



Memorial High School Weekly

Home of the Old ABES

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Memorial High School Calendar

January

7	Math League – Cohort B
14 & 15	Cohort B Final Exams
18 & 19	Cohort A Final Exams
20	End of SEC Marking Period
26	Report Cards Mailed Home

February

9	Math League – Cohort A
11	Math League – Cohort B
25	Virtual Family / Teacher Conferences, 3:15-7:15pm

March

2	No School – Virtual Family / Teacher Conferences
9	ACT Testing – Cohort A
10	ACT Testing – Cohort C
11	ACT Testing – Cohort B
19	End of 3 rd Quarter
29-31	Spring Break – All Schools Closed

April

1 & 2	Spring Break – All Schools Closed
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[Updated 2020-21 ECASD Calendar](#)

Important Links

Memorial High School Website

Memorial High School At-Home Learning Page.
This is where you will find **Canvas instructions**, teacher resources and materials, staff directory with emails, and test prep

COVID-19 correspondence from ECASD

EC Area Community Food and Other Resources

Breakfast Menu, Lunch Menu and Pickup
Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Archives of MHS Weekly Newsletters

Order 2020-2021 School Yearbook

Technical Support for all ECASD families is available from 8:00AM - 3:00PM Monday through Friday by calling 715-852-3411

MHS News and Announcements

FINAL EXAMS

Final exams will be held January 14 & 15 for Cohort B and January 18 & 19 for Cohort A. No alternative schedule will be used this year. Please review your students' Skyward account prior to final exams and connect with the classroom teacher if you have questions or concerns regarding the information found in Skyward. Report cards will be mailed home on Tuesday, January 26.

Please note updated 2020-21 ECASD Calendar – Classes are held on Monday, January 18.

REGISTRATION IS GETTING CLOSE

February 2021 will mark the start of next year's registration process. Please start looking at your ACP guide and selecting courses for next year. Watch for more information soon!

8th GRADE PREVIEW NIGHT

Memorial High School invites 8th grade students, parents, and caregivers to view the Virtual 8th Grade Preview. The 8th Grade Preview videos will be available on the Memorial website on Friday, January 8 with a live Q & A on Monday, January 11 at 6pm. For more information, please refer to the letter that was sent home or the Skyward email that will be sent on Monday, January 11.

FREE COVID-19 ANTIGEN TESTING at MEMORIAL THROUGH JANUARY 31st

MHS Antigen testing site is suited for people over the age of 5 who are NOT experiencing symptoms. Tests are FREE! The testing site is opened Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from 12-8pm and registration on the day of the test is required at <https://www.doineedacovid19test.com/>. Please contact the Eau Claire City-County Health Department at 715-831-7425 with questions regarding the antigen testing.

OLD ABE ATHLETICS LIVESTREAM

All home varsity events, and most home lower-level events will be live streamed. Go to: <https://ecasd.ensemblevideo.com/OldAbeTV> for view and [Eau Claire Memorial \(bigriversconference.org\)](http://Eau Claire Memorial (bigriversconference.org)) for athletics calendar.

TEEN SUPPORT GROUPS

A student support group is designed to give teens a safe place to talk about concerns, manage stress, share ideas, help others, and make new friends too. Please see the new Teen Support Group brochure [HERE](#) or in Module 2 of Student Services Canvas which details more specific information about support groups. If you have any questions or would like to join a Teen Support Group, please email your School Counselor using your Outlook school email. *We care about you! Student Services Staff*

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Check out our updated [Community Food and Other Resources Document](#) for January. The Old Abe Food Pantry is also available to all Memorial student and families. Stop by Student Services or contact Val Logan, Memorial's Partnership Coordinator at 715-852-6307 or vlogan@ecasd.us for assistance.

WINTER WEATHER PLAN

Click [HERE](#) to read ECASD's plans for emergency weather days.

JANUARY SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

Check out the [January Family Engagement Newsletter](#) from our ECASD Special Education Department.

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FROM ECASD NURSING DEPARTMENT

Mental health is relative to our physical and daily wellbeing, in COVID times and otherwise. Please check out the [ECASD Nursing Department webpage](#) and [newsletters](#) which is updated monthly with information and resources on how to improve and maintain healthy thought processes, attitudes, practices, and relationships - for both adults and children.

PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT: FEBRUARY 1 – APRIL 30, 2021

Wisconsin residents in grades 4K-12 may apply to attend school in a school district other than the one in which they live. For example: a child that lives in the Altoona School District could apply to attend the Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD). Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call ECASD Administration Department at 852-3003 to find out if their preschool-aged child(ren) qualify.

Students who are currently attending ECASD through open enrollment DO NOT need to reapply.

The open enrollment application for the 2021-22 school year is February 1 – April 30, 2021. An online application will be available to the public beginning Monday, February 1, and closing at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2021. For more information about open enrollment, please go to: <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.

Have you moved outside of the Eau Claire School District this year? If so, you need to complete a **Tuition Waiver** form. Contact ECASD Administration Department for more information at 852-3003.

People of the Pandemic

MHS Documentary Theatre class is where the arts meet activism. This year the class is working on a project



called People of the Pandemic. We need you, the Memorial community, to share your stories. Students, families, staff, alumni, retirees – we want to hear from you. Send us a selfie in a mask, or a brief (under 30 seconds) video about why you wear a mask or who you wear a mask for. If you would like to share your personal experience with Covid, email us at mhs.documentarytheatre@gmail.com This is a work in progress, and we look forward to sharing it with you as it evolves. Check it out at [People of the Pandemic \(google.com\)](http://PeopleofthePandemic.google.com).

Cohort C – Material Pickup

The next 100% Virtual/Cohort C pickup will be from 2-4PM on FRIDAY, January 15, at Door #15. Students should send requests no later than 12 noon on TUESDAY 1/12 to kroffers@ecasd.us. Your teachers will post the title of any book, workbook, or other materials you need to pick up that week in Canvas. Nothing posted, nothing to pick up. You will only get a response if there is a question. Study Sync workbooks do not need an e-mail. Please pick-up previous requests or they will be checked back in.

Future Cohort C pickup dates: 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26/ 4/16, 4/30 and 5/14



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Old Abe Track and Field

All athletes (Male or Female) who are interested in Track and Field this spring should go to the following link and fill out the sign-up form. Signing up will get you on the communication list.

Please address any questions to Coach Fritz. cfritz@ecasd.us

Sign up link: <https://tinyurl.com/Abetrack2021>

JOIN FORENSICS

The Memorial High School forensics season is starting up again this year! Learn how to speak about what is important to you in a way that makes others listen. Unsurprisingly, the upcoming 2021 forensics season is going to be unlike any past season. Many tournaments this year will be held virtually and there may be restrictions on group categories to encourage social distancing.

To sign up for Forensics, email coach Peterson at mpeterson1@ecasd.us or visit the Activities tab on the Memorial HS home page and click "Forensics."



Co-ed Intramural Basketball

If you are interested in playing intramural basketball second semester, this is for you! Starting January 20, co-ed intramural basketball is back and will be held on Wednesdays through February 17. If you are interested in playing, please see the folders on Ms. Hebert's classroom door, Room 1280, for a sign-up sheet. We are hoping to keep cohorts separated, so please look for the sign-up sheet designated for your cohort. Accordingly, your roster of players needs to be cohort specific. Depending on participation, we may have to combine cohorts, so please keep that in mind when deciding to participate. **Sign up deadline is Thursday, January 14, so be sure to get your rosters in!**

Class of 2021 Announcements

It is time to order your cap, gown, stole and 2021 tassel for MHS Graduation on Thursday, May 27. Order forms from Jostens were mailed to your home earlier this week and are due back by **Friday, January 15**. For graduation, you will need the Cap & Gown Outfit located on the back side of the order form for \$48.00. If you are borrowing a cap and gown you will only need to order the stole and & tassel for \$25.00



Questions on Jostens orders? Contact Ted Annis at Jostens: ted.annis@jostens.com, (715)832-0762, or text (715)271-7464. If you need financial assistance with your cap and gown order, please contact your students' counselor. **Don't forget to place your order by Friday, January 15!**

Seniors, please submit candid pictures for use on the senior portrait pages in the 2021 Yearbook. Email pictures to csylte@ecasd.us by January 13.



