



THE EAGLE'S EYE

Newsletter of the Memorial High Community

Memorial High School * Eau Claire, WI



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WELCOME TO THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR!

I hope this letter finds our Memorial families enjoying our final days of summer vacation. With the return to school rapidly approaching, we are preparing to welcome all new and returning students to MHS for the 2023-24 school year!

Student class schedules become available on August 14th in Skyward. If you need a printed schedule, the school offices go back to regular office hours on Aug. 14, Mon-Fri from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm. Counselors are available on August 21st-22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to see students on a walk-in basis, no appointments needed. They can assist with schedule changes, academic questions, and other assistance you might need. Parking permits can also be purchased from Aug. 16th-22nd in the attendance office from 7:00-3:00, and Monday the 28th from 7:00-3:00 in the business office.

The LINK orientation day for all incoming 9th graders is Wednesday, August 30th. Details can be found in this mailing. Our student leaders will assist with welcoming our 9th grade students, conduct team-building activities, and offer tours of the building. Freshmen will also meet their teachers as they walk through the building and practice their schedules and lunch shift. Our LINK program is an orientation for the 9th graders that should mitigate many immediate concerns about the transition to high school. I highly encourage all members of the class of 2027 to attend!

On Friday, September 1, all students will report for the first day of school. The bell schedules this year once again include time each day for enhancement, intervention, and academic support. This is the third year of our Extended Learning Time (ELT) initiative, every day between 2nd and 3rd periods. The Campus is closed during ELT so that each student can receive support and enrichment opportunities to facilitate their success. All students will have their attendance recorded during the ELT period. The 2023-24 bell schedule is available on the Memorial High School webpage and can be found in this document.

Students will find an increased building-wide emphasis regarding the use of technology. Additional efforts by our staff to assist students with self-regulation of device use will be an embedded learning target found in all classrooms. We will instruct students of these expectations early in the school year, then update families. Please watch for

that information, via email, early in September. We ask your support in assisting your learner in managing their use of personal technology during the instructional day.

Memorial is adding several new staff members for the upcoming year, each are sure to bring many great experiences and facilitate opportunities for students! Please welcome:

John Samb – Assistant Principal
Perry Myren – Assistant Principal/AD
Kara Lake – Social Worker
Taylor Starck – Special Education
Tiffany Goetz – Social Studies
Rebecca Seichter – Math
Garrett Dekan – Math
Justin Berg – Business and Marketing
Kiersten Vetch-Business and Marketing
Annisa Weiss – German
Nicole Burt - Art

Memorial High School strives to prepare all students for post-secondary success and will continue to provide all students numerous career and college readiness offerings. Throughout the year, our staff will continue professional development efforts, designed to enhance your student's experience through classroom instructional and assessment practices that match the needs of 21st century learners. In doing so, Memorial enhances its commitment to equity and achievement of all its learners and will continue to review our data to ensure these inclusionary practices.

Numerous co-curricular and after-school activities are available to enrich student learning outside of the traditional classroom setting. Our goal is to provide an experience that enhances the high school experience for all our Old Abes.

Please take some time to review the entire Eagle's Eye newsletter. There is a wealth of information that can help families have a successful start to the school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing the many great things that will happen during the upcoming school year. **It's a great day to be an Old Abe!**

David Oldenberg

Principal
[Dave Oldenberg](#)
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TEACHING ABES TO SOAR AT MEMORIAL

Thank you to students, parents, and staff for continued support of the [SOAR program](#) at Memorial High School. We are very proud of our student body and the way that they conduct themselves, both in and out of the classroom. The goal of SOAR (Safe, Organized, Accountable, Responsible) is to identify and support positive behaviors throughout the school which improves school culture, increases productive instructional time, and prepares students for a successful life beyond the walls of MHS. Throughout the school year, staff will be teaching and reinforcing building and classroom expectations so that students have a clear understanding of what they are expected to do in all areas of the building. We are so excited to start another fantastic school year. Let's SOAR Abes!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and academic performance are closely related. To benefit fully from the instructional program, all students are expected to attend school regularly and to be on time for all classes, extended learning sessions and study halls. The high school attendance policies are designed to develop students' punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility.

Attendance Procedures—Parents/Guardians should contact the attendance office 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on the day the child will be absent from school, either for a **portion** or the **full** day of school; **OR** provide the school with a written verification of absence. Please prearrange any foreseen absence. Students are required to check out of and into the attendance office when leaving or arriving back to school. After 48 hours from the date of the absence, if no excuse is provided, the absence will be considered unexcused. Parents/guardians can create an absence for their student in the Skyward app.

