

ASL (American Sign Language) Club is an extra-curricular activity for students interested in ASL and Deaf culture. You do not need to be in ASL class to participate. We meet periodically throughout the year to enjoy cultural activities, plan school events, and opportunities to practice and improve ASL skills. Come to one event or all of them! See Mrs. Galloy in room 1955 for more information or talk to someone in ASL.

**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.

**Perry Myren**

### 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 & Dominic Domeyer**

### Battle of the Books (BoB)

Battle of the Books is a book group for readers. We meet weekly in the library at lunch for trivia, snacks, and to talk about the 20 titles on the official Wisconsin Battle of the Books list. In February, we identify our top four readers who then represent our school at the state-wide online battle. All readers welcome. No team necessary to participate!

**Becky Wojahn**

### Casual Arts Club

This club is a place where artists and aspiring artists alike can meet and create together in a non-judgmental place. We will meet on Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 pm in art room 1365.

**Nicole Burt**

### Chess Club

Everyone is invited to hang out and play chess in room 1287. Meeting day/time TBD

**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, Mixed Choir, and Concert Choir (auditioned). There are two other auditioned choir classes, Old Abe Show Choir and Madrigals/A Cappella Choir—both of these groups have fun competing each year. Come and join our choir family!

**Aurora Krajnikonde**

### Craft Club

This club is for everything crafts! Some examples are sewing, crocheting, origami, drawing, painting, etc. This club is for all artists to hang out, meet others with similar interests, & learn new arts & crafts in a fun but peaceful space. Meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 3:00-4:00 in room 1395.

**Tiffany Goetz**

### Cubing Club

Cubing Club is for solvers of Rubik's Cubes and puzzles adjacent. Our time will be to generally hang out, solve and compete. We will meet Thursdays from 3:15-4:00 in the band room 1350.

**Dominic Domeyer**

### Debate Club

Students will learn effective strategies on how to research a topic, formulate an argument, and debate in a civil manner. Meetings will be held in room 1285 after school Nov-Feb. Watch for announcements with more details.

**Jed Stutzman & Erik Trampush**

### 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.

**Brittnie Holden**

### DND Club (Dungeons & Dragons)

This club gets together to teach and play DND in groups. Meetings are on Mondays in the Commons from 3:15-4:30

**Wil O'Brien**

### Eco Warriors

Students joined together to fight for a more sustainable school, community, and planet. All are welcome! Meeting day/time TBD

**Alicia Howe**

### Equestrian Team

The goal of our equestrian team is to promote growth in horsemanship education and to encourage interscholastic participation. We ride horses, learn new techniques and have fun with our friends and horses.

**Sheila Topper**

### FCA-Fellowship Of Christian Athletes

Everyone is welcome to join Memorial's Fellowship of Christian Athletes' "Huddle" which meets every Tuesday Morning 7-7:30am in the north side of the Commons beginning mid-September. We always have free PANCAKES, fun, and an encouraging Christian message. The group is led by student-athletes.

**Andrew Draper & Christina Schroeder**

Sign up for reminders and announcements with Remind101 by texting "@ecmhscfa" to 81010. Please contact Track Coach Andrew Draper [adraper@fca.org](mailto:adraper@fca.org) 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](http://wisconsinfca.org/camps)

### FCCLA

FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for students that have taken, or are enrolled in, Family and Consumer Science (FCS) courses at the high school level. FCCLA provides members the opportunity to strengthen skills, forge friendships, and make a positive difference in today's world by participating in Competitive Events, serving in leadership positions, attending state and national conferences, networking with youth leaders, and attaining essential college- and career-ready skills. FCCLA membership is open to any Memorial student who is or has taken courses within the Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Department.

**Michelle Bassett-Shermo**

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### **FFA – 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 Area FFA has a number of activities to help develop these areas such as: Breakfast on the Farm, Leadership Development Events, fundraisers, Career Development Events, leadership conferences/workshops and the State and National FFA Convention.

### **Bry Patrouille**

### **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 in room 1375. Meeting day/time TBD

### **Matt Palm**

### **Forensics (fee)**

Students involved in forensics perform or speak competitively in either interpretive or speech events. Forensics is for both the accomplished speaker and those who wish to become comfortable with public speaking. The season runs from October through April with meets on Saturdays in the spring. This is a team sport with regular weekly practices. There is an annual state tournament for qualifying team members..

