

## Organizations and Clubs at Memorial: A Guide to Some Electives and Extracurricular Activities

### Archery Club

Archery club will enable students to shoot safely and compete in tournaments. Meeting time and place to be determined. Watch announcements for details.

**Becca Seichter**

### ASL-American Sign Language Club

ASL (American Sign Language) Club is an extra-curricular activity for students interested in ASL and Deaf culture. You do not need to be in ASL class to participate. We meet periodically throughout the year to enjoy cultural activities, plan school events, and opportunities to practice and improve ASL skills. Come to one event or all of them! See Mrs. Galloy in room 1955 for more information or talk to someone in ASL.

**Heather Galloy**

### Athletics

Memorial has three athletic seasons—Fall, Winter, and Spring. Fall Sports: Football, Cheer & Dance, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Volleyball, Girls Swim & Dive, and Boys Soccer. Winter Sports: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheer & Stunt, Gymnastics, Boys Hockey, Girls Hockey, Boys Swim & Dive, Dance, and Wrestling. Spring Sports: Baseball, Boys Golf, Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys Tennis, Boys Track and Field, and Girls Track and Field.

**Perry Myren**

### Band

Come join your friends and play great music and have unlimited experiences! We have multiple bands here at MHS--Concert Bands, Pep Bands, Marching Bands and Jazz Bands. We are an exciting group of students who enjoy taking these elective classes.

**Eric Dasher & Dominic Domeyer**

### BSU - Black Students United

This is a club to create a supportive community and safe space for students of color at Memorial High School to use their voices. Our focus is to create awareness and educate ourselves and the MHS community about being people of color in today's society. This club is open to all MHS students regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, background, sexual orientation, or gender. Meet on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00. See Mr. Elenn in room 1205 if interested in joining.

**Michael Elenn**

### Chess Club

Everyone is invited to hang out and play chess in room 1287. Meeting day/time TBD

**Erik Trampush**

### Choir/Musical

Choir is a great place for students who love to sing! We work hard to perform some amazing music! The main choir classes are Treble Choir, Mixed Choir, and Concert Choir (auditioned). There are two other auditioned choir classes, Old Abe Show Choir and Madrigals/A Cappella Choir—both of these groups have fun competing each year. There is also Eagle Show Choir (prep group), which is a club that meets on Tuesday evenings. No experience needed—come and join our choir family!

**Aurora Krajnikonde**

### School Musical; White Christmas

Any Memorial student is welcome to audition for our school musical this year, White Christmas! White Christmas is a classic musical with jazzy songs by Irving Berlin and fun dancing. There are several lead and supporting roles available as well as a large ensemble. Auditions are on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with rehearsals starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Show dates are Nov 10-12. We also need students to help with tech, stage crew, and the pit orchestra.

### Craft Club

This club is for everything crafts! Some examples are sewing, crocheting, origami, drawing, painting, etc. This club is for all artists to hang out, meet others with similar interests, & learn new arts & crafts in a fun but peaceful space. Meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 3:00-4:00 in room 1395.

**Tiffany Goetz**

### Cubing Club

Cubing Club is for solvers of Rubik's Cubes and puzzles adjacent. Our time will be to generally hang out, solve and compete. We will meet Thursdays from 3:15-4:00 in the band room 1350.

**Dominic Domeyer**

### Debate Club

Students will learn effective strategies on how to research a topic, formulate an argument, and debate in a civil manner. Meetings will be held in room 1285 after school Nov-Feb. Watch for announcements with more details.

**Jed Stutzman & Erik Trampush**

### DECA

DECA is a student organization that prepares the next generation to be academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced leaders. As a member you will have the opportunity to participate in community service projects, social outings, and professional development activities. Members are also eligible to compete at the district, state, and international level. When juniors and seniors sign up for marketing classes, they automatically become a DECA member.

**Brittnie Holden**

### DND Club (Dungeons & Dragons)

This club gets together to teach and play DND in groups. Meetings are on Mondays in the Commons from 3:15-4:30

**Will O'Brien**

### Eco Warriors

Students joined together to fight for a more sustainable school, community, and planet. All are welcome! Meeting day/time TBD

**Alicia Howe**

### Equestrian Team

The goal of our equestrian team is to promote growth in horsemanship education and to encourage interscholastic participation. We ride horses, learn new techniques and have fun with our friends and horses.

**Sheila Topper**

### FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA members may participate in competitions against other State and National FBLA members. They may also get involved in various community and social events as determined by the club's leaders. The only requirement for membership is that a student be enrolled in a business course.

**Brittnie Holden**

### FCA-Fellowship Of Christian Athletes

Everyone is welcome to join Memorial's Fellowship of Christian Athletes' "Huddle" which meets every Tuesday Morning 7-7:30am in the north side of the Commons beginning mid-September. We always have free PANCAKES, fun, and an encouraging Christian message. The group is led by student-athletes.