Unexcused Absences—Students who are unexcused from classes and/or study halls are considered to be truant from school. Students will meet with a principal and detention(s) will be assigned during the lunch hour or after school detentions may be assigned as needed. Students failing to attend lunch hour or after school detention will be issued a truancy citation and report to Truancy Court, which is held every week at the County Court House. Questions or concerns about attendance or truancy can be directed to Assistant Principals. For more, see [ECASD attendance policy 431](#).

******Parents, your assistance is vital******

While some students are referred for truancy due to unexcused absences (skipping), we are finding that more and more are chronically absent with excused absences. Excused absences are just as detrimental to a student's education as unexcused absences. State statute allows parents to excuse their child for all or part of only 10 days in a school year. Anything beyond that is considered excessive and may not be excused by the school or district. Please keep this in mind when planning vacations or family events and before excusing students for reasons other than serious or infectious illness. While we never want students to risk their health or that of others, we do want to send the message that school is a high priority and is instrumental to their future success. If your child has health or other concerns that affect regular attendance, please contact the appropriate counselor or school administrator to set up an attendance plan early in the school year.

Other ways parents can help:

- **Start strong:** Encourage good attendance from day one. Students who miss more than 2 days of school in September are much more likely to become chronically absent later in the school year. Chronic absenteeism contributes to lower grades and test scores, increased dropout risk, and lower college retention and graduation rates.
- **Plan to attend every day:** Resist the urge to pull students out of school. Breaks are built into the school calendar to be family-friendly and discourage disruption to learning. Plan your trips and activities around the [ECASD school calendar](#).
- **Help set routines:** Teenagers need 8-9 hours of sleep a night. Encourage routines that allow time for homework, hobbies, and interests, but which also encourage healthy sleep patterns. Make sure that when your child powers down, the cell phone, computer, and video games do as well.
- **Be on time:** Tardiness also affects a student's success. If a student is 10 minutes late to school each day, that adds up to missing 30 hours of instruction over the course of a year.
- **Above all, set a good example:** Communicate with your child about the importance of education and that you won't excuse unnecessary absences. Don't expect them to take on childcare or other family responsibilities during the day. Education is the first priority.

As always, we appreciate your support & know that every student's success is a team effort.



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2023-24 SAVE THE DATES

**ALL students report on
Sept. 1, 2023, for 1st day of classes!**

Click here for the ECASD school year calendar

WE CARE EAU CLAIRE EVENT

This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, from 4:30-7:00 pm, at Phoenix Park. This event is meant for ECASD families in need of assistance with back-to-school supplies. Learn more about We Care Eau Claire by visiting their website at www.wecareeauclaire.com or find the event on Facebook.

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: EVTVCJWF
- 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.

TESTING

At this time, [DPI state of Wisconsin assessments](#) will be given on the following dates at Memorial High School. If you have a student affected by these assessments please avoid appointments, conflicts, etc. on those days. Students who miss all or part of the exam end up missing class time on another day to complete it. More information to come regarding these assessments and the subsequent altered daily schedules.

Assessment	Date	Grade
PSAT (Optional)	Oct., 2023	11
PreACT	Mar. 21, 2024	9-10
WI Forward Exam	Apr. 2-3, 2024	10
ACT Exam	April 10, 2024	11
AP Testing(Optional)	May 6-17, 2023	9-12

MHS HOMECOMING:

Parade and Game – September 29, 2023
Dance @ MHS – September 30, 2023

MHS PROM:

May 11, 2024 @ Florian Gardens

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

NOTE: Date is before school starts for ALL students on Fri. Sept. 1
Memorial seniors are excited to welcome incoming freshmen to high school through a [mentorship program called LINK](#). Freshmen LINK orientation is designed to help freshmen feel more confident and comfortable with their high school transition.

Who: Memorial Freshmen

When: Wednesday, August 30, 10:00am 1:30 pm
(arrive 15 minutes early for check in)

NOTE: Date is before school starts for ALL students on Fri. Sept. 1

What: Freshmen Orientation:

Large group assembly
Tour of school
Find classrooms and follow a mock schedule
Meet freshmen teachers and staff
Get high school advice from senior LINK leaders

Where: Students should be dropped off and picked up at Memorial's main Fairfax Street entrance (Door #15). The Fairfax parking lot could be congested so feel free to drop-off/pick-up at a nearby location such as Wesleyan Church near the Clairemont tunnel.

*Walkers and bikers should use the main Fairfax entrance (Door #15) or Door #4 on Keith Street.

