



# Memorial High School Weekly

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**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

## MHS Calendar

### December

- 4 MHS Orchestra Concert
- 9 MHS Orchestra Cookie Walk 12-2:30pm in Cafeteria
- 11 "Songs of the Season" Choir Concert @7pm
- 18 Band Holiday Concert MHS Auditorium 7 pm (All Bands)
- 22 Winter Carnival - Afternoon
- 25-29 **ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED**

### January

- 1-2 **ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED**
- 3 School Resumes
- 4-5 Jazz Band and Show Choir  
Elementary School Tour
- 6 AcaFest at G-E-T School
- 8 Eighth Grade Family Night 6-7:30pm
- 11 Register Delong Middle School 24/25
- 13 Onalaska Show Choir Competition



## Important Links

[The Memorial High School Website](#)

has answers to many of your questions. Be sure to check it out.

[Old Abe Athletic Calendar](#)

**Find Out Where the Action is Every Week.**  
The [MHS Athletics Calendar](#) is updated with the most recent game day information.

[ECASD 2023-2024 School Year Calendar](#)

[Community Events & Resources Page](#)

[December Lunch Menu](#)

[Family Services Website](#)



Find us on  
Facebook [HERE](#)

## Old Abe News and Announcements

### “How to Run for School Board” Informational Session

School Board President, Dr. Tim Nordin, and School Board Vice President, Dr. Lori Bica, will be hosting the School Board’s annual “How to Run for School Board” informational session on **Thursday, November 30, 2023**, from 7-8pm at the Administration Building (500 Main Street). Anyone who is interested in learning more about how to become a candidate for the upcoming School Board election in Spring 2024 is welcome to attend. The meeting will cover the responsibilities of being a Board member and answer all questions from attendees. The necessary forms to declare your candidacy will also be available.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.ecasd.us/District/Board-of-Education/Spring-Election-Information-Board-Candidates>

### Volunteer Opportunity – Help Needed!

MHS needs copy room volunteers when school is in session. Preferably 1 morning a week for 2 hours. Substitute Copy Room Volunteers are also needed! Please contact Kim Winkelmann at [kwinkelmann@ecasd.us](mailto:kwinkelmann@ecasd.us) to volunteer.

Want to share some **seasonal cheer with Memorial Staff?** The Administrative Team traditionally hosts a staff meal on the last day of school before winter break. If you are willing donate a dessert towards this meal, please click on the link below and send the funds in to the attendance office any time before December 22nd. (Attention – K Winkelmann).

[Donations to Memorial Munch and Mingle](#)

**The ECASD** is looking for individuals who would be interested in joining the Graduation Honors Attire Committee. This committee is responsible for district wide attire. (Memorial, McKinley, North High Graduations). The committee will be addressing issues such as adhering to graduation dress code policies, integrating cultural diversity, equity, and inclusivity practices. Please contact Dave Oldenberg, MHS Principal, [doldenberg@ecasd.us](mailto:doldenberg@ecasd.us).

### Senior Picture Requirements for the Yearbook and Upload Instructions

Seniors - **the LAST day to enter your senior picture is December 15**. No senior pictures will be accepted after this cut-off. To submit your photo, use the QR code in your English room or go through the Yearbook link on the Memorial homepage. [Jostens Senior Picture Submission link](#)

Winter and Holiday Assistance please click [HERE](#).



## Candy Canes and Hot Chocolate Needed!

It is a Memorial Tradition to hand out candy canes and hot chocolate to every student on the last day of school before Winter Break. If you are willing to donate candy canes and/or hot chocolate for this, please drop them off in the attendance office. Regular sized candy canes only please.

Thank-you!



## In Need of Food Assistance?

Memorial High School has a Food Pantry called "The Ulrich Marketplace."

Memorial Students and Families may order food from the pantry anytime by using this QR Code or by filling out a paper copy. Paper copies are available in student services.

The Ulrich Marketplace also provides hygiene items and clothing.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Winkelmann  
[kwinkelmann@ecasd.us](mailto:kwinkelmann@ecasd.us) or 715-852-6307.



## 2024 MHS All-Night Grad Party!

Plans for the 2024 MHS Senior Graduation Party are in full swing! As you shop this holiday season, please be on the lookout for great deals for our grads. See our wish list for ideas or to order directly from it.

Click [HERE](#) for the Amazon Wish List

As the event gets closer, we will be looking for volunteers to help set up and work the event. It is a great opportunity to get to know some of the Memorial Families.

**Order your 2024 yearbook today!**

Order here: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09283400>



## SENIOR SHOUT OUTS!

Submit a shoutout [HERE](#) for your senior along with a senior photo and a baby photo.

