



# THE EAGLE'S EYE

## Newsletter of the Memorial High Community



August 2020

Memorial High School \* Eau Claire, WI

[www.memorial.ecasd.us](http://www.memorial.ecasd.us)

### WELCOME TO THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR!

We hope this letter finds Memorial families and students safe and healthy. Our staff is excited to have students returning to the building! To ensure everyone's safety, we are partnering with Eau Claire County's Health Department to engage in best practices to mitigate COVID-19 risks. This includes wearing masks in the buildings and practicing social distancing. While we certainly are living in unprecedented times, this will not deter the Memorial staff from providing your student an engaging, robust and rigorous experience.

Tuesday, September 1st, will be the first day of school for Cohort A. The school bell schedule is listed below. Cohort B will report on September 3rd for their first day.

The schedules below illustrate both the class and lunch periods. Typically, the 9th and 10th grade students have lunch #1, 11th and 12th will be assigned lunch #2. Staff can assist with any questions.

High School 20-21 Bell Schedule		
Period 1	Class	7:35-8:54
Period 2	Class	8:58-10:17
Period 3	Class	10:21-11:40
Period 4A	Class	11:44-1:03
	Lunch 2	1:03-1:33
Period 4B	Lunch 1	11:40-12:10
	Class	12:14-1:33
Period 5	Class	1:37-2:56

### 2020-21 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

View the [MHS School Supply List here](#) or on the MHS website in Parent and Student Information under the About tab, and at local retail stores.

### SCHOOL PICTURES

Pictures will be postponed until Tuesday, Sept. 29 for Cohort A, and Thursday, Oct. 1 for Cohort B

**\*REMINDER: ALL STUDENTS NEED ID CARDS**  
*Temporary ID Cards will be handed out*

### 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 ECM. 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. This will include new procedures for keeping students and staff safe during a pandemic. We are so excited to start another fantastic school year. Let's SOAR Abes!

### NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Welcome to Memorial! We are so excited for school to begin in the fall. There is something magical in the air this time of year! A new student orientation will be held on Monday, August 31st, 10-11:30 a.m. The orientation will begin in the Commons area located near Student Services. New students please enter Door 15 (please wear your mask) at Memorial to check in for directions to the Commons. Any 10th, 11th and 12th grader who is new to Memorial is welcome to attend. During the orientation new students will... • Be given a tour of the school. • Meet other new students. • Learn about scheduling, attendance needs, courses and student support resources. • Learn about using the lunch line. • Learn SOAR Behaviors, Eagles Earnings and E Squared Awards. • Learn about what it means to be an Old Abe, win door prizes and much more! It may be noted, new 9th graders attend the LINK Program. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Lisa Steig, School Counselor at [lsteig@ecasd.us](mailto:lsteig@ecasd.us)

### New Parent Meeting

Freshmen Parents (or anyone new to MHS) who would like to learn more about Memorial High School should watch for a new parent orientation meeting, date and time to be determined.



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## ALPHABET BREAKDOWN FOR COUNSELORS:

Heather Kapanke	<a href="mailto:hkapanke@ecasd.us">hkapanke@ecasd.us</a>	A-C & EL
John Samb	<a href="mailto:jsamb@ecasd.us">jsamb@ecasd.us</a>	D-I
Michelle Moss	<a href="mailto:mmoss@ecasd.us">mmoss@ecasd.us</a>	J-Mo
Jane Corning	<a href="mailto:jadlercorning@ecasd.us">jadlercorning@ecasd.us</a>	Mr-Sn
Lisa Steig	<a href="mailto:lsteig@ecasd.us">lsteig@ecasd.us</a>	So-Z

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

## 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 point 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%

## 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 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 (715-852-6300) 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.

**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) may be assigned after school. After school detentions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:00pm. to 4:00pm. Students failing to attend the 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.

The entire [ECASD attendance policy](#) is printed in the student handbook emailed out at the start of the school year.

## 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 [here](#) or 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.