*Students riding the bus will be dropped off and picked up on Keith Street (Door #4)

Bus Transportation: School bus transportation is available for bus eligible students (students who live more than 2 miles from Memorial High School). The school bus will pick up your student 2 hours and 30 minutes AFTER the normal school year pick-up time. *If your student is bus eligible, you will receive a letter indicating school year pick up time from the bus company in mid-August.*

*School buses will depart Memorial after Freshmen Orientation at 1:40pm.

Lunch: Students will be eating lunch in the Memorial Cafeteria. Students should either bring their own lunch or plan on purchasing school hot lunch. (Free and reduced hot lunch available for eligible students.)

What to Bring: No supplies or paperwork necessary unless a student is bringing their own lunch. We will provide all supplies including an updated schedule.

New Students to the District: Plan to pick up your school laptop and backpack from the library. Bus riders can pick theirs up at lunch so they don't miss the bus. All others can pick theirs up at 1:30.

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEW OLD ABES TO MEMORIAL!!



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FAMILIES & STUDENTS NEW TO MHS (Grades 10-12)

Welcome to Memorial! There will be an informational meeting in the Little Theater on August 30 from 8:00-9:00 to learn more about Memorial High School. Please enter Door 15 at Memorial to check in for directions to the Little Theater. Any new families or students new to Memorial are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please email counselor Ms. Heather Kapanke, hkapanke@ecasd.us

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.)

UNIVERSITY/TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPLICATION

Universities start accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year on **August 1, 2023**.

Technical Colleges began processing applications for the 2024-25 school year on **May 1, 2023**.

Admission to technical college programs are on a first come, first served basis. **Don't Wait; Apply NOW!!!**

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 12.

Parking permits will also be available for purchase before the start of the school year on the following dates:

- August 16, 17, 21, 22 from 7:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the attendance office
- Monday, August 28 from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the business office

2022-23 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Click on School Supply Lists on the left side of the [ECASD Enrollment webpage](#) to view high school supplies needed. It can also be found at local stores.

CASH BACK FOR SCHOOLS

Purchase school supplies at Office Depot to [give Memorial 5% cash back!](#) Mention Memorial High School at the checkouts for in-store purchases. [Purchase online](#) using school ID 70212647.

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE		
Early Bird	Class	6:30-7:20
Period 1	Class	7:35-8:25
Period 2	Class	8:30-9:20
HOMEROOM / ELT Extended Learning Time	Class	9:25-9:50
Period 3	Class	9:55-10:45
Period 4	Class	10:50-11:40
Period 5A	Class	11:45-12:35
	2 nd Lunch	12:40-1:10
Period 5B	1 st Lunch	11:45-12:15
	Class	12:20-1:10
Period 6	Class	1:15-2:05
Period 7	Class	2:10-3:00

ALPHABET BREAKDOWN FOR COUNSELORS:

Heather Kapanke	hkapanke@ecasd.us	A-D
Sam Hochstetler	shochstetler@ecasd.us	E-J
Michelle Moss	mmoss@ecasd.us	K-N
Faith Erickson	ferickson@ecasd.us	O-Sr
Isaiah Vang	ivang@ecasd.us	St-Z+EL

Check out the [Student Services webpage](#) for much more information.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules for the 2023-2024 school year will be available for viewing in Skyward beginning August 14, 2023. Counselors will be available to assist students with scheduling issues on Monday, August 21 and Tuesday, August 22 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., walk-in style, on a first come, first served basis. No appointments are necessary. If you wanted a study hall each semester and did not get one, please come in during this time. **Schedule changes will only be allowed to meet graduation or post-secondary requirements.**

Lunch Schedule:

- If you have 5A class, you eat lunch from 12:40-1:10
- If you have 5B class, you eat lunch from 11:45-12:15

Locker Combinations:

Locker combinations can be found in Skyward under the Student Info tab.

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2023-2024 HIGH SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION

The [ECASD Food and Nutrition page](#) has information about menus, pricing, free & reduced meals, etc.

Online Applications for School Year 2023-24!

You can easily apply online for free or reduced price meals for the 2023-24 school year [HERE](#). (needs to be submitted annually). If you fill out an online application, there is no need to fill out a paper one.

Online Meal Accounts: [myschoolbucks](#) is:

- **Free:** There is no fee for using the service
- **Easy:** Enrolling and funding is simple and completed online
- **Convenient:** Once your account is established, you can check balances and fund the account from your computer or phone
- **Secure:** Your personal and payment card information is protected by the most advanced internet security.
- **Recurring Payments:** With the recurring payment option, SmartPay, money will always be in your child's account. When a low balance is reached, money is automatically deposited.
- **Free:** There is no fee for using the service

If you enroll with the recurring payment option called SmartPay, you can set up your child(ren)'s accounts so that a payment will be initiated when their account balance reaches a certain amount. For example, you can set up a recurring payment of \$25.00 when your child(ren)'s account gets to \$8.00. Once you set this up, you will not have to go back into [myschoolbucks](#) unless you change credit/debit cards, your credit card expires, or your student changes schools. The program has been very successful, and based on parent comments, we believe it is a great benefit to our families. If you have questions, you can call [myschoolbucks](#) at 1-800-479-3531.