**Andrew Draper & Christina Schroeder**

Sign up for reminders and announcements with Remind101 by texting "@ecmhsfca" to 81010. Please contact Track Coach Andrew Draper [adraper@fca.org](mailto:adraper@fca.org) or a student leader with any questions!

In the summer, Sports and Leadership Camps are an awesome opportunity for anyone interested! Check out the fun: [wisconsinfca.org/camps](http://wisconsinfca.org/camps)

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### **FCCLA**

**Michelle Bassett-Shermo**

FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) members develop leadership skills through local, regional, state and national competition as well as various community service projects. There are social activities as well as fundraising activities to fund member activities. FCCLA membership is open to any Memorial student.

### **FFA – Agriscience**

**Bry Patrouille**

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Eau Claire Area FFA has a number of activities to help develop these areas such as: Breakfast on the Farm, Leadership Development Events, fundraisers, Career Development Events, leadership conferences/workshops and the State and National FFA Convention.

### **Film Club**

**Matt Palm**

Film Club is open to any student interested in helping produce movies. Students may write scripts, act, film, and/or produce movies depending on their individual interests. We are a fun group full of great ideas. Meet in room 1375. Meeting day/time TBD

### **Forensics (fee)**

**Johannah Erffmeyer**

Students involved in forensics speak competitively in either interpretive or public speaking events. Forensics is for both the accomplished speaker and those who wish to become comfortable with speaking in public. The season runs from late November to April with meets on Saturdays. This is a team sport with regular weekly practices. There is an annual state tournament for qualifying team members.

### **French Club**

**Celena Smith Reuter**

French club is an extra-curricular activity for students interested in French language and culture. (You don't have to be in a French class to participate in French club!) French club meets periodically throughout the year to enjoy cultural activities, go on trips, eat great food and have lots of French fun. Come to one event or all of them! See Madame Smith Reuter in 1965 for more information or talk to someone in French V.

### **Game Club**

**Rochelle Draper**

Game Club is returning! Join us on Thursdays after school from 3:00-4:00 in room 2116. This is a great place for you to meet new people who share similar interests. You are welcome to bring any games or portable gaming devices if you'd like (so long as they're school-appropriate!). Members enjoy playing card games, board games and video games!

### **Gender Sexuality Awareness (GSA)**

**Nicole Dixon & Daniel Morgan**

The Gender and Sexuality Awareness Club (GSA) aims to support the LGBTQA+ community and to bring an awareness to the issues that the LGBTQA community faces. By spreading knowledge and hosting events, the group hopes to create camaraderie and advocacy throughout the community. All are welcome to come and share ideas and lend a hand. Meetings will be held after school in room 1910 on Thursdays.

### **Hiking Club**

**Josh Fisher**

This club is a way for students to experience nature and learn about what it has to offer. Meet in Mr. Fisher's room 2115 Tuesdays after school.

### **Improv Team**

**Amber Dernbach**

The Memorial Improv Team consists of students who audition in the fall each school year. This select group works throughout the entire academic year on refining skills and fundamentals of improvisational theater. The team produces at least five shows, providing intensely focused and inevitably hilarious entertainment to students and the community. The Memorial Improv Team has established itself as a highly prestigious and respected program for the art of improvisation.

### **Intramural Basketball**

**Brittnie Holden**

Intramural basketball is open to guys and gals! We start the season approximately the second week of December. Teams need 10 players on a team, the name of their team and a team contact person. Participants can hand information in to Ms. Holden in room 1255.

### **Intramural Volleyball**

**Clint Alexander**

Student-created teams will compete against each other. Games will be held on Wednesday nights for 5 weeks in the Fall. They will run from 6:30-8:30 in the gyms.

### **Japanese Club**

**Hiroko Nagai**

Do you want to share Japanese language and culture with people? We will visit elementary schools and middle schools to teach them simple Japanese. Ms. Nagai provides teaching ideas and materials. No Japanese experience required. (This counts for your volunteer hours.) We also have a fun Japanese activity every other month.

### **Jewish Cultural Appreciation Club (JCAC)**

**Daniel Morgan**

All Memorial students interested in learning about Jewish culture can join to participate in Jewish activities and cultural practices. This club will also learn about 7 celebrate Jewish holidays. Meetings will be held every other Thursday during ELT.

### **JPA-Junior Physicians of America**

**Erik Hill Phelps**

Junior Physicians Club is strongly encouraged for students interested in a career in medicine. All students are welcome. Learn more about health occupations and the human body. Volunteer at local hospitals. Achieve your dreams in the medical field.

### **Key Club**

**Rebecca Mattson & Tiffany Goetz**

Key Club is dedicated to community service sponsored by Kiwanis Club International. It is open to all students who want to develop leadership skills, make friends and provide community service.

