



Memorial High School Weekly

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Attendance Office: (715) 852-6302
Partnership Coordinator: (715) 852-6307

Thursday, November 2nd

MHS Calendar

November



- 3 End of Secondary School Marking Period
- 6 **AP Exam** Payment Deadline
- 10 Veteran's Day Observed
- 10 Hmong New Year 5-8 pm North High School
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 10/11 Fall Musical – Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" 7 pm MHS Auditorium
- 12 Fall Musical – Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" 2 pm MHS Auditorium
- 13 Financial Aid Night at NHS for MHS and NHS
- 15 Kao Kalia Vang – Author Visit
- 16 Fall Jazz Concert MHS Auditorium 7 pm (All Jazz)
- 20-21 **NO SCHOOL** for students. PL Days for Staff

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](#)

[November Lunch Menu](#)

[Family Services Website](#)



Find us on
Facebook [HERE](#)

Old Abe News and Announcements



The Eau Claire Area School District salutes our Veterans. On November 10th, we will pause to honor those who have served and thank them for all they have done for our country and community. Thank you for your courage, dedication, and service!

The ECASD is looking for individuals who would be interested in joining the Graduation 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.

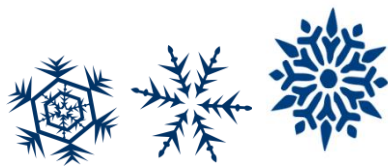
Did you miss Picture Day and Retake Day? Lifetouch has area retakes for pictures on Monday, November 13th from 3-6pm at Holiday Inn 2703 Craig Road. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Senior Picture Requirements for the Yearbook and Upload Instructions

Senior pictures are **past due!** To make sure your picture gets into the yearbook, please **upload now** using this link: [Jostens Senior Picture Submission link](#)

Your picture must have the following criteria:

- Head and shoulder** portrait (upright) vs. a landscape image (sideways) picture. If the picture you submit is not cropped to head and shoulders, we will crop it for you.
- Minimum* resolution of 300 dpi and size of 2 inches x 3 inches. You may submit an uncropped, full-size version, and we will crop it for you. Please **do not** send pictures from a social media site such as *Instagram* or *Facebook*. These tend to be low resolution images which will print blurry. Please send the original digital version.
- Saved as a .jpeg
- The picture does not depict violence, alcohol, drugs, or anything that would violate school rules such as a weapon.



Winter & Holiday Help

Listed below are organizations and program specific details that offer winter and holiday season assistance. If your family needs assistance in providing cold weather outerwear (coats, snow pants, boots, hats/gloves), please contact your child's school counselor or partnership coordinator. Additionally, if you are able to give back to our great community, please consider a donation to any of the organizations listed below or the ECASD Closet which provides resources to all students and families in need throughout the school year.

Agency	Activity/Program	Date/Time	Contact	Guideline
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 23 rd 11:30-1:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Thanksgiving-In-a-Box <small>*Box will include a turkey + Thanksgiving sides. Food included will be uncooked, so families can prepare in their homes.</small>	Pick-up Tuesday, November 14 th @ The Community Table at scheduled time	Email outreach@thecommunitytable.org to reserve your box or via Facebook.	Boxes will be granted on a first come, first serve basis. Orders must be placed by November 13 th at noon.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Thanksgiving Lunch	November 23 rd 11:30-1:00	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Inside sit-down meal offered or drive-through, take-out meal is also an option.
Hope Gospel Mission 2650 Mercantile Drive	Christmas Meal	December 16 th 11:30-1:00	715-552-5566	Everyone is welcome. Inside sit-down meal offered or drive-through, take-out meal is also an option.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas Eve Late Lunch/Early Dinner	December 24 th 3:00-4:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
The Community Table 320 Putnam Street	Christmas At The Community Table	December 25 th 9:00-11:00	715-835-4977	Everyone is welcome. Carry-out or dine-in meal. No registration required.
Salvation Army 2211 S. Hastings Way	Toys for Tots <small>(Christmas Toy Assistance Program)</small>	Sign up: Oct. 9-Nov. 22 nd <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted. *</small> Mon-Thurs, 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00	Amanda 715-834-1224	Application required. Must be picked up at site. Identification for all family members & proof of residency required in application process.
Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley 309 E. Lake Street	Festival of Toys <small>(Christmas Gift Assistance Program)</small>	Sign-up: Oct. 23-Dec. 1 <small>*No late sign-ups will be accepted. *</small> Application Drop-Off/Pick-Up Hours: M-Th 9:00-3:00	Scott 715-834-4357 toys@familypromisecv.org	Application required. Can be picked up at site or completed online at: www.familypromisecv.org/christmas Identification for all family members & proof of residency required in application process.