How to add money to student's lunch account:

Please have money in your student's account prior to the first day of school. Lunch payments may be done in two ways:

1. A check or cash may be placed into the drop slot at Memorial's kitchen (in the door 4 hallway near the commons). ***Please do not place any monies into this slot before the last Wednesday in August.***
2. Parents may use a credit or debit card to deposit money into a student account through [myschoolbucks](#). Have your student ID (student log-in ID number, not the Food and Nutrition PIN number) ready when going to [myschoolbucks](#)

Payments may take up to 48 hours to be released to the Eau Claire Area School District from your financial institution. Please plan ahead.)

- [myschoolbucks](#) also has a mobile app available. Visit their website to download.
- Parents may set spending limits, recurring payments and view their students account history at [myschoolbucks](#)

Should you have any questions, please contact John Henckel at jhenckel@ecasd.us or at 715-852-6306.

School Breakfast: We are committed to the academic success of all our students. One of the best tools that we can use to help all students succeed is to make sure they eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast, whether at home or at school. If breakfast at home is not convenient, please take advantage of breakfast at school. Studies have shown that students who eat breakfast:

- Perform better in school
- Are tardy less often
- Are more attentive in class
- Are more likely to have better eating habits
- Are less likely to be overweight
- Have decreased absences and trips to the nurse
- Have fewer behavior problems

The School Breakfast Program is available to all students from 7:00-7:30 a.m. While it is your choice of whether your child eats breakfast at home or at school, we do encourage your student to eat a nutritious breakfast. Your student's regular lunch money account will be deducted for all breakfast meals in the same way it is for lunch meals.

MHS UHRICH FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING CLOSET

This service is open for MHS students and families. Please watch for information in the first weekly electronic newsletter.

TRANSCRIPTS

The Eau Claire Area School District high school transcript consists of courses taken, the letter grade earned, credits earned, the student's rank, and grade point average. Current students may obtain official transcripts through Parchment free of charge. To order go to the [MHS Webpage](#), scroll down, and click on the "Parchment" button (or use link below). All transcript requests will be processed by Memorial High School within two business days.

REQUEST YOUR TRANSCRIPT - CLICK BELOW





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ECASD GRADING SYSTEM

Memorial High School implements a grading system that includes plus/minus grades (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+ C-, D+, D, D-, and F). The plus/minus system will give a more accurate reflection of academic performance, as well as provide a uniform grading scale to help with consistency in grading. First and third quarter report cards are distributed to students in their second hour classes. Semester 1 and 2 reports cards, and mid-quarter Potential Failure Notices are mailed home for students earning a D+ or below in any of their current courses. Grade point averages are computed according to a 4.0 scale.

Grade	Grade Point	% Scale
A	4.00	93%
A-	3.67	90%
B+	3.33	87%
B	3.00	83%
B-	2.67	80%
C+	2.33	77%
C	2.00	73%
C-	1.67	70%
D+	1.33	67%
D	1.00	63%
D-	.67	60%
F	0	0%

SKYWARD

Students and Parents will automatically be given access to Skyward upon registration and activated status. Students will receive a Student Access account and parents will receive a Family Access account. It is recommended that parents do not utilize their student's account, as these accounts are unique to the user.

Family Access for Parents

Family Access is a real-time, secure internet-based website that allows you to view your student's information. Different information is available for different grade levels. Family Access will help you stay informed about your student's progress. Your building and the district will also use Family Access as a communication tool to create a stronger relationship between parents and our school community. Only one account is needed even if you have multiple students in the district. If you had an account last year, you will continue to use that username and password. You do not need to obtain a new account. To obtain your username and password, you can click on the SKYWARD link at the top of all pages on our website and choose the "Forgot login/password". If your account has an email associated with it, you will receive an email

with your login information. If you do not have an email address associated with your account, you will need to contact your school. You can also contact the Enrollment Office for assistance at 715-852-3063.

Family and Emergency Information

It is essential Memorial High School has up-to-date contact and emergency information in Skyward for students. Skyward Family Access gives parents/guardians the ability to make online changes to information such as phone numbers, emails, and emergency contacts at any time during the year. Log into your Family Access Account, Click "Student Info" and then "Request Changes for [Student Name]" on the upper right. If you prefer, or do not have computer access, you can contact the secretary by [email](#) or call 715.852.6301 to update information in Skyward. *If you need your **address** changed, ECASD requires you to complete a [change of address form](#) and show proof of your new address (i.e. copy or picture of utility bill, mortgage or lease agreement).* You can bring both documents to the district Enrollment Office or MHS or email the [MHS secretary](#).