### **LINK Crew**

**Erin Layde**

LINK Crew is a program designed to allow senior students to act as mentors, friends and ambassadors from Memorial High School to the incoming freshman class. It involves a first day orientation for the freshman led by the link leaders which includes an assembly, a small group breakout time, and a building tour. We seek all kinds of students with all kinds of interests for this position.

### **Math League**

**Math Department**

Math League consists of a series of six math contests offered through the Wisconsin Mathematics League. The tests are given once a month from October through April. During each contest participating students answer six challenging math questions. The students compete against other Wisconsin schools, and results are submitted and available online. All contests are held after school.

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### Memorial Multicultural Club

**Andrea Benesh**

To promote understanding, awareness, and appreciation of students' diverse ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds. Students will celebrate their cultures and traditions while sharing and making connections with others. Students will participate in projects and excursions that celebrate diversity. Open to ALL students.

### Mindfulness Club

**Amber Dernbach**

Are you feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or a little out of control? If you are looking for ways to deal with these feelings, join the New Mindfulness Club!! Mindfulness helps clear and strengthen your mind helping with problem solving and your reactions to everyday events. Meetings will be on Wednesdays from 3-3:30, in the Mindfulness Room (in Student Services). Everyone is welcome.

### Muralists

**Jenna Ruder**

The Muralists is a group of visionaries whose purpose is the beautification of Memorial High School. We meet on Thursdays in room 1385 from 3:00-4:00.

### NHS-National Honor Society

**Emilee McHorney**

NHS is a select group of students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and have demonstrated the qualities of leadership, character, service, and scholarship. Students who wish to be part of NHS must submit a formal application letter and resume to a faculty review committee during the second semester of their sophomore or junior year. Membership is subject to faculty review and NHS membership requirements.

### OldAbesRead (OAR)

**Becky Wojahn**

OAR is an umbrella group for readers. Activities include book clubs, literacy events, Battle of the Books, displays, reading challenges, or simply meeting with other book lovers at lunch in the library.

### Orchestra

**Soma Pierce-Smit**

If you have a love for playing stringed instruments, this is the place for you. Well known for our amazing talents, these elective courses in Orchestra- Concert Orchestra, Old Abe Orchestra, Entry Level Orchestra- will enhance your MHS experience.

### Partners Club

**Matt Palm & Erin Layde**

Partners Club is a social club that connects mainstream students at Memorial with students with special needs. Monthly events include activities such as pumpkin carving, arts and crafts activities, attending MHS sporting events, finger painting, bench making and various collaborative activities with agencies outside MHS.

### Pay It Forward

**Sara Kallstrom**

"Pay It Forward" is a student-led club that focuses its attention on one local charity each year. Members will research various charities and support one in various ways, including fundraising. All donations raised would be presented to their chosen charity. The club is open to all students who have an interest in interpersonal communication, creative thinking, marketing, event planning and/or community outreach.

### Project 7 Memorial

**Chris Janssen**

This is a club for young Christians to gather in fellowship. Meetings will be held Thursdays in Mr. Janssen's room 2104 from 3:00-3:40.

### Prom Committee

**Christina Schroeder**

Prom committee's members change each year as the committee is made up of members from the Junior class. Prom committee members meet with Mrs. Schroeder starting second semester to begin Prom planning. The committee decides on decoration, menu, music, theme, and other details. Any member of the Junior class is welcome to join. See Ms. Schroeder in the library and watch for announcements.

### Recycling Club

**Lauren Davis**

The purpose of the Recycling Club is to encourage students and staff to recycle to reduce pollution and conserve our natural resources. We recycle 6<sup>th</sup> hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Red Cross Club

**Niki Anderson**

This club serves the Red Cross Mission by helping at blood drives, sharing awareness about community events, and holding fundraisers for the American Red Cross. This club will meet in room 2717 during ELT once a month.

### SAFE (formerly SADD) Students Advocating For Excellence

**Becca Seichter**

This is student-run group focused on peer-to-peer education. SAFE can be an open space for students to talk to their peers about topics like alcohol, tobacco, substance misuse, mental health, healthy relationships, driving, and more. Activities and activism related to these issues may include the Mock car crash, mental health cards, learning from and meeting with students from other schools, and volunteer activities. If you are interested in Joining SAFE, reach out to your peers or the advisor

### Ski and Snowboard Club

**Jed Stutzman**

Are you looking for something to do this December through March? Do you enjoy the fresh air and being outdoors? If so, then join the Memorial Ski and Snowboard Club! Whether you are just starting out on the bunny hill or you are an experienced black diamond pro, Memorial Ski and Snowboard Club is designed for all abilities! Come hang out with friends on the slopes and develop a recreational you can use for many years to come! Talk to Mr. Stutzman if interested.