### **Johannah Erffmeyer**

### **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 1965 for more information or talk to someone in French V.

### **Celena Smith Reuter**

### **Game Club**

Game Club is returning! Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month after school from 3:00-4:00 in room 2116. This is a great place for you to meet new people who share similar interests. You are welcome to bring any games or portable gaming devices if you'd like (so long as they're school-appropriate!). Members enjoy playing card games, board games and video games!

### **Rochelle Draper**

### **Gender Sexuality Awareness (GSA)**

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. Meetings will be held after school in room 1910 on Thursdays.

### **Nicole Dixon & Daniel Morgan**

### **Healthcare Careers Club**

We will organize a group of students who are interested in a future career in healthcare. We will learn from local professionals in healthcare, regarding their personal paths to their current employment and what they do on a daily basis. The club will meet once a month @ 3:00 pm in 2177. Watch announcements for details.

### **Niki Anderson**

### **Hiking Club**

This club is a way for students to experience nature and learn about what it has to offer. Meet in Mr. Fisher's room 2115 Tuesdays after school.

### **Josh Fisher**

### **Hmong American Peem Tsheej Club**

Our club consists of fun educational Activities and Events that teach our members about the Hmong culture and history. Meeting will be held every other Monday in the North High School Library from 3:30-4:30.

### **Jackson Yang**

### **Improv Team (fee)**

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.

### **Amber Dernbach**

### **Intramural Basketball**

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. Holden in room 1255.

### **Brittnie Holden**

### **Intramural Volleyball**

Student-created teams will compete against each other. Games will be held on Wednesday nights for 5 weeks in the Fall. They will run from 6:30-8:30 in the gyms.

### **Clint Alexander**

### **Japanese Club**

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 provides teaching ideas and materials. No Japanese experience required. (This counts for your volunteer hours.) We also have a fun Japanese activity every other month.

### **Hiroko Nagai**

### **Journalism Club**

Come work for The Talon, Memorial's new student newspaper! Writers, photographers, designers, editors, artists, poets: we need you! Meetings will be in Dixon's room (1910) Tuesdays after school and Fridays during ELT-- schedule varies.

### **Nicole Dixon**

### **JPA-Junior Physicians of America**

Junior Physicians Club is strongly encouraged for students interested in a career in medicine. All students are welcome. Learn more about health occupations and the human body. Volunteer at local hospitals. Achieve your dreams in the medical field.

### **Erik Hill Phelps**

### **Key Club**

Memorial High School Key Club, a proud chapter of the student-led organization dedicated to community service and leadership development. Sponsored by Kiwanis Club International, our club offers students the chance to make friends, serve the community, and grow as leaders. With thousands of clubs in 45 countries, members have opportunities to engage in local activities like park cleanups and food drives while connecting with peers globally. Discover how you can positively impact locally and internationally by joining the Memorial High School Key Club today. Watch announcements for meeting information.

### **Rebecca Mattson & Tiffany Goetz**

### **Math League**

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.

### **Math Department**

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### Memorial Multicultural Club

**Andrea Benesh**

To promote understanding, awareness, and appreciation of students' diverse ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds. Students will celebrate their cultures and traditions while sharing and making connections with others. Students will participate in projects and excursions that celebrate diversity. Open to ALL students.

### Mighty Maddy's Mission

**Clint Alexander**

This club will be used to help spread awareness of childhood cancer. We will complete drives to earn resources for families and children going through pediatric cancer, as well as educate others on the cause. Club will meet once per month in 1785 during ELT. Watch for announcements.

### Mindfulness Club

**Amber Dernbach**

Are you feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or a little out of control? If you are looking for ways to deal with these feelings, join the New Mindfulness Club!! Mindfulness helps clear and strengthen your mind helping with problem solving and your reactions to everyday events. Meetings will be on Wednesdays from 3-3:30, in the Mindfulness Room (in Student Services). Everyone is welcome.

### Muralists

**Jenna Ruder**

The Muralists is a group of visionaries whose purpose is the beautification of Memorial High School. We meet on Thursdays in room 1385 from 3:00-4:00.

### NHS-National Honor Society

**Celena Smith Reuter**

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.

### 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 & Erin Layde**

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.