2023

COME CELEBRATE

Hmong New Year

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023

FROM 5PM-8PM

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM

HMONG FOOD
BRING CASH

PERFORMANCES

HMONG PLAY

North High School 1801 Piedmont Rd
Eau Claire WI 54703

Contact Information

Jackson Yang - jyang@ecasd.us - 715-852-6643

Rlia Schwahn - bschwahn@ecasd.us - 715-852-6764

Mai Vee Lee - mleel@ecasd.us - 715-852-3389



Register Attendance Above!

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 in March, April, and May.

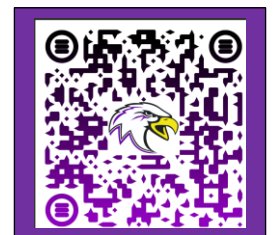
National School Psychology Week We are so appreciative of all our ECASD school psychologists and the work they do with students, families, and staff!

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.

Seniors, it's scholarship season! Check out the running document on the Memorial homepage for more information.

https://www.ecasd.us/ECASD/media/Memorial-High-School/Student%20Services/mhs_CurrentScholarships.pdf



Seniors, please share with Student Services any scholarships you receive. You can share them through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/wnWvnpnCsHh> or scan the QR code.

All students planning to take an AP exam will need to pay by **Monday, November 6th**. The preferred method of payment will be through your MySchoolBucks account. If a paper form is needed, the payment and form will need to be dropped off to the district office directly.

Paper forms are available in Student Services.

Memorial Giving Tree

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 basic 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!

Boys Basketball Try-Outs

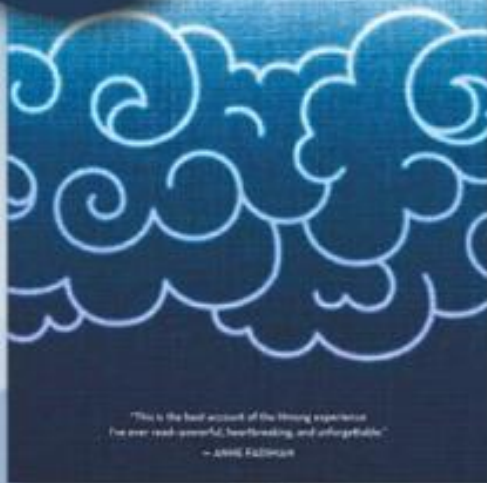
Any boy looking to try out for basketball on November 13th and November 14th should make sure to complete the following checklist by November 10th.

1. You need to officially fill out all the paperwork via rschool. Access the link below to begin that process.
 - a. <https://ecasd-ar.rschooltoday.com/>
2. Make sure to pay the school fee via MySchoolBucks. Access the link below to begin that process.
 - a. <http://www.myschoolbucks.com/>
3. Make sure you know what Pod you are supposed to tryout with. If you don't, see Mr. Brieske as soon as possible.

All-School Event



THE
LATEHOMECOMER
A Hmong
FAMILY MEMOIR
KAO KALIA YANG



Families may e-mail the library
(mhslibrary@ecasd.us)
at any time to check out a copy of
The Latecomer.



Kao Kalia Yang

Author Visit



Wednesday, November 15

8:30-9:32 (9th & 11th grades)

10:38-11:40 (10th & 12th grades)

MHS Auditorium

Families are welcome to attend - 50 spots
available per presentation. Please RSVP:
<https://forms.office.com/r/R5rUJ3iQSV>



Book Signing - MHS Library

11:45-12:15, 12:40-1:10

Bring your own books or order below.

