



Media Quick Tips

**A quick look at news and upcoming events in
the Eau Claire Area School District
from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools
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Every two weeks the ECASD sends out information about upcoming events. Please contact those listed below or Teri Piper Thompson at tpiperthompson@ecasd.us for more information.

**Special
Olympics**
Wisconsin



Eau Claire's Memorial and North High Schools joined Special Olympics Wisconsin's Inclusion Revolution this fall by officially becoming Unified Champion Schools.

They are now among 71 Wisconsin schools that have committed to promoting positive school culture, inclusive youth leadership, and unified physical activities through Special Olympics Wisconsin's Unified Champion Schools program.

"North and Memorial have had inclusive classrooms and inclusive extra-curricular clubs for years but we are excited to officially be Unified Champion Schools now," said ECASD Special Olympics Coordinator/Agency Manager Stephanie Travis. "Special Olympics is so much more than just sports and we are happy to have the support of Special Olympics Wisconsin as we plan a community-wide event to help bring awareness to unified sports and respect for all."

The ECASD Special Olympics team will be partnering with the North and Memorial boys basketball teams to sponsor an "Ending the R-word is a Slam Dunk" night on February 21, during the intercity basketball game at North High School. Tables will be set up for attendees to pledge to tend the use of the r-word in everyday language and the high school Special Olympics teams will be playing an exhibition game at half-time." Learn more about the Unified Champion Schools program at <https://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/community/special-olympics-unified-champion-schools/> . **Contact Stephanie Travis at 715-852-6742 about tonight's event.**

The Eau Claire Area School District and Eau Claire Fire and Rescue are partnering on an academic and career planning opportunity for students and a training opportunity for Fire and Rescue staff. Staff from the department will be participating in water safety and rescue training in our middle school pools in the next month. Divers will be in the South pool on **Thursday, February 28**; the DeLong pool on **Friday, March 1**; and the Northstar pool on **Friday, March 22**, between 8 am-11 am and 12:30-2:30 pm. **Please contact Jim Schmitt, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, at 715-852-3081 for details.**



The Eau Claire Area School District's Carrie Hallquist has received the 2019 School Safety Coordinator of the Year award from the Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association (WSSCA). The award recognizes Hallquist's work in maintaining and constantly improving security, safety and health throughout the District.

Hallquist, a certified school risk manager, has been the School District's safety coordinator since 2014, and also served in that same role between 2002 and 2010. In the interim, she was a safety, security and risk manager for Chippewa Valley Technical College. Hallquist holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from UW-Eau Claire and a master's degree in risk control from UW-Stout.

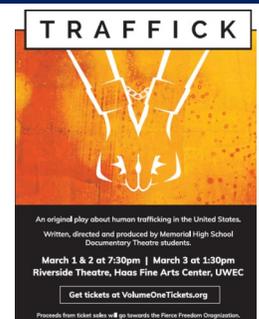


WSSCA will officially honor Hallquist during a March 6 ceremony at the organization's annual conference in the Wisconsin Dells. To learn more about WSSCA and the award, visit <http://www.wssca.org>. **Please contact Kim Koller, Executive Director of Administration, at 715-852-3007 for more information.**

March 1 and March 2 at 7:30 pm and March 3 at 1:30 pm, Memorial High Documentary Theatre is presenting Traffick, an original, student-lead play about the domestic and very real issues of human trafficking in the United States.

Traffick, based on true local stories, is written, directed and produced by Memorial High School Documentary Theatre students. Actors from North High School and CVTC join Memorial students in the cast. Over the last two years, Documentary Theatre students have been extensively researching and meeting with Fierce Freedom, a local anti-human trafficking organization. They have also met with local law enforcement and victims.

Traffick centers around human trafficking. It follows Sam Reed as she is coerced and eventually trafficked by her abusive boyfriend, Jake Marino. The play goes on to follow Sam's story as she meets others in similar circumstances and is manipulated further into the industry of trafficking. **Contact Memorial theatre teacher Amber Dernbach at 715-852-6389 to learn more.**





On Thursday, March 7th, Roosevelt Elementary will host *Roosevelt Family Reading Night*. Our PTA will be providing a free Mancino's dinner from 5-6 pm in our cafeteria followed by guest author Jerry Morris speaking from 6-7 pm in the gym. Jerry Morris is currently a pastor at Lake Street UMC here in Eau Claire. Aside from his clergy work, he has written several children's stories focusing on knights and heraldry. **Please contact Partnership Coordinator, Tammy Rud, at 715-852-4707, for more information.**