



THE EAGLE'S EYE



Newsletter of the Memorial High Community

August 2021

Memorial High School * Eau Claire, WI

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WELCOME TO THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR!

We hope this letter finds our Memorial families enjoying the summer. With the return to school rapidly approaching, we are preparing to welcome all new and returning students to MHS for the 2021-22 school year.

Improvements to the building for the fall include enhancements to the Culinary Labs and the addition of a handicapped accessible lift in the gym. World Language classrooms will now be found in the Arlington Wing of the school, as well as several other staff who have been relocated around the building, so please check your schedule and room numbers! Our Building and Grounds and Instructional Technology Departments have worked diligently to prepare the building for the Fall. Thanks to all who have contributed to ensure a smooth start.

Student class schedules became available on August 2nd in [Skyward](#). If you need a printed schedule, the school offices are open Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the remainder of the summer. Our School Counselors return to the building the week of August 16-19 to assist with schedule changes, academic questions, and other assistance you might need. No appointments are necessary. Walk-ins will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Parking permits can also be purchased during this time in the business office.

The LINK orientation day for incoming 9th graders is Monday, August 30th. Details can be found in this mailing. Our student leaders will welcome all 9th grade students, conduct mini team-building activities, and offer tours of the building. Freshmen will also meet their teachers as they walk through their schedules and lunch shifts. Our LINK program is an effective orientation program for our incoming 9th graders that eases many immediate concerns about the transition to a new school. Please watch for further information about this event in an upcoming letter.

On Wednesday, September 1, ALL students will report for the start of school. The [bell schedules](#) this year include time on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays for an enhancement and intervention block of time. Students will be able to receive additional academic assistance and support. The bell schedules are available on the Memorial High School webpage and can be found in this document.

This school year, we are excited to bring several new staff members to Memorial. They are sure to bring many great experiences and opportunities for our students. Our hope is you will get to meet each of these great additions to the Memorial community during the school year. Please welcome:

Logan Boettcher	Phy-Ed
Luke Dovre	Math
Alyssa Gottfredsen	Math
Kyle Kaufman	Social Studies
Rob Scott	Alternative Education
Don Tichey	Tech Ed
Lynn Verdon	World Languages-German
<i>More TBD.....</i>	

Memorial High School strives to prepare all students for post-secondary success. We continue to challenge students with excellent career and college readiness offerings and opportunities. This year we will increase our work to enhance student achievement through our work with classroom instructional and assessment practices that meet the needs of all learners. With the return to a “normal” school year, we anticipate some growing pains in the transition. MHS has over 140 caring adults to assist with all students.

We offer numerous [co-curricular and after-school activities](#) that are intended to enrich student learning outside of the classroom. Our goal is to provide an experience that enhances the MHS journey for all our learners.

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 at Memorial!

Go Abes!
Dave Oldenberg, Principal
715-852-6310

TEACHING ABES TO SOAR AT MEMORIAL



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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. 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 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.

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 Associate Principals. For more, see [ECASD attendance policy 431](#).

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.

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

2021-22 SAVE THE DATES



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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. 13, 2021	11
ACT Plus Writing	Mar. 2022 TBD	11
WI Forward Exam	TBD	10
ACT Aspire	Spring 2022 TBD	9-10
AP Testing(Optional)	May 2-13, 2022	9-12

FAMILY / TEACHER CONFERENCES

**** Please note: ALL schools closed****

Walk-in Family / Teacher conferences will be held at Memorial in the fall and spring again this school year:

FALL: Thursday Oct. 14, 2021 (7:45 a.m.-8:15 p.m.)

SPRING: Thursday Feb. 24, 2022 (7:45 a.m.-8:15 p.m.)

SCHOOL PICTURES

Pictures will be taken on September 3 during school.

- Order forms will be available on the counters of the front offices
- Order and pay online with [MyLifetouch link](#) using ID: EVTD8MFRZ
- Retakes will be on October 21 at no charge
- 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.

MHS HOMECOMING:

Parade and Game – October 8, 2021

Dance @ MHS – October 9, 2021

MHS PROM:

May 14, 2022 @ Florian Gardens

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

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

NOTE: Date is before school starts for ALL students on Wed. 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: Monday, August 30, 10:00am 1:30 pm
(arrive 15 minutes early for check in)

NOTE: Date is before school starts for ALL students on Wed. 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

Free hot lunch!! (Optional: bring own lunch)

Transportation: School bus

transportation is available for bus eligible students (students who live more than 2 miles from Memorial High School).

More Information: Details about LINK Freshmen Orientation and an RSVP regarding attendance and busing needs was sent in a Skyward blast on July 22. See on [MHS homepage](#) (News & Announcements).

FAMILIES & STUDENTS NEW TO MHS

Welcome to Memorial! There will be an informational meeting in the Little Theater on August 30 from 1:30-3:00 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 (including 10th graders that were 100% virtual in 2020-21) are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please email counselor Ms. Kristi Herbenson, at kherbenson@ecasd.us

UNIVERSITY/TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPLICATION

Universities start accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year on **August 1, 2021**.

