



Memorial High School Weekly

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Memorial High School Calendar

November

- 19 Virtual Family Teacher Conferences, 3:15-7:15pm
- 23 No School for Students
- Virtual Family Teacher Conferences, 8:00am-4:30pm
- 24-27 No School, Thanksgiving Break

December

- 8 Math League – Cohort A
- 10 Math League – Cohort B
- 20 Joel Raney Prize for Fiction narrative due

December 23-January 1 - All Schools Closed for Winter Break

[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

Thank you, Veterans!

Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor all who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank **living** veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

We recognize the following Memorial High School Staff who are Veterans:



Mr. Arthur R. Diaz
Retired Army SGT



Mr. Bob Peterson
U.S. Army



Mr. Greg Niemuth
U.S. Navy

Thank you to all Veterans for your service!



The Stars and Stripes Forever performed by the Old Abe Band
Click [HERE](#) to view the performance

MHS News, Announcements and Highlights

From Student Services

First of all, we would like to THANK all Old Abe families and caregivers for everything you are doing at home to support your child's education and mental health. You are doing a great job! To support you more at home we created this article which is the first of many more just for you. ❤️



Some things to try:

Make open and intentional communication a priority with your teen. Close the computer if you can or set the phone down to show your teen you are focused only on what they have to say. This is a great way to build family/child bonds and your teen will notice this!

Encourage and practice routines such as M-F are school days. On virtual days, get up and get dressed. Get ready for school. Help teen create a schedule for school days and post in a visible place so family knows schedule. For ex: Monday and Tuesdays, teen as live class session between 9 and 10:30. (Helps with organization too)

Promote Positives: Limit negative social media/news and promote positives. While we want to hear concerns and worries, teens and families need to know there is still a lot goodness in the world today.

Practice Gratitude and Mindfulness: For ex: Family can take turns daily and name three things you are **grateful for today**. (Mindfulness) Practice three deep breaths. Be in the moment. Self-care is critical for teens/families/caregivers too. We thank you and know families, caregivers, and teens are giving your very best every day during the pandemic.

Talk: If you need help and/or need to talk, please reach out. Call your School Counselor or another community resource listed on our webpage. **We care and want to help!** <https://www.ecasd.us/District/At-Home-Learning/Mental-Health>

Family Teacher Virtual Conferences - Thursday, Nov. 19 and Monday, Nov. 23



Stay Connected – Attend Virtual Family Teacher Conferences

Memorial will be hosting virtual Teacher/Family Conferences on **Thursday, November 19th from 3:15pm-7:15pm and again on Monday, November 23rd from 8:00am-4:30pm**. Families are welcome to participate in our conferences using Microsoft Teams, a video conferencing program, or via a phone call from our instructor. Families that would like to conference using Microsoft Teams will need to download the Teams app on a mobile device or use your student's ECASD-issued

technology. To schedule your conference time, please look for the email sent by each of your student's classroom teachers on Friday, October 30. **Learn more about how virtual conferences will work by watching the video at this link:** <https://ecasd.ensemblevideo.com/hapi/v1/contents/permalinks/Rt4p3PBz/view>

Cohort C – Material Pickup

The next 100% Virtual/Cohort C pickup will be from 2-4PM on FRIDAY, 11/20, at Door #15, please note new pickup location. Students should send requests no later than 12 noon on TUESDAY 11/17 to kruffers@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.

Attention Parents/Guardians of Students who are Enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) Course

AP

Last year, students enrolled in an AP course, who wanted to take the AP exam in May, had to register and pay in November to take the AP exam in May. If they did not, they were charged an additional \$40 per exam by College Board.

This year that penalty was eliminated by College Board, the testing company. In February, you will receive a letter and registration form in the mail and through email about registering and paying for the exam should your student decide to test. This

information will also be shared with your student. Please be mindful of this upcoming event in February. Testing is not required, however, encouraged. Students do not receive college credit for taking the class. They only receive college credit if they take and pass the exam. Each exam costs \$95 and there are fee waivers for those that qualify. If you have questions about this, please contact Jane Corning, counselor/AP coordinator at jadlercorning@ecasd.us or 715-852-6331.

Important Links for Students and Families

- Order your [2020-21 Memorial High School Yearbook](#). The price of the Yearbook will increase as the school year progresses. Buy early to save money!
- Check out [Student Services Canvas Page](#) for grade level updates, college application information, virtual learning support such as creating a M-F daily school schedule, **teacher office hours** and to locate important community, college, and career information.
- 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](#) page. **Memorial's Scholarship list was just updated.**
- Office hours for all MHS teachers are posted on the [Student Services Canvas Page](#).

