



Memorial High School Weekly

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November 19, 2020

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
- 30 **All ECASD School Move to 100% Virtual through December 8**

December

- 1 Cohort A & B – Watch for update on changes to learning model
- 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

MHS News and Announcements

Old Abe Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our families at Memorial High School. We know the past 9 months have been unlike any other! We appreciate your support, patience, kindness, and understanding during these unprecedented times. We are so fortunate to work with so many incredible students, staff, and families. Everyone continues to rise to the call to make MHS an outstanding school! Thank you, we appreciate you all!



Mr. Oldenberg, Mrs. Nicolet, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Samb and Mrs. Carlson

Cohort A & Cohort B Important Information

The Eau Claire Area School District will shift to a 100% virtual model from November 30-December 8, 2020.

During 100% virtual instruction, students will follow the same in-person schedule that they followed so far this school year. Cohort A students will see their teachers virtually on Monday and Tuesday. Cohort B students will see their teachers virtually on Thursday and Friday. During these days, students can expect to be synchronous (online with their teacher in front of them) approximately 1/3 of the time. The remaining time will be spent working on assignments or projects, reading classroom materials, or working in small groups, organized by the instructor. On days Cohort A and B students have been virtual, students will engage in asynchronous (self-paced work in Canvas) learning activities.

The following is the Memorial schedule for Cohort A & B

	TIME	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
		Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort B
Hour 1	7:35-8:54am	Synchronous with teachers 1/3 of time	Asynchronous in Canvas	Synchronous with teachers 1/3 of time	Asynchronous in Canvas	Remote learning in Canvas	Remote learning in Canvas	Asynchronous in Canvas	Synchronous with teachers 1/3 of time	Asynchronous in Canvas	Synchronous with teachers 1/3 of time
Hour 2	8:58-10:17am										
Hour 3	10:21-11:40am										
Hour 4A	11:44am-1:03pm										
Hour 4B	12:14-1:33pm										
Hour 5	1:37-2:56pm										

An email will be sent on December 1st updating changes to the learning model

Resources Available to All Cohorts

Food Resources from November 30 – December 8

- **FREE** breakfast and lunch pick up for ALL students will be available at MHS Monday - Friday from 8:30-9:30am at door 4. To view other food pickup locations click [HERE](#).
- **Meals on Yellow Wheels** will also continue during this time. Click [HERE](#) for the schedule.
- The **Old Abe Food Pantry** will be available to all students and families on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 – 11:00am (please enter at door 15) or by appointment on Wednesdays and Fridays. To schedule an appointment, place a food order for pickup, or for additional assistance with food, contact Memorial Partnership Coordinator, Val Logan at 715-852-6307 or vlogan@ecasd.us.
- **Please continue to watch for updated information on food resources available.**

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 perkine@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 – Check out the [MHS at Home Learning Page](#) for Canvas Help, Staff Directory, Virtual Office Hours, and more resources.

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>

MEMORIAL GIVING TREE

This year marks the 12th Anniversary of the establishment of the Memorial Giving Tree! It all started with an idea of how we could help our students in their time of need, in a timely manner. Some things cannot wait for us to locate resources. We need them right away. Over the years, we have asked, and parents, staff, and the community have answered with their generous donations to the Memorial Giving Tree. The money has always been used wisely, going directly to Memorial students in need. We are grateful this fund exists! It is unique to our Memorial family.



During the 2019-20 school year, we were able to help many Memorial students in need. Hopefully, with the continued generosity of so many, we will be able to continue this Memorial tradition! **Below are just some of the ways we were able to assist our students.**

- We provided funds towards rent assistance during the pandemic
- We provided funds for students to buy clothing for job interviews.
- We paid for eye exams and glasses for student to be able to see in school.
- We purchased backpacks for those unable to afford one.
- We purchased prom tickets, yearbooks, and play tickets, so students could participate in these activities.
- We purchased grocery gift cards to give to students at Thanksgiving time who might be food insecure during the week off from school.
- We continue to purchase multiple bus passes as transportation or lack of is a huge barrier to employment and school.
- We have more homeless students needing the necessities.
- Last holiday season, we purchased and gave gift cards to 115 students who would otherwise get nothing. Many of these students choose to purchase socks, personal care products, and gifts for others, things many of us take for granted.