Check Spelling of Student Name in Skyward

Occasionally when senior students pick up their diploma in June, a student notices his/her name is spelled incorrectly. The spelling of the names is taken directly from the student's record in Skyward. Please check your student's name in Skyward to confirm that the spelling is correct. Also, confirm that it is their legal name. If either of these are incorrect, please stop by the Memorial High School Registrar's office with a copy of your birth certificate so your permanent records can be updated. **Diplomas will be ordered on February 25, 2021.** After this date, any corrections made will be the student's responsibility, including contacting Jostens directly and paying for any cost incurred. Thank you for taking a moment to double check.



CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS!



THEN

Charlie Thompson

Congratulations, Charlie! We're looking forward to seeing you bring your wit and savvy to the world of political science as you move into this next exciting chapter of your life.



NOW

SENIOR SHOUT-OUTS... MHS will continue with virtual shout-outs on Facebook for the Class of 2021. To make this successful, please send a "Then" and "Now" picture of your senior (.jpg or .png) along with a few sentences about your senior to vlogan@ecasd.us by **Wednesday, March 17**. These items will be put together in a fun template to share on social media. Be sure to check out Memorial's Facebook page [HERE](#) and like the page so you can see all senior posts beginning the week of March 22.

MHS Highlights

Frau Poss' German students continue the tradition of crafting gingerbread masterpieces for the annual competition. Below are the competition results and completed projects from our Old Abes.

Results:

- Most Winter Wonderland-Esque: #7, Christmas Cabin by Baela Funk
- Most Creative/ Out of the box: #11, Ski Chalet by Elijah Daniels, Ellison Kotz, Ryan Thews and Thomas Merkatoris
- Best theme: #1, Hospital by Katarina Augustyn
- Best Overall: A tie between #1, Hospital and #11, Ski Chalet
- Frau's Fav: (Frau Poss' personal favorite): #2 pastel Marshmallow Cabin, Gage Bosher



Nice Work Old Abes!



The Memorial Choirs hope you had a relaxing break! Here is one more song from the Eau Claire Memorial Madrigals to make you smile and to help you get through the month of January

12 Days of Christmas

Resources for All Cohorts

Virtual Learning Suggestions and Reminders

- Find a suitable location for learning
- Be prepared for class to start, following the bell schedule
- Expect teachers to record daily attendance
- Eliminate as many distractions as possible
- Turn on your camera while participating in class
- Actively engage in class
- Follow the ECASD dress code
- Check your classes Canvas page each day
- Ask your teacher or call 715-852-3411 for technology support
- Reminder that you have learning every day

Food Resources

- **FREE** breakfast and lunch are available at school, curbside pickup, and Meals on Yellow Wheels. Click [HERE](#) for schedule and locations.
- The **Old Abe Food Pantry** is available to all students and families. Students can stop by student services or contact Memorial Partnership Coordinator, Val Logan at 715-852-6307 or vlogan@ecasd.us.

Homework Help

- **Math Help** - virtual tutoring in math is offered through Microsoft Teams every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:15 – 4:15pm for all Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and Pre-Calc students. *Please contact your classroom teacher for the private link to get started. Students in other math classes needing extra assistance in math will need to contact their teacher directly and set up a time to get individual help.*
- **Blugold Beginnings** - UWEC Blugold Beginnings is once again offering virtual tutoring and mentoring through Microsoft Teams daily from 3pm-5pm with college student tutors. Student can get help with math, science, social studies, paper revisions, and helping with assignment calendaring and organizations. Students will be asked to sign a contract for permission to meet with tutors, please contact the K-12 Coordinator Elroy Perkin at perkin@uwec.edu or 715-836-5503 for the teams link, application, or with any questions.

Technical Support - is available from 8:00AM - 3:00PM Monday through Friday by calling 715-852-3411.

Teacher Virtual Office Hours – Go to the [MHS at Home Learning Page](#) for virtual office hours.

At Home Learning Page – Go to [MHS at Home Learning Page](#) for Canvas Help, Staff Directory, Virtual Office Hours.

Important Links for Students and Families

- Check out library books online, go to: ecasd.libguides.com/requests
- Check out [College/University Virtual Meetings/Tours](#) on the Student Services Canvas page to virtually visit and learn more about many Colleges and Universities.
- To view the updated list of scholarships posted go [MHS Student Services](#) page or the [Student Services Canvas](#)

It is a GREAT Day to be an Old Abe!