To Order Books for Signing

Please return the form below and cash
or check (made out to "Memorial High
School") to the library by Friday,
November 3.

Name _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Quantity

_____ *The Latecomer: a Hmong Family Memoir* (paperback) \$14.99

_____ *The Song Poet: a Memoir of My Father* (paperback) \$17.47

_____ *From the Tops of the Trees* (hardcover picture book) \$12.99

_____ *Puag Saum Cov Ntsis Ntoo* (From the Tops of the Trees) (paperback Hmong edition) \$14.39

_____ *Desde las copas de los árboles* (From the Tops of the Trees) (paperback Spanish edition) \$10.99

_____ *The Most Beautiful Thing* (hardcover picture book) \$13.59

_____ *Yam Uas Zoo Nkauj Tshaj Plaws* (The Most Beautiful Thing) (paperback Hmong edition) \$17.99

_____ *La cosa más bella* (The Most Beautiful Thing) (paperback Spanish edition) \$16.01

_____ *The Yang Warriors* (hardcover picture book) \$16.95

Total number of books ordered _____ **Total money enclosed** _____

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL (FAC):

The first meeting of the 2023-2024 Eau Claire Area School District Family Advisory Council (FAC) was held on October 3. After initial introductions from the family volunteers representing schools and organizations within the district and the sharing of news and events, election of this year's officers took place: Katie Sideri (Longfellow) — Chair; Jamie Kampf (Putnam) — Vice Chair; and Nicole Everson (North) — Secretary. Superintendent Johnson then provided his monthly district update, and the meeting concluded with an agenda-setting session for the remainder of this year's FAC meetings that resulted in the following topics: Attendance Policy (overview, issues, educating staff and families); Grading & Reporting (update, AI and integrity, accelerated and enriched programming); State of the District Update; Safety & Security Update; Mental Health/Behaviors/Student Supports/Special Education Update; Upcoming Referendum/Demo & Trends/District Long-term Vision Update; and District Year in Review/Looking Ahead to 2024-2025.

The second FAC meeting will be held on November 14, and the district's Attendance Policy will be the main topic of discussion.

About your FAC: The FAC fosters communication between families and district administration and presents family concerns, opinions, and perspectives to the superintendent and school administrators. To learn more about your FAC, please visit: <https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Family-Advisory-Council>



MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

Irving Berlin's
WHITE CHRISTMAS
THE MUSICAL

Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.

Memorial High School Auditorium
All tickets are \$5 and available at the door.
ECASD students and staff are free with their ID.

White Christmas

Based on the 1954 Hollywood Movie, *White Christmas* the musical contains all the beautiful songs that have been popular for decades.

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters enroute to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander.

With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial title song, *White Christmas* is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages.

How to Quit Vaping



Workbook

New “Quit Vaping” Resource Available for Teens

There is a new “How to Quit Vaping” workbook for teens who are trying to quit vaping. This workbook is designed to be a hands-on tool that walks youth through the process of quitting. This includes what to expect, how to set goals, the realities of slip ups, building a support team, and additional resources.

You can find a [printable version](#) and an [online fillable version](#) of the workbook at ehealthalliance.org.

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: ehealthalliance.org

Memorial Highlights

**Congratulations
to the
Equestrian
Team!**

**They placed 4th
at state this
past weekend.**

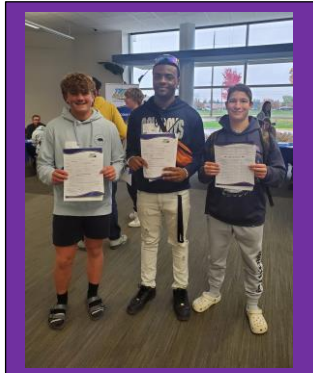


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TestDrive

Personal Finance and Entrepreneurship students recently attended the TestDrive event. TestDrive is a simulation where students act as 25-year-olds in the Chippewa Valley. They calculate their monthly net income and then use that amount to pay the typical monthly expenses.

Excellent practice for the future!



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