THE EAGLE'S EYE

Newsletter of the Memorial High Community
Memorial High School * Eau Claire, WI

WELCOME TO THE 2025–26 SCHOOL YEAR

I hope this letter finds our Memorial families enjoying the final days of summer vacation. With the return to school rapidly approaching, we are eager to welcome all new and returning students to Memorial High School for what promises to be an exciting year!

Campus improvements this summer include a brand-new Band, Orchestra, and Jazz music spaces on the south side of the building. We're grateful to the Eau Claire community and the ECASD school board for securing the funding to make these additions possible. Over the course of this year, you'll also see expanded cafeteria seating, upgrades in our Library and Media Center, and a complete remodel of the Auditorium and Little Theater. I invite you to stop by and see these improvements firsthand.

All football contests will now take place on our new multipurpose field, another wonderful gift from our community. We can't wait for students and families to cheer on the Eagles right here on campus!

Student schedules went live in Skyward on **August 11th**. If you need a printed copy or want to make changes, our school counselors will be on campus starting August 20th. They're available on a walk-in basis—no appointment needed—to assist with schedule adjustments, academic questions, and other support. You can also purchase parking permits at that time in the Business Office.

Our **LINK orientation for incoming ninth graders is Tuesday, August 26th**. See the enclosed mailing for full details. During LINK, student leaders will welcome the Class of 2029, lead team-building activities, guide building tours, and help freshmen practice their daily schedules and lunch shifts. I highly encourage every freshman to attend this valuable transition day.

The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, September 2nd. We've built dedicated Extended Learning Time (ELT) into each day between second and third periods. During ELT, the campus is *closed* so students can focus on enrichment, intervention, or academic support in a distraction-free environment. The full bell schedule is available on our website and in this packet.

You'll see a renewed emphasis on responsible use of technology this year. Teachers will help students build self-regulation skills around mobile devices and AI tools through embedded classroom lessons.

We're thrilled to welcome several new staff members whose talents and experiences will expand opportunities for our students. You can find their names and bios later in the MHS Weekly newsletter.

At Memorial High School, we remain committed to preparing every student for college and career success. Our teachers will engage in professional learning all year to refine differentiated instruction and meaningful assessments. We'll continuously review data to ensure equity and achievement for every learner.

Beyond academics, numerous co-curricular and after-school activities will enrich student life. Whether your passion is the arts, athletics, or clubs, there's something here for everyone.

Please take time to read the entire Eagle's Eye newsletter—there's a wealth of information to help your family start the year strong. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us. It's a great day to be an **Old Abe**!

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TEACHING ABES TO SOAR AT MEMORIAL

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 (**S**afe, **O**rganized, **A**ccountable, **R**esponsible) 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 MHS. 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, extended learning sessions 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 absences. Students are required to check out of and into the attendance office when leaving or arriving back to school. 48 hours after the date of the absence, if no excuse is provided, the absence will be considered unexcused. Parents/guardians can create an absence for their student in the Skyward app.

Unexcused Absences—Students who are unexcused from classes, ELT, and/or study halls are 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 Assistant Principals. For more, see ECASD attendance policy 431.

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

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.

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2025-26 SAVE THE DATES

Sept. 2, 2025, 1st day of classes for ALL students!

Click here for the ECASD school year calendar

WE CARE EAU CLAIRE EVENT

This year's event is scheduled for Monday, August 18th, from 4:00-7:00 pm, at Phoenix Park. This event is meant for ECASD families in need of assistance with back-to-school supplies. Learn more about We Care Eau Claire by visiting their website at www.wecareeauclaire.com or find the event on Facebook.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Pictures will be taken on September 24th - during school.

- Order forms will be available on the counters of the front offices
- Order and pay online with MyLifetouch link using ID: EVTPVN9DB
- Retakes will be on October 29 at no charge using ID: EVT6R3VHW
- Questions: call Lifetouch at 1-866-955-8342
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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.