**DUE BY February 2nd**

Shout outs will be created for the Memorial High School Facebook page and displayed in March, April, and May.



## JUNIORS – Enrolling in college in the Fall of 2025?

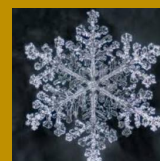
Juniors planning to enroll in college in the fall of 2025, you can start applying for the Coolidge Scholarship, which is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study. Current high school seniors are not eligible to apply. Academic excellence is the primary criterion considered by the Coolidge Scholarship. Secondary criteria include an interest in public policy and an appreciation of the values President Coolidge championed. You can find more information through this link: [Home Page - The Coolidge | A Scholarship for America \(coolidgescholars.org\)](#)

# MHS Orchestra Cookie Walk & Carnival

**December 9, 2023  
Noon to 2:30**

**Memorial High School Cafeteria**

- **FREE ADMISSION**—Everyone welcome
- **Homemade Cookies**—sold by the pound \$9.00
- **Holiday Music**—Performed by MHS Orchestra and friends
- **Kid's Crafts, Games, Instrument Petting Zoo**





## Memorial Giving Tree 23/24

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Memorial Giving Tree! It started with an idea of how we could help our students in their time of need, in a timely manner. Over the years, we have asked, and parents, staff, and the community have answered with their generous donations to the Memorial Giving Tree. The money is used wisely and goes directly to the needs of Memorial students. We are grateful this fund exists!

During the 2022-23 school year, we were able to help many Memorial students in need. Here are some of the ways we were able to assist our students:

- Provided funds for basic clothing needs and clothing for job interviews
- Paid for eye exams and glasses
- Purchased prom tickets, yearbooks, and school field trip expenses
- Purchased grocery gift cards for students who were food insecure
- Purchased bus passes for transportation to school and work
- Purchased basic necessities for students



This is all possible because of your generosity! We hope you will consider giving to this worthy cause!

If at any time you want further information, please contact Heather Kapanke, School Counselor at [hkapanke@ecasd.us](mailto:hkapanke@ecasd.us) or 715/852-6337. Checks should be made out the Memorial Giving Tree. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the Attendance or Student Services Office or directly to Heather Kapanke. Donations are accepted throughout the year and are tax deductible!

**December 2, National Special Education Day** -December 2 marks National Special Education Day! On the anniversary of the nation's first special education law, the IDEA Act in 1972, we pause to celebrate the accomplishments of our students, parents, teachers, and administrators when it comes to special education. IDEA helped make education accessible to all children in the United States. We celebrate the progress that has been made and reaffirm our commitment to meeting the needs of all students.

## Scholarships!

Seniors, it's scholarship season! Check out the running document on the Memorial homepage for more information. **\*\*Link only for the newsletter:** [https://www.ecasd.us/ECASD/media/Memorial-High-School/Student%20Services/mhs\\_CurrentScholarships.pdf](https://www.ecasd.us/ECASD/media/Memorial-High-School/Student%20Services/mhs_CurrentScholarships.pdf)

Seniors, please share with Student Services scholarships that you receive.

You can share them through this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/wnWvpnCsHh> or scan the QR code.



# Memorial Highlights

## Japanese students take action to relieve hunger with Rice balls!

On November 15, the Japanese students participated in the event called "[Onigiri-Action](#)"



### [Onigiri Action2023 - World Food Day Campaign](#)

Onigiri Action2023 - World Food Day Social Action Change the World with Onigiri! Eating Onigiri will bring a warm school meal to a child in areas of need. October 6, 2023 (THU) Start! Let's Make it and enjoy it together.

[onigiri-action.com](http://onigiri-action.com)

Onigiri Action is an annual autumn social good campaign connecting the simple act of taking a photo while helping to feed school children in need. Every photo of onigiri, a Japanese rice ball, posted to the campaign website or on social media with **#OnigiriAction** helps provide five school meals to children in need around the [world](#).



**#OnigiriAction**



## Memorial Highlights



**Congratulations** to the six Eau Claire Memorial High School band students who traveled to New York City to march in Macy's Great American Marching Band! Seniors Sam Wojnowski, Nathan Phillips, Erin Holzinger, Kietra Malone, Oscar Vlcek and Freshmen Emma Phillips auditioned last winter before winning a spot in this National Honor Band.



### Author Kao Kalia Yang Visits MHS

MHS was lucky enough to have author Kao Kalia Yang speak to students on Nov. 15. She shared her story, talked about what it takes to be an author, answered student questions, and had a Meet & Greet in the library along with book signings. MHS students will participate in an all-school reading of one of her books, "The Late Homecomer." What an awesome experience to have met the author.



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