THANK YOU!

Teacher Snacks for Virtual Conferences

Help us show appreciation to the staff of Memorial by providing store bought individual packaged snacks and drinks for Virtual Family Conferences on **Thursday, November 19**. Sign up is easy. Go to: [Snacks for MHS Staff](#) to review the available slots and click on the button to sign up. **Please drop off all donations by 10:00am on Thursday, November 19.**

FREE Breakfast and Lunch

The ECASD is excited to announce that the USDA has extended free breakfast and lunch for students 18 and under **through the end of the school year!** To-go meals at no cost can be picked up at our five secondary schools between 8:30-9:30 am Monday thru Friday based upon the school calendar. Meals are also being distributed through the School Meals on Yellow Wheels deliveries. In addition, students who eat school breakfast or lunch (not including a la carte when available) when at school in their cohorts will also be provided with those meals at no cost.



Seniors, want to verify the Yearbook received your senior picture? Please go to the Yearbook website and see the list of submissions. Keep in mind we are still processing pictures, and the list will be updated over the next week. As a safety measure, all seniors that did not submit a picture according to our records will receive a letter at home.

More Music from MHS Bands



Click [HERE](#) to view Easy Beat Cadence by the Old Abe Drumline

Eau Claire Memorial

Jazz III

Watermelon Man

Arr. Chris Sharp

Check it out [HERE](#)



Joel Raney Prize for Fiction Contest

Award winning author Nickolas Butler invites Memorial High School students to participate in the 4th annual Joel Raney Prize for Fiction writing contest.

Submission deadline is December 20th.

Click [HERE](#) for more details and start writing!

Need MHS Apparel?

Check out the online pop up school store. Copy and paste this link into your browser:

<https://chippewavalleysportinggoods.itemorder.com/>

Code: ECMDW20

Students can pick up items from Ms. Prock's room or choose to have items shipped to your home.

Last Day to order is November 15th.

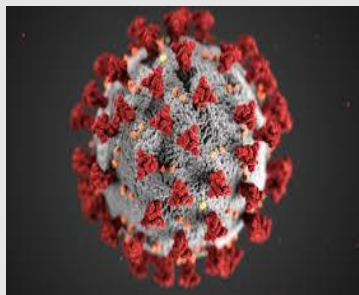
Boys Basketball Information

Boys Basketball Tryouts will be held beginning Monday, November 23rd. Please contact Mr. Brieske in room 1735 or at c_brieske@ecasd.us for information regarding this opportunity.

The Boys Basketball Preseason Parents Meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, November 17th. If you have signed up for tryouts you should receive an email by November 11th. If you do not receive an email, please contact Chad Brieske at cbrieske@ecasd.us to be invited to the meeting.



Memorial High School Serves as a New Drive-up Antigen Testing Site



Beginning Saturday, November 14, MHS parking lot will serve as a drive-up antigen testing site on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays from 12 – 8pm. This short-term site has been established to help identify asymptomatic spread of the virus in our area. Read more about the testing [HERE](#).

This testing site is suited for people over the age of 5 who are **NOT** experiencing symptoms. **Tests are FREE! Registration on the day of the test is required** at <https://www.doineedacovid19test.com/>.

People who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should visit with their healthcare provider or one of the local [National Guard testing sites](#) to get a COVID-19 test.

This antigen testing site has been made available thanks to a partnership between the Eau Claire Area School District, UW-Eau Claire, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Please contact the Eau Claire City-County Health Department at 715-831-7425 with questions regarding the antigen testing.



Do You Need Some Help Over the Holidays?

Check out this community [Holiday & Winter Help](#) resource guide. Included is information about meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas along with assistance for gifts.



Are You Interested in UW-Madison??

Check out these live information sessions for Wisconsin Students hosted by US-Madison Admissions Counselors.

Tuesday November 17, 11am, use [this link](#) to join us on Zoom.

Thursday November 19, 7:30am, use [this link](#) to join us on Zoom.

Thursday November 19, 4pm, use [this link](#) to join us on Zoom.

All events will provide the same information, so please choose the one best for your schedule



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. Please contact the K-12 Coordinator Elroy Perkin at perkine@uwec.edu to arrange for tutoring.



Congratulations Vincent Trapani!

Congratulations to Vincent Trapani who signed a Letter of Intent to play Baseball for the University of Arkansas on November 11.

Check out the story on [WQOW](#) or [WEAU](#).

It is a GREAT Day to be an Old Abe!