



Memorial High School Weekly

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Thursday, December 7th

MHS Calendar

December

- 9 MHS Orchestra Cookie Walk 12-2:30pm in Cafeteria
- 11 "Songs of the Season" Choir Concert @7pm
- 18 Band Holiday Concert MHS Auditorium 7 pm

22 Winter Carnival - Afternoon

25-29 **ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED**

January

1-2 **ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED**

3 School Resumes

4-5 Jazz Band and Show Choir Elementary School Tour

8 Eighth Grade Family Night 6-7:30pm

11 Register Delong Middle School 24/25

13 Onalaska Show Choir Competition

15 All Schools Closed

19 End of Secondary Marking Period



Important Links

[The Memorial High School
Website](#)

has answers to many of your questions.
Be sure to check it out.

[Old Abe Athletic Calendar](#)

**Find Out Where the Action is Every
Week.** The [MHS Athletics Calendar](#) is
updated with the most recent game day
information.

[ECASD 2023-2024 School Year Calendar](#)

[Community Events & Resources Page](#)

[December Lunch Menu](#)

[Family Services Website](#)



Find us on
Facebook [HERE](#)

Old Abe News and Announcements



Memorial High School

There will no longer be cash sales for admission to events.

Attending a MHS sporting event this winter? Memorial High School students are admitted free with their student ID. All other tickets are sold online on GoFan: [Memorial High School Events and Tickets by GoFan](#). Credit cards are also accepted on site through GoFan. (We no longer accept cash for tickets.) Most of our opponents' tickets are sold via GoFan for away games as well, so you may want to save time and hassle by downloading the GoFan App.

All livestreaming for athletics can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@eauclairemorialoldabetv5144/videos> or

at <https://www.zaleskisports.com/>. The links for each game will be provided on the master schedule.

<https://bigriversconference.org/public/genie/76/school/4/>

Tickets for all athletic events can be purchased online [here](#). We will also accept credit cards at the door.

Volunteer Opportunity – Help Needed!

MHS needs copy room volunteers when school is in session. Preferably 1 morning a week for 2 hours. Substitute Copy Room Volunteers are also needed! Please contact Kim Winkelmann at kwinkelmann@ecasd.us to volunteer.

Want to share some **Seasonal Cheer with Memorial Staff?** The Administrative Team traditionally hosts a staff meal on the last day of school before winter break. If you are willing donate a dessert towards this meal, please click on the link below and send the funds in to the attendance office any time before December 22nd. (Attention – K Winkelmann).

[Donations to Memorial Munch and Mingle](#)

The ECASD is looking for individuals who would be interested in joining the Graduation Honors Attire Committee. This committee is responsible for district wide attire. (Memorial, McKinley, North High Graduations). The committee will be addressing issues such as adhering to graduation dress code policies, integrating cultural diversity, equity, and inclusivity practices. Please contact Dave Oldenberg, MHS Principal, doldenberg@ecasd.us.

Junior Physicians Club is hosting a drive for winter clothes for the **Chippewa Valley Free Clinic** until the end of January. These clothes will go to members of our community who need warm clothes for the winter. If you have any extra winter clothing such as jackets, mittens, hats, socks etc., please bring them down to the box outside of the library. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!

Winter and Holiday Assistance please click [HERE](#).



Candy Canes and Hot Chocolate Needed!

It is a Memorial Tradition to hand out candy canes and hot chocolate to every student on the last day of school before Winter Break. If you are willing to donate candy canes and/or hot chocolate for this, please drop them off in the attendance office. Regular sized candy canes only please.

Thank-you!



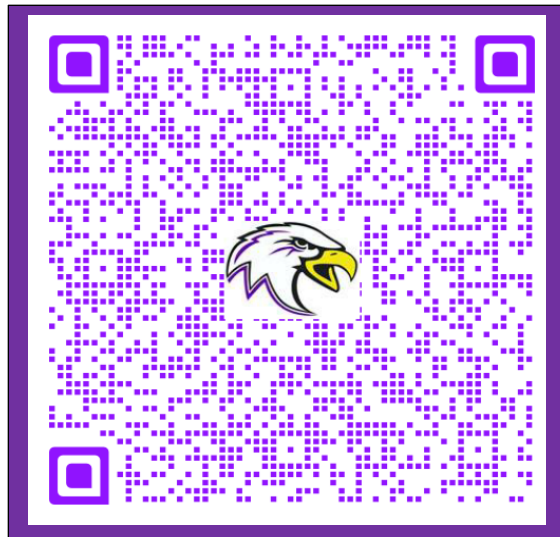
In Need of Food Assistance?

Memorial High School has a Food Pantry called "The Ulrich Marketplace."

Memorial Students and Families may order food from the pantry anytime by using this QR Code or by filling out a paper copy. Paper copies are available in student services.

The Ulrich Marketplace also provides hygiene items and clothing.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Winkelmann
kwinkelmann@ecasd.us or 715-852-6307.