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## **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, DPI and the ECASD policy requires you to visit the District Enrollment Office or see the MHS secretary. You will need to complete a change of address form and present proof of your new address (i.e. utility bill, mortgage or lease agreement).*

## **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.

## **DRESS CODE REMINDERS**

A student may determine his/her personal dress and grooming within the school guidelines which are intended to ensure the health, safety, and cleanliness of all students and to promote a favorable academic atmosphere. Self-expression is encouraged but must not disrupt the school routine. Students in violation will face disciplinary procedures and/or loss of privileges.

***In conjunction with Eau Claire County Health Department and the ECASD School Board, MHS will require all students to wear face coverings while attending the building, until further notice. 'Face covering' means a piece of cloth (e.g., cotton, linen, etc.) or other similar material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely. Examples of acceptable face coverings include a cloth face mask, a disposable or paper mask, or a religious face covering. Face covering does NOT include face shields, bandanas, neck gaiter, mesh masks, masks with holes or openings, or masks with vents.***

1. During the school day headwear of any type is not to be worn (unless prescribed by a physician due to medical reasons or for documented religious beliefs). Examples include: hats, hoods, bandanas, scarves. Outdoor jackets and coats should not be worn.

2. 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.

3. Students are expected to wear hairstyles and clothing that will not present a health or safety hazard. Special requirements may be necessary 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. Appropriate footwear must be worn unless exceptions are granted.

4. Students will dress in a way that does not endanger themselves or others and will wear clothing that covers their stomachs, chests, backs, buttocks, and undergarments. Tops are not to be worn that are 1) open backed or totally off the shoulder; 2) overly sheer so undergarments can be seen; or 3) low cut so that cleavage is exposed. Tops and bottoms are to touch or overlap. There should be no exposed midriff.

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

## **MHS STUDENT HANDBOOK**

The [MHS student handbook](#) will be emailed out at the start of the school year. It can also be found on the MHS website in Parent and Student Information under the *About* tab.

## **PARKING PERMITS**

Parking permits will be sold Sept. 1-11 in the attendance office 7:15 a.m. -3:30 p.m. 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 attendance office or by [clicking here](#). All cars parked in the lot need parking permits on display starting September 14.





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## 2020-2021 HIGH SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION

<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>REDUCED</u>
Breakfast\$1.25	\$0.30
Lunch\$2.85	\$0.40
Milk\$0.50	\$0.50

[A link to breakfast and lunch menus](#) can be found on the Food and Nutrition page under departments on the district website.

**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.

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).
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](mailto: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.

**WEEKEND MEAL PROGRAM:** Feed My People is again partnering with Memorial for the school year to provide this program, which is in many of the elementary and middle schools. It is free and voluntary program for students. There is ***no*** financial information required. The only requirement for students to participate in the program is a signed permission slip from parent/guardian, because the meals are ***not screened*** for kids who have food allergies. Please watch the weekly announcements for more information. ([Letter/sign-up included with this newsletter.](#))



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## SENIOR PICTURE YEARBOOK REQUIREMENTS

Seniors - your senior picture is due to Ms. Sylte by **November 2, 2020**. Submit your picture using the following criteria:

- *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 electronic version.
- Saved as a .jpeg or .tif
- The picture is a portrait image (upright) vs. a landscape image (sideways)
- 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 link **Jostens RePlayIt Photo**

**Submission** (see [Yearbook webpage](#)) or emailed to [csylte@ecasd.us](mailto:csylte@ecasd.us). A list of seniors we have received senior pictures from may be found on the Yearbook website.

## BUY A 2021 YEARBOOK

2021 yearbooks may be purchased online or by emailing the yearbook advisor, [csylte@ecasd.us](mailto:csylte@ecasd.us) to request purchasing one. To buy a yearbook online, go to the Memorial High School website and click on the Yearbook link towards the bottom of the website, [Yearbook](#). The price of the Yearbook will increase as the school year progresses. Buy early to save money!