Technical Colleges began processing applications for the 2020-21 school year on **May 1, 2021**.

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

The entire [2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#) can be found under **CALENDARS on the **ECASD website**.*

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES



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BELL SCHEDULE – E.L.T. Mon, Wed, Fri		
48 minute classes		
Early Bird	Class	6:30-7:18
Period 1	Class	7:35-8:23
Period 2	Class	8:28-9:16
Extended Learning Time	Class	9:21-9:58
Period 3	Class	10:03-10:51
Period 4	Class	10:56-11:44
Period 5A	Class	11:49-12:37
	2 nd Lunch	12:42-1:12
Period 5B	1 st Lunch	11:49-12:19
	Class	12:24-1:12
Period 6	Class	1:17-2:05
Period 7	Class	2:10-2:58

BELL SCHEDULE – Tuesday & Thursday		
54 minute classes		
Early Bird	Class	6:30-7:24
Period 1	Class	7:35-8:29
Period 2	Class	8:34- 9:28
Period 3	Class	9:33- 10:27
Period 4	Class	10:32-11:26
Period 5A	Class	11:31-12:25
	2 nd Lunch	12:30- 1:00
Period 5B	1 st Lunch	11:31-12:01
	Class	12:06-1:00
Period 6	Class	1:05- 1:59
Period 7	Class	2:04- 2:58

ALPHABET BREAKDOWN FOR COUNSELORS:

Heather Kapanke hkapanke@ecasd.us A-C & EL
 TBD D-I
 Michelle Moss mmoss@ecasd.us J-Mo
 Jane Corning jadlercorning@ecasd.us Mr-Sn
 Kristi Herbenson kherbenson@ecasd.us So-Z

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

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

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Schedules can be viewed on Skyward as of Aug. 2 but are subject to change prior to the start of school. Please do not print out the final schedule until the week before school starts in the event of any changes being made to classes, room assignments, teacher etc.

Lunch Schedule:

- If you have 5A class, you eat lunch from 12:42-1:12 on M-W-F, and 12:30-1:00 on T-Th
- If you have 5B class, you eat lunch from 11:49-12:19 on M-W-F, and 11:31-12:01 on T-Th

Locker Combinations:

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

Counselors will only be available to assist with scheduling issues the week of August 16-19 from 7:30-3:00. Students will be seen on a walk-in style, first-come, first-served basis. No appointments necessary. If a study hall is desired each semester and it is not scheduled, please come in during this time. **Otherwise, schedule changes will only be allowed to meet graduation or post-secondary requirements.**

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%

2021-2022 HIGH SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION



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Meal pricing for this school year has not been determined at this time. Pricing will be available in the food and nutrition section of the District mailing. You can also check the [ECASD Food and Nutrition page](#) for information as it becomes available. Information about menus, free & reduced meals, etc. is also included.

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.

WEEKEND MEAL PROGRAM:

ECASD offers Weekend Kid's Meals to all students. The purpose of the program is to provide food for students for the weekend when school meals are not available, and the program is offered through Feed My People Food Bank. The is **no cost** and there are no income guidelines or requirements. Any student is welcome to participate and is free to withdraw from the program at any time. **Please be aware that meals are not screened for students with food allergies.** If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Memorial's Partnership Coordinator at 715-852-6307.

[Click here to sign-up online](#) or check the [ECASD Weekend Kids Meals webpage](#) for more information.



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.

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.

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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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, DPI and the ECASD policy 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 send both documents to the district [Enrollment secretary](#) or the [MHS secretary](#).

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY HELP

Memorial holds an After School Open Lab in the library on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00. Students can work on homework quietly at a table, use the computers, or receive individual tutoring.

Check with counselors for details and other available homework help.

MHS PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR

Our Partnership Coordinator (PC) is TBD. 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. 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 the PC at 715-852-6307.

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.





SENIOR PICTURE YEARBOOK REQUIREMENTS

Seniors, your senior picture is due by **November 1, 2021** for the **2022** yearbook. Submit your picture using the following criteria and [email to Ms. Sylte](#):

- **Head and shoulder** portrait (upright) vs. a landscape image (sideways) picture.
- *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
- 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](#). A letter will be sent home to seniors who miss the deadline. For your peace of mind, we will mail home a letter in November, if we **don't** have your picture. If you receive a letter or aren't shown on the list, please email a picture to csylte@ecasd.us by December 1. A list of seniors we have received senior pictures from for 2021 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 2022 YEARBOOK

2022 yearbooks may be purchased online at [Jostens](#) or by sending a check for **\$49.99** to Ms. Sylte in room 1235 across from Student Services 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 a Back-to-School price and will increase as the school year progresses. Buy early to save money!

EXTRA 2021 YEARBOOKS MAY BE AVAILABLE

Any yearbooks that haven't been picked up will be available for sale beginning November 1, 2021 for \$60. Bring cash or a check payable to Memorial High School to room 1235 across from Student Services.