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)*	Fall 2025	11
PreACT	Fall 2025	9-11
PreACT	Spring 2026	10-11
WI Forward Exam	Spring 2026	10
ACT Exam	Spring 2026	11
AP Testing (*Optional)*	Spring 2026	9-12

MHS HOMECOMING:

Parade and Game – October 3, 2025
Dance @ MHS – October 4, 2025

MHS PROM: May 9, 2026 @ Florian Gardens

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION NOTE:

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! Freshmen Orientation occurs the week before school starts; see details below:

Who: Memorial Freshmen

When: Tuesday, August 26, 10:00am -1:30 pm
(arrive 15 minutes early for check in)

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

Where: Memorial High School

- Drop-Off/Pick-Up Location: Enter Keith Street parking lot by the Eagle Mascot (adjacent to Clairemont Ave). Drop students off near Door #1.
- Walkers and bikers: Enter school through Door #1 (by Eagle Mascot) or Door #4 on Keith Street.
- Student riding the bus: You will be dropped off and picked up on Keith Street and enter Door #4.

Bus Transportation:

School bus transportation is available for eligible students (students who live more than 2 miles from Memorial High School). The school bus will pick up your student 2 hours and 30 minutes AFTER the normal school year pick-up time. *If your student is bus eligible, you will receive a letter indicating school year pick up time from the bus company in mis-August.*

*School buses will depart Memorial after Freshmen Orientation at 1:40pm.

Lunch: Students will be eating lunch in the Memorial Cafeteria. Students should either bring their own lunch or plan on purchasing a school hot lunch. (Free and reduced hot lunch available for eligible students.)

What to Bring: No supplies or paperwork necessary unless a student is bringing their own lunch. We will provide all supplies including an updated schedule.

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEW OLD ABES TO MEMORIAL!!

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NEW 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students (new to ECASD)

Welcome to Memorial! There will be an informational meeting for new students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. This meeting will occur at MHS on Tuesday, August 26th, at 1:00pm, to learn more about Memorial High School. Please enter Door 15 for directions. After the informational session, students will get their device and take a tour of the building. Any new families or students new to Memorial are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please email counselor Ms. Heather Kapanke, hkapanke@ecasd.us.

FAMILY / TEACHER CONFERENCES

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

FALL: Thursday, October 16th, from 7:45am-8:15p. (no school for students)

SPRING: Thursday, February 26 - Regular school day for students' F/T Conferences 4 hours after school. Friday, February 27 - No school for students, F/T Conferences - 8 hrs.

UNIVERSITY/TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPLICATION

Universities start accepting applications for the 2026-27 school year on **August 1, 2025**.

Technical Colleges began processing applications for the 2026-27 school year on **May 1, 2026**. Admission to technical college programs is on a first come, first served basis. **Don't Wait; Apply NOW!!!**

PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits are available for purchase from the business office beginning Tuesday, September 2nd from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 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 going to the School Information for Families page on the Memorial Website. All cars parked in the lot need parking permits on display starting September 22.

Parking permits will also be available for purchase before the start of the school year on the following dates:

- August 18, 19, 20, 21 from 7:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the attendance office
- Monday, August 25 from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the business office

ALPHABET BREAKDOWN FOR COUNSELORS:

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Michelle Moss	mmoss@ecasd.us	K-N
Daniel Nelson	dnelson@ecasd.us	O-Ss
Isaiah Vang	ivang@ecasd.us	St-Z+EL

Check out the Student Services webpage for much more information.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules for the 2025-2026 school year will be available for viewing in Skyward beginning August 11, 2025. Counselors will be available to assist students with scheduling issues on Wednesday, August 20 and Thursday, August 21 from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., walk-in style, on a first come, first served basis. No appointments are necessary. If you wanted a study hall each semester and did not get one, please come in during this time. **Schedule changes will only be allowed to meet graduation or post-secondary requirements.**

Lunch Schedule:

- If you have 5A class, you eat lunch from 12:40-1:10
- If you have 5B class, you eat lunch from 11:45-12:15

Locker Combinations:

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

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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 "Request Transcript ". All transcript requests will be processed by Memorial High School within two business days.

2025-26 HIGH SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION The ECASD Food and Nutrition page has information about menus, pricing, free & reduced meals, etc.