## EXTRA 2020 YEARBOOKS MAY BE AVAILABLE

Any yearbooks that haven't been picked up will be available for sale beginning November 1, 2019 for \$55. Bring cash or a check payable to Memorial High School to room 1235 across from Student Services.

## MEMORIAL LIBRARY NOTES & NEWS

Even though this school year may look different, the library and all its resources are still open! Find out updates throughout the year by visiting our library website: <https://www.ecasd.us/Memorial-High-School/Academics/Library-Resources>. Library staff will be available throughout the year via email and virtual office hours.

### **Book and Magazine Checkout**

- Students will be reserving books online this year for pick up in the library or classroom. We will also be providing an outside pick up for virtual

students. How to request a book: <https://ecasd.libguides.com/requests>.

- We also have a large collection of ebooks and audiobooks (called Sora), which can be checked out and downloaded to a computer, tablet, or phone anytime. How to use Sora: <https://ecasd.libguides.com/sorahelp>.
- [Flipster](#) (off-campus access: username **memorial**, password **oldabes#1**) provides us with online access to popular magazines. You can find other news sources and newspapers online here: <https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhsresources/news>.

### **Research Tools**

As students start research projects, we will be working with classes to use our online research tools and databases. You can find them here: <https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhsresources>.

### **Find a Great Read**

We've got all sorts of recommendations!

<https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhsbooklists>.

### **Get Involved**

All our library groups will be run online this year, so both virtual and hybrid students can join in.

- **Project LIT** (replacing TLI) is part book club; part service club for literacy projects: <https://ecasd.libguides.com/projectlit>.
- **Battle of the Books** is a team reading competition. Read the list of books and come together for trivia-like contests on them: <https://ecasd.libguides.com/srbob>.
- **First Chapter Friday** is just reading for enjoyment's sake. We share the first chapter of a book out each week for you to listen to: <https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhsbooklists/1stchapfri>

### **Upcoming Dates**

- **Monday, August 31** – Device and textbook checkout for virtual students (watch for details to come via Skyward/email)
- **Tuesday, September 1** and **Thursday, September 3** – Device and textbook checkout for hybrid students

### **Student IDs**

All students will need their ID this year to check out materials and put items on hold, so please hang on to them. In a pinch, an old ID will also work.



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## NURSING SERVICES

Nursing Services at Memorial High School are provided by a School Nurse and Health Care Assistant. Their offices are located in Student Services. Appointments can be scheduled in advance to discuss chronic health conditions or general health concerns. Although hours vary walk-ins are also welcome as needed.

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: thugo@ecasd.us**

**\*Tori Hugo RN, BSN 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 as 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 school children 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 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 Departments tab of the district website.

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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.*

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

### ***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 should NOT be mixed together in one 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.

### ***Multiple medications should NOT be mixed together in one container.***

- 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.





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## OLD ABE ATHLETICS

ECASD made the difficult decision to postpone all fall athletics to the spring season of 2021. By doing so, we will fall in alignment with the model provided by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). Please be aware this plan will provide the opportunity for student-athletes to take part in all three sports seasons.

In examining the upcoming seasons, school and district administration determined that the district's hybrid instructional model, coupled with the Eau Claire City-County Health Department's current order and its physical distancing requirements, would make it extremely difficult to implement and schedule practices, games, and matches. Based on information and guidance, we believe this was the best decision moving forward to protect community health and safety.

This decision is disappointing news for our student-athletes, coaches, staff, families and fans. As we move forward, our hope is for athletics to resume later this school year. You can anticipate more information to come in the near future.

## MHS PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR

Our Memorial Partnership Coordinator is Val Logan and she can help assist with questions and concerns or direct you during your time here at Memorial High School. Please feel free to contact her at 715-852-6307 or by emailing her: [vlogan@ecasd.us](mailto:vlogan@ecasd.us). 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. However, along with that, there can be many questions about when events are happening, how things run or who to contact. One of the ways we help communicate at MHS is through a [weekly electronic newsletter](#) that is sent out to each parent email each week. You will receive the first weekly newsletter for the school year. 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 Val Logan by [email](#) or at 715-852-6307.