WORK PERMIT INFORMATION

Work permits are required for every new job a student has **until they turn 16**. 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 or debit card or by ACH direct withdrawal. Once the permit application process is complete, the Department mails a paper copy of the permit directly to the employer.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

State law allows for the release of student directory data to parties outside the school (including military recruiters and institutions of higher education) unless parents/guardians or adult students request exception to its release. Directory data means records such as student's name, recorded images, student's school, and grade level. An [Opt-Out Form](#) is available for families' use in restricting the release of directory data or you may log into Family Access and update preferences. Please refer to the ECASD Student Handbook for further details regarding Student Directory Data.



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SENIOR PICTURE YEARBOOK REQUIREMENTS

Seniors, your senior picture is due by **November 1, 2023** for the **2024** yearbook. There will be a Jostens' upload link activated at the beginning of the school year. Your picture must meet 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. Pictures may be uploaded via the Jostens RePlayIt Photo Submission link on the [Yearbook webpage](#) which will be activated at the beginning of the school year. For your peace of mind, if we **don't** have your picture, a letter will be mailed home after the deadline. If you receive a letter or aren't shown on the list, please [email a picture to Ms. Campbell de Loyo](#) by December 1. A list of seniors that have sent in their senior pictures may be found on the yearbook page once school starts. Due to the high volume of submissions, the list may not be updated daily.

BUY A 2024 YEARBOOK

2024 yearbooks may be purchased online at [Jostens](#) or by sending a check (made out to Jostens) for **\$49.99** to Ms. Campbell de Loyo at school. To buy a yearbook online, go to the [Yearbook Webpage](#). The link is also near the bottom of the [MHS homepage](#). \$49.99 is the Back-to-School price and will increase as the school year progresses. Buy early to save money!

EXTRA 2023 YEARBOOKS MAY BE AVAILABLE

Any yearbooks that haven't been picked up will be available for sale beginning November 1, 2023 for \$55. Bring cash or a check payable to Memorial High School to Kathleen Campbell de Loyo's room (1855). \$49.99 is a Back-to-School price and will increase as the school year progresses. Buy early to save money!

GRADUATION - THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2024!!

Dear MHS Parents:

The Senior Graduation Party offers a safe way to celebrate a job well done by our graduates! It is our chance to reward the students collectively after the graduation ceremony. Yes, we're already planning for next year and we could use your help! You may, or may not, have a senior this year, but we encourage ALL parents to pitch in and help host the all-night graduation party on Thursday May 24th! We had a great party this year, but the party can only take place if we have help from parents.

This party is hosted by the parents, preferably by freshman, sophomore, and junior parents so that senior parents can focus on their graduate.

Parents and past students who've either worked at and/or attended this party will tell you how the awesome this is for the senior class. There is music, games, casino tables, food, prizes and more! We're asking for your help to keep this long-standing Memorial tradition going. Please consider helping out this year. The time you donate is up to you - a little or a lot - it all counts! Keep an eye on the MHS weekly newsletter for more information throughout the year. We will also have a table at Family/Teacher Conferences. For more information/questions contact Kim Winkelmann – 715-852-6307 or kwinkelmann@ecasd.us

NON-ATHLETIC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

Activities requiring a fee such as forensics, mock trial and theatre will need to pay a fee. All students who qualify for reduced price meals will pay half the fee and those who qualify for free meals will pay no fee. Cash/check payments can be made at the Board Office. [Click here fee information and payment options](#). **Questions? Contact the district business office 852-3010**

ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

The Alliance works with students, staff, and parents/guardians to help prevent the misuse of substances, such as alcohol, vaping, and other drugs. We help support the student group SAFE (formerly SADD) and offer education to parents/guardians and staff about how to recognize the signs of substance misuse and how to talk to your kids. To watch video campaign teaching adults about vaping and to learn more about the Alliance visit getinvolvedasap.org

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OLD ABE ATHLETICS

From the Athletic Director - Perry Myren

The start of another school year is rapidly approaching. I would encourage you to visit the [Athletic Web Page](#) where you can view all of the great athletic opportunities Memorial has to offer and find information on all of the important requirements and dates you will need to participate in any sport.