***Online Applications for School Year 2025-26! ***
You can easily apply online for free or reduced-price meals for the 2025-26 school year HERE. (needs to be submitted annually). If you fill out an online application, there is no need to fill out a paper one.

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.

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.

MHS ULRICH FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING CLOSET
This service is open to MHS students and families. Please look for information in the first weekly electronic newsletter.

2025-26 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST
Go to the School Supply Lists page on the ECASD website to view high school supplies needed. It can also be found at local 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.

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MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE		
Early Bird	*Class*	*6:30-7:20*
Period 1	Class	7:35-8:25
Period 2	Class	8:30-9:20
HOMEROOM / ELT Extended Learning Time	Class	9:25-9:50
Period 3	Class	9:55-10:45
Period 4	Class	10:50-11:40
Period 5A	Class	11:45-12:35
	2nd Lunch	12:40-1:10
Period 5B	1st Lunch	11:45-12:15
	Class	12:20-1:10
Period 6	Class	1:15-2:05
Period 7	Class	2:10-3:00

ECASD GRADING SYSTEM

Memorial High School implements a grading system that includes plus/minus grades (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+ 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	4.0	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-	0.67	60%
F	0.00	0%

SKYWARD

Students and families 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 families do not utilize their student's account, as these accounts are unique to the user.

Family Access

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 students' progress. Your building and the district will also use Family Access as a communication tool to create a stronger relationship between families 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 would 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 SIS 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 student's 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 families 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, ECASD suggests you complete a change of address form and requires that you show proof of your new address (i.e. copy or picture of utility bill, mortgage or lease agreement).* You can bring documents to the district Enrollment Office or MHS or email the MHS secretary.

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SENIOR PICTURE YEARBOOK REQUIREMENTS

Seniors, your senior picture is due by **November 1, 2025**, for the **2026** yearbook. A Jostens upload link will be activated at the beginning of the school year. Your picture must meet the following criteria:

- Head and shoulder portrait (upright) vs. a landscape image (sideways) picture. If the picture is from too far away or landscape, you must submit another photo.

- *Minimum* resolution of 300 dpi and size of 2 inches x 3 inches. Please **do not** send pictures from a social media site such as Instagram or Facebook. These tend to be low-resolution images that will print blurry. Please send the original digital version.

- Saved as a .jpeg.

- The **picture must 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 which will be activated at the beginning of the school year. For your peace of mind, if we don't have your picture, an email will be sent to parents/guardians after the deadline. If you receive an email regarding a missing photo, please email a picture to Mrs. Campbell de Loyo by December 1. Once school starts, a list of seniors who have sent in their senior pictures may be found on the yearbook page. Due to the high volume of submissions, the list may not be updated daily.

BUY A 2026 YEARBOOK

2026 yearbooks may be purchased online at Jostens or by sending a check (made out to Jostens) for **$60.00** to Ms. Campbell de Loyo at school. To buy a yearbook online, go to the MHS homepage. For those who want to purchase early, **the Back-to-School price is $51** but will increase as the school year progresses**. Buy early to save money!**

EXTRA 2025 YEARBOOKS MAY BE AVAILABLE

Any yearbooks that haven't been picked up will be available for sale beginning November 3, 2025, for $60. Bring cash or a check payable to **Memorial Yearbook** to Kathleen Campbell de Loyo's room (1855).

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 families or adult students request an 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.

OLD ABES LIBRARY NOTES & NEWS

Fall 2026

- Old Abes Library and IT Services are under construction until the end of October.
- The library will be in a temporary location near the cafeteria.
- IT Services will have a temporary home in Room 1977.
- We look forward to a brand-new set-up and grand opening in November!

Library Services

- Despite the remodel, the library is still your student's spot for books, research, citations, test prep materials, equipment, technology, and more.
- Learn more and access many of the online resources via the library website: https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhslibrary.

Library Clubs

- The library runs two groups: Battle of the Books and the Student Library Advisory Board. Have your students check them out during the school's fall Club Rush!

GRADUATION - FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026!!