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.

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

PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits will be sold starting Aug. 16 in the business office from 7:00 a.m.-3:30 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 13.

WORK PERMIT INFORMATION

Work permits are required for every new job a student has **until they turn 16**. They are available in Student Services or from the School Secretary. The student must be present and needs the following:

- * Legal Proof of Age (Wisconsin Driver's License, or Learner's Permit, or Wisconsin Photo ID card, or Birth Certificate, or Baptism Certificate)
- * Letter from Employer (include business address, phone number, and type of work minor will be doing)
- * Letter from Parent/Guardian (giving permission for minor to work for this employer)
- * Social Security Card or tax return including student's Social Security number
- * \$10.00 (cash or check written to MHS)

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](#). Our representatives are:

Anne Hartman
Gail Hanson Brenner
Christine Brown
Jenna Murphy
Sub: Janice Moe

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brennegm@uwec.edu
christine@exch.npkua.org
southards@hotmail.com
twinklemaoes@gmail.com



OLD ABE ATHLETICS

From the Athletic Director – Kevin Thompson:

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 (Meeting held 7-19-21)

Student/Athletes who missed the meeting must:

1. Complete [electronic registration](#) PLUS
 - Turn hardcopy of [WIAA Physical Form](#) into athletic office
 - Pay athletic fee

The ECASD is in the process of finalizing the Sports Fee Form and the option to pay electronically by credit card. The ECASD will soon be ready to accept payments online through MySchoolBucks (the same platform currently used for meal accounts) or by check/cash.
2. Contact coach of chosen sport for important details regarding the season.
3. Contact athletic director about video pertaining to the athletic code meeting.

Athletes need to complete the above 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!



Non-Athletic Competitive Activity Fees

Students participating in activities such as forensics, mock trial, academic decathlon, high quiz will pay a fee of approximately \$50 per activity. All students who qualify for reduced price meals will pay half the fee and those who qualify for free meals will pay no fee. Like the athletic fees, cash/check payments will be paid at the Board Office and forms and online payment option will be available soon - additional information to come!

Questions? Contact Mandy at the district business office 852-3016 or mbrackett@ecasd.us

Alliance for Substance Misuse 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 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.

PHY-ED ITEMS NEEDED

All students will be required to purchase a Physical Education t-shirt for the school year. Shirts will cost \$5 and can be purchased from the Physical Education department at Memorial during the first week of each semester. These shirts can be used for Physical Education throughout their high school career. Students who still have their shirt from the past school year will not be required to purchase a new one. Also, students are required to wear athletic pants/shorts and tennis shoes for class, so please plan accordingly.

2021-22 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

View the [High School Supply list here](#) for all supplies needed. It can also be found at local retail 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.

MHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

-Auditions for the Fall Comedy weekend, including 3 one act plays and MHS Improv team, will Sept. 13-14. Show dates are Nov. 12-14.
-Auditions for the Spring Musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" are Feb. 22-23. Show dates April 29-May 1.
-For information on the plays or improv see [Ms. Dernbach](#). Want to learn more about the musical? See [Ms. K](#) or [Mr. Domeyer](#). Both semesters we need set designers and builders, lighting designers and operators, and stage managers. Get involved!

MEMORIAL IMC NOTES & NEWS

Summer Reading

- School may not be in session, but **Sora**, our digital library, is still available. Download eBooks and audiobooks to your computer, tablet, or phone anytime by [clicking here](#)
- Browse magazines online through **Flipster** (username memorial, password oldabes#2).

Coming Up This Fall

MHS IMC hosts several groups and activities. Stay tuned for more information on:

- **Project LIT** - part book club; part service club for literacy projects
- **Battle of the Books** - a team reading competition. [Click here to start reading the list of books now.](#)
- **Fab Lab** - a new makerspace for coding and construction is coming to our IMC!

Hang On to Your Student ID

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.

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. You can [email Dr. Xiong](#) or reach her 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.



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.
3. Starting Monday, June 14, masks will be optional for our summer school staff and students. We have been encouraged by our current COVID-19 numbers in the community. Our District staff and student data is also promising. This decision also allows us to continue our other mitigation procedures and promote possible testing and screening to prepare for the fall. Because there will be fewer people in our buildings over the summer compared to the school year, there will be more space for students.

Please note that individuals who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear masks. ECASD will continue to examine our community metrics throughout the summer and may make adjustments to our policy as needed based on factors like community viral rates and spread, vaccine eligibility, and vaccination rates in our county.

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

GRADUATION - FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022!!

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 Friday May 27th! 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, 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! You can find information about the [senior graduation party on the MHS website](#). Check back after school starts for the active link to a volunteer sign up! We will also have a table at Family/Teacher Conferences.

For more information and/or questions, contact Caro Johnson caro@andycaros.com or 715-450-5478. We hope to hear from you!!

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.

*Families have until **September 21, 2021** to inform the school that all or part of any directory data may not be released without their prior consent.*

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



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