2024 MHS All-Night Grad Party!

Plans for the 2024 MHS Senior Graduation Party are in full swing! As you shop this holiday season, please be on the lookout for great deals for our grads. See our wish list for ideas or to order directly from it.

Click [HERE](#) for the Amazon Wish List

As the event gets closer, we will be looking for volunteers to help set up and work the event. It is a great opportunity to get to know some of the Memorial Families.

Order your 2024 yearbook today! Order here: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09283400>

SENIOR SHOUT OUTS!

Submit a shoutout [HERE](#) for your senior along with a senior photo and a baby photo.

DUE BY February 2nd

Shout outs will be created for the Memorial High School Facebook page and displayed in March, April, and May.



JUNIORS – Enrolling in college in the Fall of 2025?

Juniors planning to enroll in college in the fall of 2025, you can start applying for the Coolidge Scholarship, which is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study. Current high school seniors are not eligible to apply. Academic excellence is the primary criterion considered by the Coolidge Scholarship. Secondary criteria include an interest in public policy and an appreciation of the values President Coolidge championed. You can find more information through this link: [Home Page - The Coolidge | A Scholarship for America \(coolidgescholars.org\)](https://coolidgescholars.org)

MHS Orchestra Cookie Walk & Carnival

**December 9, 2023
Noon to 2:30**

Memorial High School Cafeteria

- **FREE ADMISSION**—Everyone welcome
- **Homemade Cookies**—sold by the pound \$9.00
- **Holiday Music**-Performed by MHS Orchestra and friends
- **Kid's Crafts, Games, Instrument Petting Zoo**



Memorial Giving Tree 23/24

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Memorial Giving Tree! It started with an idea of how we could help our students in their time of need, in a timely manner. Over the years, we have asked, and parents, staff, and the community have answered with their generous donations to the Memorial Giving Tree. The money is used wisely and goes directly to the needs of Memorial students. We are grateful this fund exists!

During the 2022-23 school year, we were able to help many Memorial students in need. Here are some of the ways we were able to assist our students:

- Provided funds for clothing needs and clothing for job interviews
- Paid for eye exams and glasses
- Purchased prom tickets, yearbooks, and school field trip expenses
- Purchased grocery gift cards for students who were food insecure
- Purchased bus passes for transportation to school and work
- Purchased basic necessities for students



This is all possible because of your generosity! We hope you will consider giving to this worthy cause!

If at any time you want further information, please contact Heather Kapanke, School Counselor at hkapanke@ecasd.us or 715/852-6337. Checks should be made out the Memorial Giving Tree.

Monetary donations can be dropped off in the Attendance or Student Services Office or directly to Heather Kapanke. Donations are accepted throughout the year and are tax deductible!

Having Small Talks to Make a Big Impact

Short, frequent conversations with your kids about preventing underage drinking and other drug use can make a big impression. This winter holiday season, talk with your kids about the risks of substance use, and set expectations for them.

Visit these resources to get tips on how to start talking:

www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/small-talks

Why Small Conversations Make a Big Impression

- ✓ Short, frequent discussions can make a real impact on your child's decisions about alcohol.
- ✓ Talking can build an open, trusting relationship with your child.
- ✓ Many little talks are more effective than one "big talk."

This information is provided by the Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. Learn more at: echealthalliance.org

Memorial Highlights

This Saturday, December 9th, the Eau Claire Memorial Chamber Orchestra will be performing at the 2023 MHS Cookie Walk & Carnival. Soma Pierce-Smit, Orchestra Director says the Old Abes will entertain their guests from 12 pm until 2:30 pm in the Memorial cafeteria. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to purchase homemade cookies, sold by the pound at \$9.00.

Check out the WEAU Story [HERE](#).



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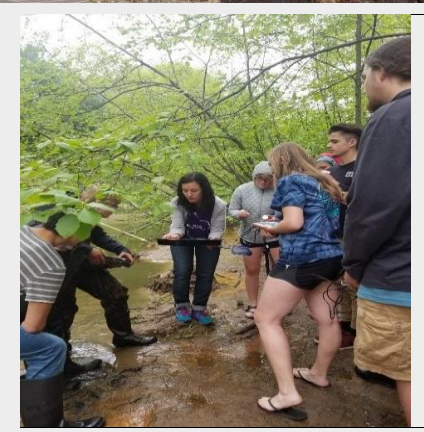
Do you like to write? Delta Kappa Gamma has an annual writing competition for students in grades 3-12. See Mrs. Vetsch for more information and to submit a story for consideration. The contest deadline is February 1.



UWEC is offering two weeklong courses this summer for students interested in environmental science. Interested in applying? Contact Ms. Howe. Additional information and QR codes for the courses are located outside of room 2179 and in all science classrooms.



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**Environmental
Science Opportunity**

It's a GREAT Day to be an Old Abe!