### Poetry Out Loud

**Sara Kallstrom**

Poetry Out Loud® brings poetry to life. This program invites high school students nationwide to engage in an energetic poetry recitation competition, aimed at enhancing their public speaking abilities, building their confidence, and deepening their understanding of literary history and contemporary issues. Memorial High School will send two participants to the regional competition, where they will memorize and perform two classic and/or contemporary poems. Those who excel will move on to the state competition and could even secure a place in the national finals.

### Pokémon Club

**Kathy Martin**

In this club, there will be a calm atmosphere in which students can play all form of Pokémon regardless of funds or background knowledge. This club will meet bi-weekly on Thursdays after school in room 1875.

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### Project 7 Memorial

**Chris Janssen**

This is a club for young Christians to gather in fellowship. Meetings will be held Thursdays in Mr. Janssen's room 2104 from 3:00-3:40.

### Recycling Club

**Meghan Seymour**

The purpose of the Recycling Club is to encourage students and staff to recycle to reduce pollution and conserve our natural resources. We recycle 6<sup>th</sup> hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Red Cross Club

**Niki Anderson**

This club serves the Red Cross Mission by helping at blood drives, sharing awareness about community events, and holding fundraisers for the American Red Cross. This club will meet in room 2717 during ELT once a month.

### SAFE (formerly SADD) Students Advocating For Excellence

**Becca Seichter**

This is student-run group focused on peer-to-peer education. SAFE can be an open space for students to talk to their peers about topics like alcohol, tobacco, substance misuse, mental health, healthy relationships, driving, and more. Activities and activism related to these issues may include the Mock car crash, mental health cards, learning from and meeting with students from other schools, and volunteer activities. If you are interested in Joining SAFE, reach out to your peers or the advisor

### 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.

### Skills USA (VICA)

**Lisa Crotty-Nelson**

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.

### Spanish Club

**Jeff Hansen**

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.

### Special Olympics

**Stephanie Travis**

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.

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### Strings of Change

**Tammy Sauk**

This club will provide resources and information about non-profit organizations outside of school. Bracelets will be made using recycled materials and donated to hospitals, retirement homes, and homeless shelters. We will also partner with some elementary schools in the ECASD. Meetings are every Friday in Ms. Sauk's room 1370 during ELT.

### Student Council

**Christina Schroeder & Becky Wojahn**

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 Formal, 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)!

### Student Library Advisory Board (SLAB)

**Becky Wojahn**

SLAB is a group of students committed to working closely with the library to improve its services and make it a welcoming, student-centered space. SLAB helps to plan events, makes recommendations for purchases, and shares student needs with the library staff.

### Taylor Swift Club

**Leah Punzel, Ellen Scott, and Molly Jenkins**

This club is to bring people together who love and appreciate the talent of Taylor Swift. A place to discuss her music, decipher easter eggs and make Taylor Swift inspired crafts.

### Theatre Performances (fee)

**Amber Dernbach**

Theatre productions happen each Fall and Spring. Every other year, the production is a school musical (see Choir webpage). 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 or stopping by Ms. Dernbach's classroom 1284. Students are also able to take courses in acting, directing, stage craft, and documentary theatre during the school day. These classes, and the students involved in extra curriculars, go on many field trips throughout the year to see plays and musicals in the area. Email Ms. Dernbach at [adernbach@ecasd.us](mailto:adernbach@ecasd.us) with questions about classes or auditions. 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.

### Trap Shooting Club

**Ron Bowers**

The Eau Claire Area High School Trap team named Clearwater Explosion is a competitive trap shooting team. Beginners to advanced shooters from 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### UGHANA ROCK!

**Dominic Domeyer**

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.

### UNICEF – MHS Chapter of UNICEF USA

**Niki Anderson**

This club fundraises for kids across the globe-to protect their rights, change their lives, and help reach their potential and education and healthcare. We will meet on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 in 2177.

### USABO

**Erik Hill Phelps**

A club to prepare for and ultimately participate in the Biolympiad open exam. The club will meet in room 2171 after school.

### Young Democrats

**Eric Rasmussen**

Young Democrats is a group of young, politically active teens striving to inform, support and create community within school and in Eau Claire. Young Dems meet on Mondays after school in room 1890.

### Young Entrepreneurs

**Justin Berg**

Our club will assist young entrepreneurs by sharing ideas, learning new skills, and helping foster new businesses. Watch announcements for meeting days and times in 1270/1280.

### Young Life

**Eric Dasher**

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.