Fall Code-Signing Makeup

Student/Athletes who missed the May meeting must:

1. Complete [electronic registration](#) PLUS
2. Turn hardcopy of [WIAA Physical Form](#) into athletic office if not uploaded electronically.
3. Pay athletic fee
 - Cash/check payments can be made at the Board Office. All students who qualify for reduced price meals will pay half the fee and those who qualify for free meals will pay no fee.
 - [Click here fee information & payment options.](#)
4. Contact coach of chosen sport for important details regarding the season.

*****Athletes need to complete the above 4 steps before the athlete may participate on the first day of practice or tryouts.*****

ECASD policy regarding middle/elementary students attending high school athletic events.

All students in middle school or elementary school must enter a home high school athletic event at Memorial or North High School with a paid, adult chaperone. Please note that **all individuals** must purchase a ticket to attend the game. Event staff will utilize the following expectations when supervising our middle and elementary school student fans:

Step 1: *Remind the student to sit and watch the game.*

Step 2: *Student must watch the game with his/her chaperone the rest of the game.*

Step 3: *Removal from the game with the chaperone.*

The purpose for this policy is to ensure the safety of students and spectators and to maintain an environment of sportsmanship. Our hope is that all middle school students will continue to be able to sit in the traditional "middle school section" of the stands and cheer on their team while their adult chaperone enjoys the game with other adults. Asking a student to sit with their adult chaperone will

happen only if a student is unable to be redirected by staff supervising the stands, as indicated in Step 2.

Staying Positive at Athletic Contests:

As we enter another year of Athletic Competition, Memorial High School and the Eau Claire School District are committed to teaching our young people to set goals, strive for excellence, and to properly handle whatever adversity they encounter along the way. This aim is the same in the classroom as it is in high school athletics. Good sportsmanship by student athletes, fans, parents, and coaches is key to the success of our objective.

The greatest challenge to good sportsmanship is adversity and how the student athletes, teams, coaches, parents, and fans handle that adversity. When things are not going well, the easy response is to shift blame. In particular, to shift blame away from our team to our opponents and all too often to the officials. The focus of our cheering and support should be directed towards our athletes and our team in a positive manner. The negative comments to opposing teams, players, coaches, and officials should not occur, and will not be tolerated at our athletic events.

In addition, negative comments and cheering create a very uncomfortable environment for the spectators that have come out to enjoy the game and support their team. Negative and rude comments at our games create an embarrassment to our schools and to our student athletes playing the game. We are asking all our fans to keep comments positive to show support for our teams, our coaches, and our school district.

ECASD Family Pass - If your family attends numerous events, you may be interested in our Family Pass. The cost of the family pass is \$150 which allows anyone in the immediate household admittance to Memorial or North home activities that charge a fee (including plays and shows). A pass can be purchased from the principal's secretary. The pass does not qualify for WIAA tournament contests, but all regular season home contests. Remember, students get in free with their student ID for the current school year, so encourage your student to get their MHS ID on the September picture day. *(For contests prior to picture day, students can use last year's student ID for free admission).*

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR - GO ABES!



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2023-2024 MHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT

The Fall production will be the musical White Christmas.

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

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

When are rehearsals? Rehearsals will generally be after school Mon.-Thurs. with some weekend dance rehearsals, starting Sept. 11.

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

What is needed for auditions? If interested in a lead or supporting role, prepare a 2-minute musical theater/Disney song to sing with a track. An audition packet with ALL rehearsal dates and times, and which require a parent/guardian signature indicating understanding of the time commitment, will be available the first week of school from Ms. Krajnikconde in 1320.

The Spring school play will be The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza

Don Zolidis. Two battling narrators attempt to cover the entirety of Greek mythology. Famous myths such as Pandora's Box, Jason and the Argonauts (the original Super Friends), and Hercules: Intern God jostle for space with obscure, weird myths such as the myth of Linus and the legend of the Argus. Culminating in a bizarre, musical dance-influenced version of *The Iliad* complete with a full-scale battle of little green army men. This play is high energy, silly, and includes audience participation. Auditions for actors and sign up for tech crew will be in early November. We need people to learn light, sounds, paint, build costumes and props, and help with publicity. Rehearsals 4-5 x a week depending on the week. Show dates: Friday, January 26, Saturday, January 27, and Sunday, January 28.

MHS Improv Team auditions will be in early October. Watch the theatre bulletin board and listen to the announcements for dates and times. Rehearsals are 1x a week after school. Show dates are: Friday, Dec. 8th, Fri. Feb. 9th, and Friday April 12th.

After school starts, feel free to contact MHS Theatre Director Amber Dernbach at adernbach@ecasd.us for up-to-date rehearsal schedules and additional information.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY NOTES & NEWS

Summer Reading -

Read from wherever you are! Find links and directions to Memorial's digital library resources here: <https://ecasd.libguides.com/digitalreads>. Looking for a good book to read? Browse our recommended reading lists: <https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhsbooklists>.