Dear MHS Parents: The Senior All Night Party offers a safe evening to celebrate a job well done by our MHS graduates! The party is 100% run by parent volunteers and we are already planning for next year. 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 22nd! We had a great party this past year, but the party can only take place if we have help from parents. Parents of freshman, sophomores, and juniors are highly encouraged to volunteer so that senior parents can focus on their graduate.

Parents and students who have either worked at and/or attended this party will tell you how awesome this event is for the senior class. The party provides music, games, casino tables, food, prizes and more!

We are asking for your help to keep this long-standing Memorial tradition going. The time you donate is up to you - a little or a lot - it all counts! Keep an eye on the MHS weekly newsletter for more information throughout the year. For information and/or questions contact Sheila Topper at 715-852-5117 or stopper@ecasd.us.

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OLD ABE ATHLETICS

From the Athletic Director - Perry Myren

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

1. Complete electronic registration PLUS
2. Turn hardcopy of WIAA Physical Form into athletic office if not uploaded electronically.
3. Pay athletic fee - Athletic fee payments can be made through www.myschoolbucks.com. Simply go into your myschoolbucks account, click on "General Store", click on "Browse all items" and select the sport you are paying for and add to cart. Then go to check out. All students who qualify for reduced price meals will pay half the fee and those who qualify for free meals will pay no fee. Click here for fee information & payment options.

Questions? Contact the district business office 852- 3010

4. Contact the coach of the chosen sport for important details regarding the season.

****Athletes need to complete the above 4 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 for 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. 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 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!

EAU CLAIRE HEALTH ALLIANCE

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 SAFE (formerly 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 Eau Claire Health Alliance (echealthalliance.org)

NON-ATHLETIC COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

Activities requiring a fee such as forensics, mock trial and theatre will need to pay a fee. All students who qualify for reduced price meals will pay half the fee and those who qualify for free meals will pay no fee. Cash/check payments can be made at the Board Office. **Questions? Contact the district business office 852-3010**

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**** Electronic version of the Eagle's Eye, with live links can be found on the MHS Homepage. ****

MHS PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR

Our Partnership Coordinator (PC) is Kimberley Winkelmann. 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. There can also be many questions about when events are happening, how things run or who to contact. A great tool to find these answers is to check out MHS Weekly. MHS Weekly is the electronic newsletter that is sent out to each family email every Thursday evening. 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

2025-2026 MHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Fall Play's: *The Amazing Lemonade Girl*
By James DeVita. Inspired by the life of Alexandra Flynn Scott.
Meet Alexandra Flynn Scott. Alex has a story to tell—about her life and her legacy, her humor and her heart. She is an 8-year-old girl who is fiercely determined to make a difference and help others despite the challenges she faces amidst her own cancer journey. This true story reminds us that a single person can change the world—one act, or even one cup, at a time.

Fidget by Bradley Hayward
Why do kids find it so hard to stop moving? Kids are constantly being told to hold still. But that's impossible when all they want to do is move forward at warp speed. This play features characters with ADHD and ADD who discuss what it feels like moving through a typical day. From disputes with friends and troubles at home, to negative self-image and unfortunate sugar highs, this vignette play explores the need to fidget in a world that gets more stressful every day.

Performance Dates:
November 14, 15, and 16, in the commons/cafeteria.

These plays are being performed in the commons to accommodate a lemonade stand, which will be a fundraiser for the organization Alex's Lemonade Stand, that funds research in pediatric cancer. Lemonade and other snacks will be sold. Additionally, this space allows us to use flexible seating and offers more space for audience members who may prefer to stand or have opportunities to move.

Any student who wants to audition needs to be available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays after school. Additionally, some Saturday rehearsals will occur. Students who prefer to work behind the scenes should contact Ms. Dernbach any time to sign up. Auditions will be the second week of school on Tuesday, Sept. 9th, Thursday, Sept 11th, and call backs after school (if needed) on Friday, Sept. 12th. Students should be watching the tv monitors in the commons and library and paying attention to Wake Up and SOAR the first week of school for exact times and locations of auditions. Any questions? Email MHS Theatre Director Ms. Dernbach at adernbach@ecasd.us.

