



Memorial High School Weekly

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Thursday, August 31st

MHS Calendar

September

- 1 First Day of School
- 4 No School Labor Day
- 5-6 Auditions for School Musical – “White Christmas”
- 8 Picture Day
- 8 Club Rush
- 20 Wisconsin Education Fair
- 29 HOMECOMING Parade and Game
- 30 Homecoming Dance at MHS

October

- 12 Family/Teacher Conferences 7:45 am to 8:15 pm
- 13 All Schools Closed
- 16 No School for Students/PL Day for Staff
- 18 PSAT Exam
- 19 Fall Choir Concert @ 7 pm
- 20 Picture Day Retakes

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](#)

[September Lunch Menu](#)

[Family Services Website](#)



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Old Abe News and Announcements

Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year!

We are ready for a great year at Memorial High School and look forward to seeing you throughout the year. The weekly newsletter will be sent electronically each Thursday to assist you in staying connected and informed at Memorial. Information for the newsletter is submitted by teachers, coaches, administration and MHS organizations. If you have Memorial News to share, please contact Memorial Partnership Coordinator, Kim Winkelmann at kwinkelmann@ecasd.us.

MHS Families –

Did you know that you can report your student's absence from your phone? Click [HERE](#) for a 60 second video on using the mobile app to submit absence requests. Or – You can go to: www.Skyward.com - Support/Family Toolkit for directions.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Pictures will be taken on September 8 during school.

- Order forms will be available on the counters of the front offices
- Order and pay online with MyLifetouch link using ID: EVTQ3CC7G
- Retakes will be on October 20 at no charge using ID: EVTVTCJWF
- Questions: call Lifetouch at 1-866-955-8342

REMINDER: ALL STUDENTS NEED ID CARDS All students (including seniors) should get an ID picture taken. Students do not need to purchase pictures but will be given an ID card for library checkout, admission to events, honor card rewards and for textbook checkout. Lines will move more quickly during this process with student IDs.

FAMILY / TEACHER CONFERENCES ** Please note: ALL schools closed**

Virtual or in-person Family/Teacher conferences will be held at Memorial in the fall and spring again this school year:
FALL: Thursday Oct. 12, 2023 (7:45 a.m.-8:15 p.m.) SPRING: Thursday Feb. 29, 2024 (7:45 a.m.-8:15 p.m.)

PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits are available for purchase from the business office beginning Friday, September 1st from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The permit's non-refundable cost for the school year is \$50, Please bring your completed application, driver's license, cash, or check made out to MHS, and slip from library indicating you have no library fines. Applications are available in the office areas or by clicking [HERE](#). All cars parked in the lot need parking permits on display starting September 18th.

Don't get a parking ticket!

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

If you transport your student to and/or from school, Doors #1 and 2 via the Clairemont Parking lot, Doors #4 and #6 off Keith Street, as well as Door #15 on the east side of the building are all available for student access. Given traffic delays, especially in the morning, taking advantage of all of these drop-off points might alleviate the issue.

Update Skyward –

You can update your home phone number, email address, employment location, work phone, emergency contact or medical information directly on Skyward. However, if you have a change in address, please contact the NHS school secretary at 715-852-6301 or khayden1@ecasd.us. A change of address form will need to be completed and proof of your new address shown. (On a driver's license, utility bill, lease, or mortgage that lists both your name and new address.

Volunteer Opportunity –

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.

Obtaining a Work Permit – Changes

The Department of Workforce Development's Equal Rights Division has developed a new online work permit application tool. The online application is available to the parents of minors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any computer, tablet, smartphone, or similar device. The application is live now. A parent can access the site [using these instructions](#). Payment is made directly to the department through the application, using a credit card or an AHC direct withdrawal. Once the permit application process is complete, the Department mails a paper copy of the permit directly to the employer.

Work permits cannot be obtained at Memorial High School. You must use the online system described above.

Free and Reduced Meals

Your student may qualify for free or reduced meals if your household income falls within the limits listed on the [Federal Income Chart](#). To apply for free/reduced meals or if you have questions contact the Food and Nutrition office at: (715) 852-3021.

Apply online for free or reduced price meals for the 2023-24 school year [HERE](#).

ULRICH Marketplace and Clothing Closet (Now located in room 1930)

Memorial High School has an [on-site](#) food pantry and clothing closet. The Ulrich Marketplace is in Student Services and is available to all Memorial students and their families. Clothing and hygiene items are also available.

ULRICH Marketplace will be open for the 2023/24 school year beginning Tuesday, September 12th.

The Clothing Closet needs Memorial Wear. Looking for recent or retro! Drop off at door 15.

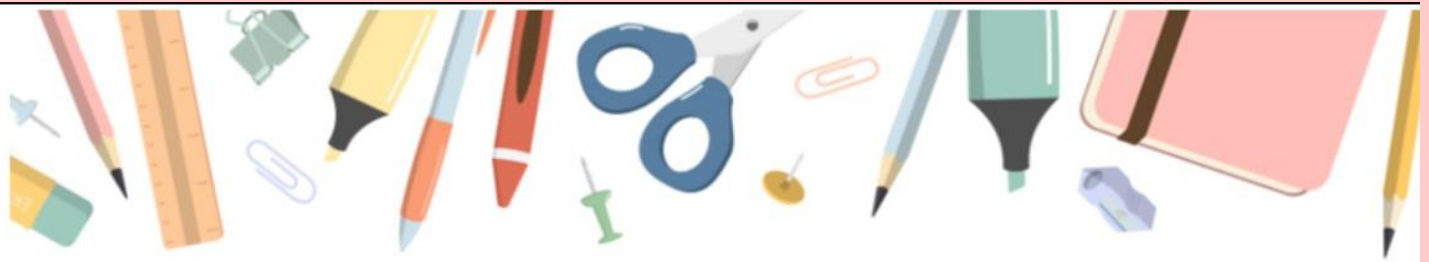
Order online [HERE](#). Paper copies are available in Student Services and in the pantry.