This is all possible because of your generosity! For those that have given in the past, thank you, be proud of your efforts and we hope you continue to give. For those new to Memorial, we hope you will consider giving to this worthy cause! *In the words of one of our donors, "we think this is a wonderful fund that enhances the lives of the students that need it".*

If at any time you want further information, please contact Jane Corning, counselor at jadlercorning@ecasd.us or (715) 852-6331. ***Checks should be made out to Memorial Giving Tree. Donations can be dropped off in the Attendance, Student Services Offices, directly to Jane Corning, counselor at MHS or mailed to Memorial High, 2220 Fairfax street, Eau Claire, Wi 54701 – Attn: Jane Corning. School Donations are accepted throughout the year, but especially during the holiday season. *Donations are Tax Deductible!*

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](#)

From Student Services

Dear Old Abe Students Grades 9-12:

To make sure all of you have access to **Student Services 2020-21 information** you were sent a **new invite** to the course recently. If you have the 2020-21 course already you do not need to add it again. However, if you do not have Student Services Canvas 2020-21 on your Dashboard, **please accept the new invite.**



- In Student Services Canvas you will see a module per grade level designed just to help you reach your goals. For example, Seniors have scholarship information, Chippewa Valley Technical College and University admissions information along with military and workforce information. Student Services Canvas also has student support resources for all students 9-12 to help with mental health supports and family/community resources.
- Plus, as you scroll down in the course you will find helpful self-guided Academic and Career Planning (ACP) modules. Please look at your ACP Grade Level and watch the short-published slides. For example, Seniors: Senior Preview, Juniors: Junior Guidelines and a Time-Management presentation designed for all students 9-12.

If you have any questions or need additional support, please email your School Counselor **using school Outlook email. We care about you and can answer your questions. Go Abes!**

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

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.

AP

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.

**OUR
YEARBOOK
NEEDS
YOUR
PHOTOS!!**

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From the Yearbook Staff ...

Fall Sports Pictures for Yearbook Needed

The yearbook is currently working on fall sports pages. Even though Memorial did not have fall sports, we are still highlighting them. We need pictures however! We were able to get some contact day pictures but need more. We are looking for pictures from this summer or fall of players training, playing, or just hanging out together. Please email pictures to csylte@ecasd.us before Thanksgiving. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Seniors, want to verify the Yearbook received your senior picture? Please go to the Yearbook [website](#) and see the list of submissions. A letter was mailed home to all seniors we did not have a picture for. Submissions are due by December 1 to csylte@ecasd.us

Your Input is Needed Regarding ECASD Meal Program – Please Take the Survey

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. Click [HERE](#) for pickup locations.

For ECASD to best meet your needs, we are asking for your input. The goal is to make sure meals are available to families who need them to ensure a successful program. Please take a minute to fill out this brief survey by clicking the link below to help further meet your needs. This data will help the District evaluate the program and identify changes. To take the survey, go to: https://ecasd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_es7ti3Ey9O7vFAx **by Friday, Nov. 20.**



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!

Boys Basketball Information

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

CVTC Virtual Career Tour on December 1

Chippewa Valley Technical College will be hosting Career Tours virtually this year. Career Tour participants will



experience CVTC's campuses and explore programs of interest through virtual classroom and lab visits. Program instructors, College Specialists, and Academic Advisors will be available to answer your student's questions about program offerings and enrollment during the event. This will be an interactive and engaging experience to help your students discover how CVTC is the right choice for their career and post-secondary plans!

Available Date & Time

- Tuesday, December 1, 6 – 7 p.m.

Group and individual registration is [available here](#). Registration is required and space is limited, so early registration is recommended.

Event dates for 2021 will be available soon! If you would like to register your students for a spring event, please send us an email at TheRightChoice@cvtc.edu to be notified as soon as dates are confirmed.

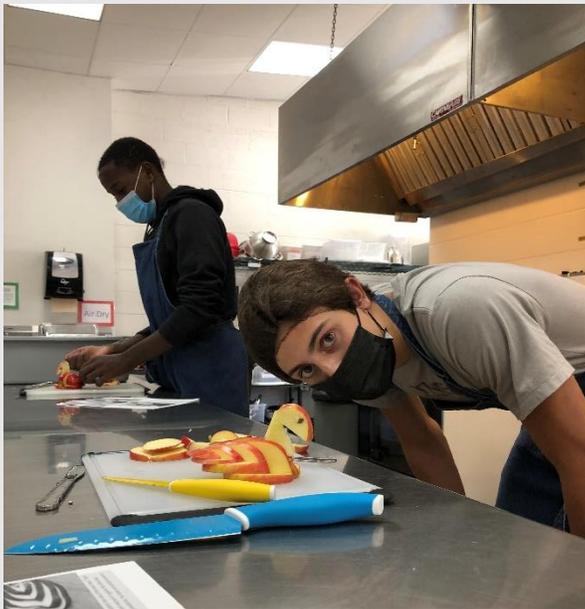
Would your students prefer to visit campus in-person?

CVTC is currently scheduling 1:1 campus tours. Campus tours are customized based on the student's program of interest and can include up to 3 additional guests from the same family unit. [Click here](#) to schedule a 1:1 tour.

CVTC is offering no application fees through Dec. 31. Apply today! Please use promo code: GO2CVTC

Please Help Slow the Spread ...

It is important for families to know that continued increases in staff or student COVID cases and/or quarantines may lead to an extension of virtual instruction. Please take extreme care with any future travel plans or social gatherings. Practicing mitigation strategies, including washing your hands and wearing your mask will assist us in returning to our blended instructional model as soon as possible.



We are THANKFUL for our OLD ABES and their Families!