This Fall in the Library -

In addition to working closely with classes on research and digital literacy, the library hosts several groups and activities. Consider joining us for:

- **Student Library Advisory Board (SLAB)** - a group of students committed to working closely with the library to improve its services and make it a welcoming, student-centered space
- **OldAbesRead** - an umbrella group for readers; activities include book clubs, literacy events, Battle of the Books, displays, reading challenges, or just meeting with other book lovers at lunch in the library
- **MakerLab** - the list of equipment and materials available to students to explore, create, and collaborate in the library is continuing to grow

Find out more at <https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhslibrary> or follow us on Instagram @OldAbesLibrary.



**** Electronic version of the Eagle's Eye, with live links can be found on the [MHS Homepage](#).****





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NURSING SERVICES

Nursing Services at Memorial High School are provided by a School Nurse that is shared with other schools. The school nurse's hours vary. The health service office is in Student Services. Additionally, a Public Health Nurse from the Eau Claire City-County Health Department can visit Memorial High School on a consultation basis to provide students and families referrals to appropriate community resources.

[School nurse information](#) can be found on the School Nurse page under the Departments tab of the district website.

****MHS school nurse: Tori Hugo RN, BSN
thugo@ecasd.us, 715-852-6470***

STUDENTS WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS

If your child has a health condition that may or will require special monitoring, a health plan, and/or medication to be administered during the school day, please contact your school nurse. Some examples of health conditions could be, but are not limited to:

Allergies, Asthma, ADHD, Cardiac Conditions, Diabetes, and Seizure Conditions. All medical forms and health plans must be updated at the start of each school year, they do not carry over from year to year.

Diet modifications are good for the duration of the student's enrollment in the ECASD.

ECASD Medication Procedures:

Medications should be administered to students at home, rather than at school, whenever possible. When medications are needed during the school day, the ECASD policy and guidelines must be followed. These guidelines are in place for the protection of all students. For **ANY** medication (prescription or over-the-counter) to be allowed or given in school, a completed [Medication Management form](#) with authorization by a physician/licensed prescriber and parent/guardian must be on file with the school nurse. Medication Management Forms can be downloaded from the district website on the school nurse page under the Student Services section of the Departments tab on the district website.

There are 2 options for medications at school:

1. Parents can request that the medication be administered by a school staff member. The completed form needs to be returned to the school nurse prior to the medication being administered.
 - a. Each prescribed medication must be in its own pharmacy-labeled package which includes the student's name, current date, the correct dosage, time to be taken, and physician/licensed prescriber's name. Nonprescription medications are to be supplied in the original manufacturer's container that lists the ingredients and recommended dose.

****Multiple medications may NOT be mixed together in same container.***

- b. It is the responsibility of the parent to safely transport the medication to school.
2. Students can carry their own medication. This is not the encouraged practice, but it is allowed as long as these guidelines are followed:
 - a. ECASD Medication management form -written authorization by a physician/licensed prescriber and parent/guardian must be on file with the school nurse. The physician/licensed prescriber must indicate on the form that the student is allowed to carry and self-administer the medication. The completed form needs to be returned to the school nurse prior to the student carrying the medication.
 - b. Each prescribed medication must be in its own pharmacy-labeled package which includes the student's name, current date, the correct dosage, time to be taken, and physician/licensed prescriber's name. Nonprescription medications are to be supplied in the original manufacturer's container that lists the ingredients and recommended dose.

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- c. It is the responsibility of the student to comply with all school policies/rules relating to student alcohol/drug use.

In all cases the completed form should be returned to the school nurse. Parents are strongly encouraged to return forms to the Student Services office (to the attention of School Nurse) during the month of August to allow time for forms to be reviewed and any needed clarifications to be obtained before the first day of school. The parent/guardian assumes full responsibility for the safe delivery of medications to the health office.

For any questions about medications or health concerns please call MHS School Nurse 715-852-6470, or MHS Medical Aid 715-852-6499.

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The Eau Claire Area School District assumes no responsibility in circumstances where students bring and consume medication at school without benefit of the procedures outlined within the medication policy. The [ECASD policy on medications](#) can be found in Board Policies (#453.4 and 453.4 – Rule) under the Board of Ed tab on the [ECASD homepage](#).