Pick up dates are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 3:15 pm. The pantry is also open for walk-ins.

Need to set up a different time? Contact Kimberley Winkelmann, Memorial High School Partnership Coordinator, at kwinkelmann@ecasd.us or 715-852-6307.

National Truancy Prevention Month

Did you know that August is National Truancy Prevention Month? As we gear up for a new school year, we can't emphasize enough the importance of attendance for your students. Thanks for all you do making sure that your kids are in school!



Back to School Emotional Wellness

Returning to school can be stressful! It's normal for children to feel anxious during this time. Here are a couple tips on how to ease their worries:

1. **Communicate:** Check in with your child(ren) often. Acknowledge your child's fears and let them know you understand and that it's normal to feel anxious.
2. **Encourage In-Person Social Interactions:** Spending time with friends outside of school can make the transition smoother and more enjoyable.
3. **Create and Continue Routines:** Establishing bedtimes, eating healthy meals, and setting aside time for homework and relaxation can help your child adjust to the school year.

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: www.getinvolvedasap.org

Announcing Memorial High School's Fall Musical – "White Christmas"



Who? Auditions are open to all Eau Claire Memorial HS students.

When? Auditions are Sept. 5th and 6th at 4 p.m. in the choir room. The musical performances will be Nov. 10-12 at MHS.

When are rehearsals? Rehearsals will be after school Mon.-Thurs. with some weekend dance rehearsals, starting Sept.

11. You can peruse a tentative rehearsal schedule here: ["WHITE CHRISTMAS" REHEARSAL SCHEDULE.docx](#)

Cost? ECASD requires student performers pay \$52 to participate in the school musical. Assistance is available for those in need.

Why? It's fun to sing, act, and dance with friends, old and new!

What roles are available? We need a large cast for "White Christmas!" You can peruse the roles available here: [Characters in White Christmas.pdf](#)

What do I need to prepare? If you are interested in a lead or supporting role, prepare a 1-2 minute Broadway or Disney song (such as a verse and a chorus) to sing for Mrs. K. with a karaoke track. If you are interested only in an ensemble role, you do not need to prepare ahead of time. All students will learn a short dance and song at the auditions. Those interested in lead/supporting roles will also read from the script.

Health Science Occupations Course

The Health Science Occupations Course is looking for guest speakers who are currently working in the field of health care. If you are currently employed in any aspect of the healthcare field, we would love to have you share your experiences with our students. All levels of experience (entry to advanced) are needed to provide students with information about various careers, opportunities, and employability skills. There are 32 students currently enrolled in the course this semester. Our class meets 7th period (2:10-3:00 pm) M-F. Virtual meetings are also an option. If you work in any of the Health Science Career Pathways (therapeutic, diagnostic, Health Information, Biotechnology Research and Development, and support services) please consider sharing your experiences with my students.

Click the link below or scan the QR Code.



<https://forms.office.com/r/pcnrzqe12p>

Contact Michelle Bassett-Shermo, Health Science Instructor at Memorial High School at mbassettshermo@ecasd.us or 715-852-6308 if you have any questions or concerns!

MHS Highlights

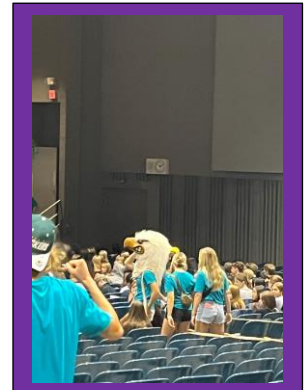


MHS Cheer and Stunt Team along with Kid's Camp Cheerleaders performed during halftime this past Friday at the first home football game.



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LINK DAY – WELCOME CLASS OF 2027!



Click [HERE](#) for the Leader-Telegram Article. Click [HERE](#) for WQOW's coverage of LINK.

Memorial Students Participate in Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music 2023 European Tour

Over the summer, 8 Memorial students participated in a 15-day tour of Europe through the Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music. They performed in 5 countries with 40 other high school choir students from Wisconsin in beautiful cathedrals and outdoor venues. Their choir teacher, Mrs. Krajnikconde, was one of the choir teachers in charge of the choir and confirms that they represented Memorial High School, Eau Claire, and Wisconsin very well! Congratulations to Aislyn Berg, Becca Bohannon, Hailey Johnson, Abby Maasen-Deprey, Harper Nordin, Andrew Rageth, Kaitlyn Romack, and Keanan VandenBush on this honor! Additional congratulations to Aislyn and Kaitlyn for being part of a special quartet and Keanan and Becca for being soloists!



Japan Trip Memorial and North High School. Click [HERE](#) to see the Blog.



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