## GRADUATION - MAY 27, 2021!!

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 that takes place on May 27th right at Memorial High School! 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 school is transformed for the senior class. There is music, games, casino, food and prizes! In addition, there's an amazing "show" that provides great entertainment and lasting memories and is one of the favorites of the evening.

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! You can find information about the [senior graduation party](#) in the left column on the Parent and Student Information Page under About on the Memorial home page.

Check back after school starts for the active link to a volunteer sign up!

Contact Caro Johnson [caro@andycaros.com](mailto:caro@andycaros.com) or 715-450-5478.

We hope to hear from you!!

## EAU CLAIRE COUNTY PARENTS CONNECTING NETWORK

Join over 600 families in Eau Claire County who are making alcohol less available for youth by committing to not allow alcohol use by anyone under age 21 in their home or on their property. Members receive a Network Directory each fall with contact information of all Network members, so parents can connect with each other to keep their kids safe. Find out about membership and sign up at [Eau Claire County Parents Connecting Network](#)

***ID cards NEEDED the first week or two of school!***

All students will need their ID the first days of school for textbook checkouts. Your ID from prior years will still work if you don't have your new ID yet.



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## ECASD FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECASD FAC)

Every school in the Eau Claire School District sends representatives to the FAC meetings which are held once a month. The purpose of the group is to facilitate better communication between parents and the District on District-wide educational issues. There are also two at-large parents and two at-large teachers who are part of the group. The Superintendent of Schools 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. Memorial has four spots on the ECASD FAC. As a parent, you are encouraged to contact our Memorial FAC parent reps with questions or concerns you may have for the ECASD FAC. Our parent representatives are:

Anne Hartman	<a href="mailto:amhartman@charter.net">amhartman@charter.net</a>
Gail Hanson Brenner	<a href="mailto:brennegm@uwec.edu">brennegm@uwec.edu</a>
Christine Brown	<a href="mailto:christine@exch.npkua.org">christine@exch.npkua.org</a>
Jenna Murphy	<a href="mailto:southards@hotmail.com">southards@hotmail.com</a>
Sub: Janice Moe	<a href="mailto:twinklemoes@gmail.com">twinklemoes@gmail.com</a>

[Learn more about the FAC](#) or go to Family Advisory Council under About tab on the district website.

## 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. Families must inform the school that all or part of any directory data may not be released without their prior consent. If you wish to prohibit the release of your child's directory data, you must log into Family Access and update your preferences or complete an [Opt-Out Form](#). The form is available in the main office of each District building and on the District's website under "Forms" at the top of the website. This form will be in effect on the date it is signed and will be valid unless you notify the school that you withdraw all opt-out elections currently on file either by changing your preferences in Family Access or by filling out a new form.

## STUDENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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. Dr. Xiong can be contacted at 715-852-3036.

Complaints relating to the identification, evaluation, placement or provision of a free appropriate education of a child with a disability shall be resolved by procedures authorized in state and federal law. Also, complaints under federal law commonly referred to as EDGAR complaints (i.e., that the state or a subgrantee is violating a federal statute or regulation that applies to a program) shall be referred directly to the State Superintendent of Schools. Other complaints will follow the steps identified in Board policies (411-Rule) found [HERE](#) or under the Board of Ed tab on the ECASD website.

## PEAK ENERGY CONTROL SYSTEM

The district participates in the Peak Energy Rate Program through Excel Energy. The Peak Control Rate (PCR) is an alternative electric rate for customers that are able to shed load during Excel Energy peaks. The risk of the program is that it may affect the school day by needing to close school early. The district will receive at least one-hour notice before the interruption. The district will handle an energy shut-down similar to closing school early for inclement weather. The news media will be contacted immediately so it can report the early closing. As with snow days, parents should have alternate arrangements made for students on days when the district closes early.