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MHS PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR

Our Partnership Coordinator (PC) is Kimberley Winkelmann. The PC can assist with questions and concerns or direct you during your time here at Memorial High School. Please feel free to contact the PC at 715-852-6307. You can also access the [Partnership Coordinator webpage](#) under the About tab on the MHS home page. One of the great things about a school the size of Memorial is that there is always something going on and there is something for everyone. There can also be many questions about when events are happening, how things run or who to contact. A great tool to find these answers is to check out MHS Weekly. MHS Weekly is the [electronic newsletter](#) that is sent out to each family email every Thursday evening. If you do not receive the first newsletter of the school year during the first week of school, your email information may not be current in Skyward. You can simply log into your Skyward account and update your email address listed on your Skyward Family Access page or contact the secretary by [email](#) or at 715-852-6301. If you would like a hard copy of the weekly newsletter mailed to you, contact the PC at 715-852-6307.

STUDENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

It is the policy of the ECASD School Board to maintain an educational environment that is equitable, safe, and inclusive of all students. The Board is dedicated to the task of providing the best education possible for every student in the District. ECASD shall not unlawfully discriminate in any of its programs, services, or activities on the basis of the student's sex; race; religion; color; national origin; ancestry; immigration status; creed; pregnancy; marital or parental status; physical, mental, emotional or learning disability; sexual orientation; gender identity; or gender expression. If any person believes that the Eau Claire Area School District or any part of the school organization has failed to follow the law and rules of §118.13, Wis. Stats., the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title IX, Title VI, or Section 504 or in some way discriminates against students on the basis of sex; race; religion; color; national origin; ancestry; immigration status; creed; pregnancy; marital or parental status; physical, mental, emotional or learning disability; or sexual orientation; gender identity or gender expression, he/she can bring or send a complaint to Dr. Kaying Xiong, Director of Student Services, 500 Main Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701. You can [email Dr. Xiong](#) or reach her at 715-852-3036. Complaints will follow the steps identified in Board policies (411-Rule) found [HERE](#) or under the Board of Ed tab on the ECASD website.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Responsibility for the personal appearance of students enrolled in ECASD shall normally rest with students and their parents/guardians. Student dress or grooming shall not, however:

- a. affect the health or safety of students
- b. disrupt the learning process within the classroom or school
- c. be destructive to school property.

To assure a healthy and safe school environment for students, the following student dress code guidelines will be enforced:

1. No student shall be permitted to wear any clothing or jewelry that contains pictures and/or writing referring to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, sexual references, profanity, promotion of gambling, illegal drugs and/or gangs. Clothing items that cause intimidation or disrupt the learning of others are prohibited. Students will not wear clothing that defames, insults, threatens, harasses, or injures any racial or cultural groups or individuals.

2. Special requirements may be necessary to assure safety in certain areas such as physical education, art, band, science labs, kitchens, and technology education work areas, i.e. safety glasses, aprons, hair nets, etc.

The entire dress code policy can be found [HERE](#) in Board Policies (#443.1-Rule) under the Board of Ed tab on the district website.

ECASD FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECASD FAC)

Every school in the Eau Claire School District sends representatives to the FAC meetings held once a month. The purpose of the group is to facilitate better communication between parents and the District on District-wide educational issues. The Superintendent and a School Board member also participate in the meetings. Communication is based on ECASD Administration bringing information and issues to the group for discussion and input. It is also a means for the school representatives to bring items for agenda inclusion. These items are of district-wide relevance rather than issues only affecting one or two schools. Read more about the [ECASD FAC here](#). As a parent, you are encouraged to contact our Memorial FAC parent reps with questions or concerns you may have for the [ECASD FAC](#).

Email: [ChristineBrown](#)
[Julie Dokkestul](#)
[Lucinda Kemmet](#)
[Jenna Murphy](#)
[Gail Hanson-Brenner](#) (alternate)



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WHY BECOME A 2023-24 BOOSTER?

Over 600 athletes in 23 sports benefit from your generous support! Basic items, essential to the success of our athletes, are not provided by the school district. Every Old Abe athlete's uniform, warm up, gear bag, and access to year-round strength training is only possible with your financial support. Additionally, your contribution supplies necessary skills equipment that is crucial in cultivating competitive success, and supporting ALL athletes at EVERY level of competition.

100% of the funds the Old Abe Booster Club raises is used to purchase uniforms, equipment, other team gear and the year-round strength and conditioning program for ALL athletes at Memorial.



*How can you help?
JOIN THE TEAM. BECOME A BOOSTER!*

CAN'T DONATE?

We LOVE our Volunteers!

Task Workers Needed to Help with:

- Fundraising Coordination
- Membership Outreach and Mailings
- Golf Outing Planning or Outing Help
- Concessions Shifts or Product Pickup
- Social Media & Public Relations

VOLUNTEER

Team Rep

- Be the **LINK** between your athlete's team and the Booster Club
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For more information or to help out,
contactoldabebc@gmail.com

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