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Semester 2 is the MHS Musical. This is directed by MHS Choir Director Ms. K, and the pit orchestra is conducted by MHS Jazz Director Mr. Domeyer. Auditions will be in December for the March 2026 production of Les Miserables! Students can reach out directly to akrajnikconde@ecasd.us or ddomeyer@ecasd.us for more information on auditioning for the musical.

NURSING SERVICES

Nursing Services at Memorial High School are provided by a School Nurse that is shared with other schools. The school nurse's hours vary. The health service office is in Student Services. 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: Tori Hugo RN, BSN thugo@ecasd.us 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; 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 students 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.

Prescription Medications:

For **prescription medication** to be allowed in school, a completed district ***Prescription Medication Form*** with authorization/orders by a physician/licensed prescriber (part A) and parent/guardian consent (part B) must be on file with the school nurse. If the student will need over the counter medication in addition to prescription medication these may be added to the ***Prescription Medication Form.*** *

If the student will be self-carrying and self-administering their medication the self-carry box and the self-administrator box must indicate "yes."

Each prescribed medication must be in its own pharmacy labeled package which includes the student's name, current date, the dosage, and physician/licensed prescriber's name. Over the counter medications are to be supplied in the original manufacturer's container that lists the ingredients and recommended dose.

***Multiple medications may NOT be mixed in the same container.**

Over the Counter Medications:

For **Over-the -Counter** medication to be allowed in school, a completed district **Medication Consent Form – Over the Counter Medication Form** with parent/guardian authorization/consent must be on file with the school nurse. Over the counter medication must be dosed in the manufacturer's recommended dose or less. If the student is taking a dose greater than the manufacturer's recommended dose, then a ***Prescription Medication Form**** with authorization /orders by a physician/licensed prescriber (part A and parent/guardian consent (part B) is required.

If the student will be self-carrying and self-administering their medication the self-carry box and the self-administrator box must indicate "yes."

Over the counter medications are to be supplied in the original manufacturer's container that lists the ingredients and recommended dose.

***Multiple medications may NOT be mixed together in same container.**

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 forms should be returned to the school nurse/medical school assistant. Parents are strongly encouraged to return forms to the Student Services office (to the attention of the 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 medication to the health office.

For any questions about medications or health concerns please call MHS School Nurse 715-852-6470, or MHS Medical Aid 715-852-6499.

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WORK PERMIT INFORMATION

Work permits are required for every new job a student has ***until they turn 16***. The Department of Workforce Development's Equal Rights Division has developed a new online work permit application tool. The application is live now. A parent can access the site using these instructions. Payment is made directly to the department through the application, using a credit or debit card or by ACH direct withdrawal.

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STUDENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

It is the policy of the Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) School Board to maintain an educational environment that is equitable, safe, and inclusive of all students. The Board is dedicated to the task of providing the best education possible for each student in the District. The ECASD shall not unlawfully discriminate in any of its programs, services, or activities on the basis of the student's race; color; religion; national origin; ancestry; creed; pregnancy (or related conditions); marital status; parental status; immigration status; sexual orientation; sex (including gender status, change of sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sex characteristics); or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability (Protected Classes).

If any person believes that the District or any part of the school organization has failed to follow the law and rules of Wis. Stats. § 118.13, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title IX, Title VI, or Section 504 or in some way discriminates against students on the basis of a Protected Class, they can submit or send a complaint to the Compliance Officer: Dang Yang, Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion & Title IX Coordinator, 500 Main Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701; email to:dyang1@ecasd.us; 715-852-3069.

The Compliance Officer accepts reports of discrimination/retaliation from any member of the District community, including students, employees, family members, and visitors. Complaints will follow the steps identified in Board policies (2260) found HERE or under the Board of Ed tab on the ECASD website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

School starts for ALL students
September 2, 2025!!

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

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.

Email: Lucinda Kemmet
Maggie Vinopal
Stephanie Kling
or MHS Partnership Coordinator - Kimberley Winkelmann

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