***MORE VALUABLE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE [MHS WEBSITE](#) - Check back often for updates***





# THE EAGLE'S EYE

## Newsletter of the Memorial High Community



August 2020

Memorial High School \* Eau Claire, WI

[www.memorial.ecasd.us](http://www.memorial.ecasd.us)

Old Abe Families,

August 20, 2020

Please read the rest of the annual Eagle's Eye for information you need to have on many of the MHS structures, events, notifications, and updated bell schedule for this school year. Given the uniqueness in the reopening of Memorial and our COVID-19 reality, I want to highlight some different rules and routines we are implementing to enhance safety and mitigate risk for your student(s) and our staff.

2020-21 adjustments to highlight:

- Students will be allowed to enter the building at 7:15 a.m. and then are asked to leave immediately at the end of the instructional day.
- Any student that eats breakfast on campus will be asked to do so in their first period classroom.
- Due to COVID-19 constraints, students cannot be allowed to gather before school, over the lunch period, or at the end of the day. Our commons and large gathering spaces have been repurposed for other needs. I ask that students report directly to their classroom upon arrival to the building and during the instructional day.
- Each MHS student will have their 2020-21 first semester class schedule before Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Many performance and elective classes (Band and PE, as examples) are only offered 100% virtually this Fall. Some traditional honors course will not be available, due to scheduling constraints. Please work with your Guidance Counselor regarding specific scheduling concerns.
- Due to recommendations from several partner agencies, Memorial will have a closed campus for the lunch periods, during our COVID-19 programming. Students may bring their own lunch or participate in the school lunch program. Ala-Cart options will not be available at the start of the school year.
- Given the adjustment to 74-minute class periods, anticipate multiple lessons, a "flipped classroom" concept and different pedagogical approaches from our instructors.
- Students ***MUST*** use their district issued email. Expect all communication between student and staff through classroom CANVAS learning pages and school email.



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- When students are participating virtually, anticipate both synchronous and asynchronous academic schedules. Please work with your learner to adhere to the times and pacing guides that will be provided. It is essential for our staff and students to remain in communication when not in the building together.
- Students will both earn GPA points and credits for graduation.

All the Old Abes are in this together!

*Dave Oldenberg*

Dave Oldenberg  
Principal



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August 2020

## Weekend Kids Meals

Dear Memorial Parent/Guardian,

We are happy to inform you that Memorial High School offers the Weekend Kid's Meals Program through our Old Abes Food Pantry in partnership with Feed My People Food Bank. Weekend take home food will be packed from food available in our pantry.

- The purpose of the program is to provide food for your child during the weekend when school breakfasts and lunches are not available.
- There are no income guidelines or requirements. Anyone is welcome to participate in this program. The food is at NO COST to you or your child.
- If you choose to enroll your child, he/she will receive a plastic bag each Tuesday or Friday (depending on their assigned cohort) with enough food for breakfast and lunch for him/her for Saturday and Sunday, plus snacks and fresh fruit when available.
- ***Please be aware that peanut products are often distributed; we apologize that we cannot provide Kid's Meals to those students who have peanut and other food allergies, and they cannot be enrolled.***
- ***Students will need to pick up the weekend meals in Student Services on Tuesdays or Fridays (depending on their assigned cohort) before leaving for the day.***

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Val Logan, the Memorial High School Partnership Coordinator at 715-852-6307. Families may sign up or discontinue this program anytime throughout the school year.

**Memorial High School's program is expected to begin September 11<sup>th</sup> 2020**

----- CUT AND RETURN TO MHS STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE -SCHOOL NURSE-----  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name (Please Print) Grade

I want my child to receive food each week through Weekend Kid's Meals and I understand that the food received **has not been screened for allergies** and I am therefore responsible for determining what my child can/cannot eat.

Your Name and Relation (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Drop off slips in the Student Services one week prior to pick up.**







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