### Skills USA (VICA)

**Lisa Crotty-Nelson**

Students in VICA compete twice a year focusing on leadership activities and skill development. VICA also integrates job interviews, speeches, and extemporaneous speaking. Some of the skills developed by members are in the fields of electronics, drafting, engineering, photography, small engines, computer networking, and other life-skill fields.

### Spanish Club

**Jeff Hansen**

Spanish Club is open to all students in Spanish classes. Students organize activities to enhance their Spanish language skills and engage in the Hispanic culture. Opportunities are available to host students from Spanish speaking countries. Also a student trip is offered bi-annually for students enrolled in upper level Spanish courses who wish to experience the Spanish language and culture first-hand.

### Special Olympics

**Stephanie Travis**

Through year-round sports training and athletic competition, Special Olympics builds self-esteem, fosters courage, and teaches valuable lessons about striving, winning, losing, and trying again. Athletes with cognitive disabilities, age eight to eighty, participate in Olympic-type sports. The athletes are given the continuing opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy. Here, they find a place of acceptance, friendship, respect, and belonging. ECASD Special Olympics athletes have the opportunity to participate in bowling, basketball, track, and swimming.

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### **Student Council**

**Christina Schroeder**

Student Council (STUCO) is the student government at Memorial. Members of Student Council are elected by their classmates each year. STUCO represents students' interests in regular meetings with administration to address student concerns, issue grants to students, teachers, and clubs, and organize activities to promote school spirit. We also host many different events throughout the year to either help the school or community (such as Club Rush and the spring American Red Cross Blood Drive) or to raise funds to help support our grant program (such as Winter Formal, Kickball Tournament, Spring Talent show, etc.). If you've got suggestions, questions, concerns or comments on how to make MHS even better or what concerns you have, we want to know! Contact one of your representatives or find us on Facebook (Eau Claire Memorial Student Council) or on Twitter (@ecmhsstuco)!

### **Student Library Advisory Board (SLAB)**

**Becky Wojahn**

SLAB is a group of students committed to working closely with the library to improve its services and make it a welcoming, student-centered space. SLAB helps to plan events, makes recommendations for purchases, and shares student needs with the library staff.

### **Theatre Performances**

**Amber Dernbach**

Theatre productions happen each Fall and Spring. Every other year, the production is a school musical (see Choir webpage). Students are also able to perform in the annual Fine Arts night held each May. Casting for all three productions is by audition and all rehearsals and technical work sessions are after school and on weekends. Students can learn more about how to get involved in the theatre season each year by checking the Theatre bulletin board outside the Little Theatre or stopping by Ms. Dernbach's classroom 1284. Students are also able to take courses in acting, directing, stage craft, and documentary theatre during the school day. These classes, and the students involved in extra curriculars, go on many field trips throughout the year to see plays and musicals in the area. Email Ms. Dernbach at [adernbach@ecasd.us](mailto:adernbach@ecasd.us) with questions about classes or auditions. There are lots of creative jobs behind the scenes. Students are a crucial component in making props, costumes, constructing and painting sets, running sound and light systems, and creating promotional materials. Participating in MHS Theatre gives students an opportunity to engage in leadership, work collaboratively, and hone communication skills both on and off stage.

### **Trap Shooting Club**

**Ron Bowers**

The Eau Claire Area High School Trap team named Clearwater Explosion is a competitive trap shooting team. Beginners to advanced shooters from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through college are invited to participate. Trap begins in late March and runs through mid-June at the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club. Practices and competitions are on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

### **UGHANA ROCK!**

**Dominic Domeyer**

UGHANA ROCK! hosts an annual benefit concert at Memorial High School to raise money for The Potters Village in Ghana. Rock Band auditions are held a month in advance. Watch for announcements or see advisor with questions.

### **USABO**

**Erik Hill Phelps**

A club to prepare for and ultimately participate in the Biolympiad open exam. The club will meet in room 2171 after school.

### **Writer's Club**

**Kiersten Vetsch**

Students will use time to learn writing skills and work on projects, contests and personal writings. Meetings will be held in 1235 from 3:00-4:00 on Thursdays.

### **Yearbook Staff**

**Kathy Campbell de Loyo**

Yearbook is a separate year-long class that can be taken through school. Students will design, create, and distribute the yearbook for a spring delivery.

### **Young Democrats**

**Eric Rasmussen**

Young Democrats is a group of students interested in the political process. It is for anyone who supports the principles of democracy. Members meet regularly during the voting season and get involved in local political campaigns. Meeting day/time TBD

### **Young Life**

**Eric Dasher**

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian ministry that reaches out to teenagers through volunteers, staff, club meetings and camps. We meet Mondays at 7:37pm at 5079 Highway 53.