



# Memorial High School Weekly

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**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

## MHS Calendar

### December

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

20 West Salem Show Choir Competition

22-23 No School for Students. Staff Work and PL Day



## 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?** MHS 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 be 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/@eauclairememorialoldabetv5144/videos> or <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 athletic events can be purchased online [here](#). We will also accept credit cards at the door.

**DRESS UP DAYS!** Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> is **Holiday Sweater Day!**

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> is **PJ Day!**



Ready for..

**Candy  
Cane  
Grams!**

**Selling Dec. 13th - 19th**

**Area of Booths: Gym Lobby, Outside Library, and Door 15**

**Being sold at: Band Concert 12/18**

**Choir Concert 12/11**

**Price: \$1 for 1 & \$5 for 7**

*You Ready?*

### Candy Cane Grams

Sponsored by MHS Student Council

Brighten your favorite students or staff members day by sending a Candy Cane Gram!

Please enter the name(s) and grade(s) of your desired recipients in the message field for delivery. You can enter your name as a donor or choose to remain mysteriously anonymous!

A \$3 pledge sends 2 candy canes, \$5 pledges send 5 candy canes. Thank you!

[CLICK HERE TO PLEDGE:](#)



**SENIORS - Josten's distributed information on ordering caps, gowns, and invitations for graduation today during ELT. They will return on Dec. 20 and be outside the attendance office from 11:30-1:15 to collect any orders not done online.**

### **Boys and Girls Track and Field Sign Up!**

Anyone who is interested in joining the Track and Field Team for Spring 2023 should follow the link below. This will get you on the email list for the winter to receive announcements and reminders.

Click here to sign up. <https://bit.ly/Oldabetrack2024>

#### **Track and Field facts....**

- Track and Field does not cut on basis of Ability.
- Track and Field operates with Boys and Girls training and attending meets together.
- Track and Field allows you to specialize in the events that fit you best.
- Track and Field Coaches will help you find the best events for you.
- Track and Field Has Varsity and Junior Varsity Levels
- Track and Field Requires a full sports commitment (Practice or Meets Monday-Friday)
- Track and Field is physically taxing. It must be your primary athletic activity from March 6-June 3
- Track and Field is for any age student. Even if you have never done it before.

#### **Track and Field is NOT...**

- A club with optional attendance.
- A training program for your other sports.
- A place where you decide if you will participate each day.
- A place to screw around with your friends and avoid hard work.

Track and Field is a wonderful opportunity for any athlete who wants to challenge themselves and work hard!



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



Click [HERE](#) for the SPED Family Engagement Newsletter



### Candy Canes and Hot Chocolate Needed!

(Especially Candy Canes)

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!



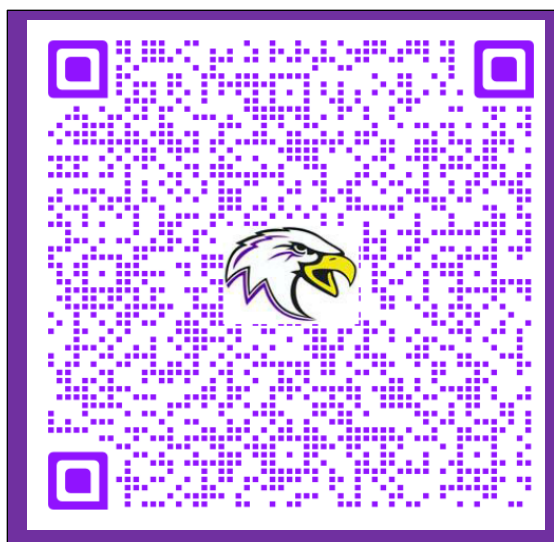
### In Need of Food Assistance?

Memorial Students and Families may order food from the Ulrich Marketplace Food Pantry 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.

**The Pantry will be open on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon ( 1-3 pm) during the Holiday Break.**

**Please use the main entrance – Door 15.**



### 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.



**Attendance Policy for Winter Formal - MHS administration** is implementing a new policy to encourage 100% daily attendance.

In order to have the privilege of inviting a guest to the Winter Formal on February 17<sup>th</sup>, MHS students may not have more than **3 unexcused hours of school**.

This will be tracked from January 3<sup>rd</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup>. Ticket sales begin on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Guest forms will be available in the attendance office.

Guest forms must be completed by the MHS student & guest and then submitted to a MHS administrator during the week of Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> for approval.

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](#)



## Volunteers Needed!

**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](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov)  
[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/small-talks](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/small-talks)

### Why Small Conversations Make a Big Impression

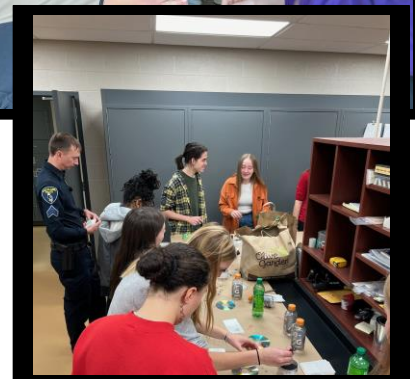
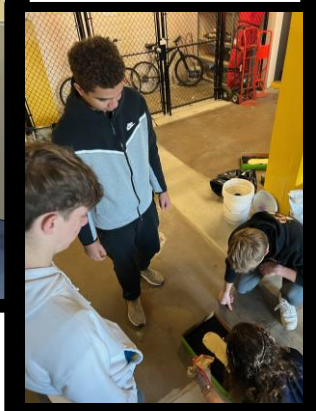
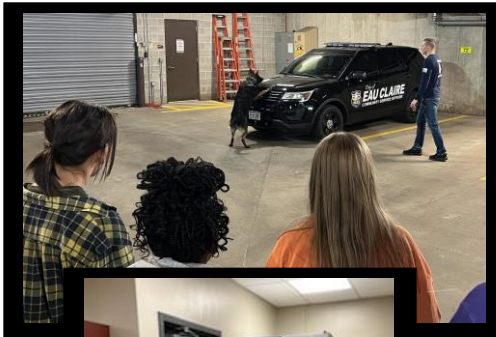
- ✓ Short, frequent discussions can make a real impact on your child's decisions about alcohol.
- ✓ Talking can build an open, trusting relationship with your child.
- ✓ Many little talks are more effective than one "big talk."

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](http://echealthalliance.org)

## Memorial Highlights

### Criminal Justice Field Trip

On Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> some students from Mr. Stutzman's Criminal Justice classes took a field trip to the Eau Claire Police Department and the CVTC Police Academy. Students participated in a variety of activities such as learning how to dust for fingerprints, constructing plaster casts of shoe impressions in soil, photographing evidence, a K9 demonstration, learning about the SWAT Team and their equipment, and participating in active role playing scenarios. It was an excellent learning opportunity for students to see firsthand the many duties law enforcement officers do on a regular basis. A HUGE thank you to Officer Scott for coordinating this trip and to all the officers at the Eau Claire Police Department who took time out of their day to teach and engage with the students.



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