



MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

MHS Weekly
Newsletter
12/11/2025

MHS Calendar

December

- 16 Show Choir Exchange Show @MHS
- 18-19 MHS Band Elementary School Tour
- 23 Winter Carnival
- 24 – Jan 2 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED

January

- 5 School Resumes
- 11 Music Department Concert
 - Auditorium Reveal
- 12 8th Grade Family Night 6-7:30 pm @MHS
- 13 Senior ELT with Josten's
- 16 Josten's Order Deadline for Seniors
- 19 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 22 End of Marking Period
- 23/26 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

February

- 7 Winterfest at MHS – All Day
- 16 Winter Band Concert
- 19 Tenor Bass Festival @UWEC
- 23 Winter Jazz Concert
- 26 Regular School Day for Students – Family/Teacher Conferences after school
- 27 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Family/Teacher Conferences all day

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Candy Canes & Hot Chocolate

It is a Memorial Tradition to hand out candy canes and hot chocolate to every student on the last day of school before Winter Break. If you are willing to donate candy canes and/or hot chocolate for this, please drop them off in the attendance office. Regular sized candy canes please.

OLD ABE TRADITIONS

happy
holidays

Old Abe News and Announcements

Check out the Student Services Website page for information regarding scholarships, college and career planning, testing, and much more!
[\(MHS Student Services Webpage\)](#)

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MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Cookie Walk

WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY FRESH COOKIES AND LIVE MUSIC!

December 13th, 2025
Noon-2:30pm

Memorial High School
Enter on Keith St.

Buy Cookies by the Pound!

Fun Children's Carnival!

Live Christmas Orchestra Concert!

Open To Public!

Illustrations of gingerbread cookies, a Christmas tree, and a bell.

Old Abe News and Announcements



Memorial High School is offering essential support to its community through the **Food Pantry and Clothing Closet**, available to MHS students and families

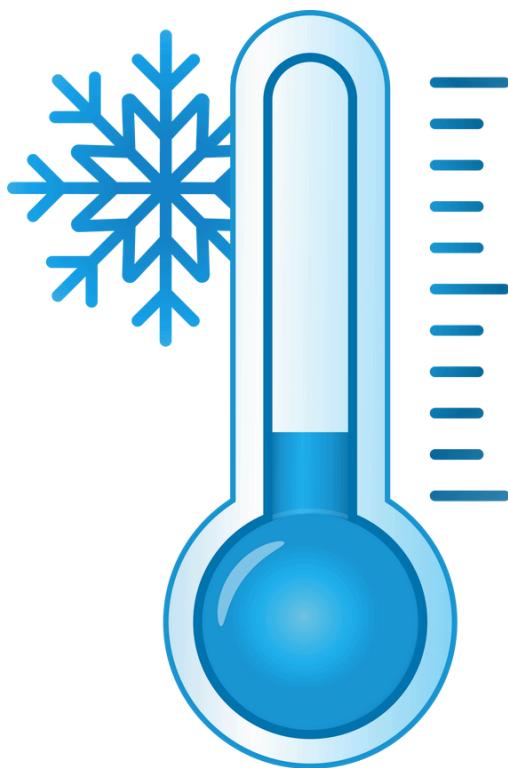
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 3:15 pm.

This initiative ensures that students and families have access to necessary resources. Additionally, for those unable to visit during these hours, the pantry and closet are accessible by request, providing flexibility and ensuring no one goes without needed supplies. For more information or to arrange a visit, please reach out to Kimberley Winkelmann at kwinkelmann@ecasd.us.

This service reflects the school's commitment to supporting its community beyond the classroom.

[Click HERE for the link.](#)

ECASD Emergency School Closure Family Communication



There is a familiar chill in the air which leads us to think about colder weather and the inclement weather that may come with it. [Here is the Eau Claire Area School District Emergency School Closure Family Communication for the 2025-2026 school year.](#) Please look for announcements about emergency school closings in several ways through Skyward and ParentSquare messages, on the ECASD website, on the ECASD Facebook feed, and through local media outlets. Don't hesitate to call your school office if you have questions.

Old Abe News and Announcements

Looking for a Job Shadow Opportunity?



Are you a high school student who wants to find a job-shadow opportunity? Mayo Clinic Health System Volunteer Services in Wisconsin is excited to welcome new student volunteers for the Spring 2026 session. This program offers an amazing chance to learn, serve, and grow while making a real impact in healthcare.

Key Details

Fall 2025 impact: 125 student volunteers across Wisconsin

Eligibility: High school & college students, ages 14+

Locations: Barron, Bloomer, Eau Claire (Luther, Clairemont, Sonnentag), La Crosse, Menomonie, Onalaska, Rice Lake, Sparta

Roles: Clinics, inpatient units, emergency department, transport, physical therapy, front entrance support

Application window: Dec. 8-12, 2025 (no late applications accepted)

Orientation: Virtual info + onboarding, then mandatory in-person orientation in late January

Commitment: 1 shift per week (2-4 hours) for 12 weeks

Benefits:

After 30 hours → eligible for Medical Experience (MedEx)

Program (Eau Claire/NWWI region) (job-shadowing in clinical specialties)

After 2 sessions → request a recommendation letter

Flexibility to switch positions each session

Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to get involved at Mayo Clinic Health System!





ATHLETICS

Be there to cheer on the Old Abes!

Purchase Tickets to
Old Abe Events Online
Click [GoFan](#) to get started!

MEMORIAL ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Weekly Athletic Schedule &
Schedules by Sport
[View Calendars](#)

Are you Signing with a College to Play Athletics?

Signing Day information
If you are signing with a college to play athletics, please contact Mr. Myren to participate

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - D1/D2 and All Non-Football

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 - NLI Signing Day (D1 Football and all other D1 & D2)

Wednesday, February 24, 2026 NLI Signing Day(D2 Football and all other D1/D2)

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 - NLI Signing Day (D3/JUCO/NAIA/Junior Hockey and all others

2:50 pm in the auditorium



**DON'T
MISS OUT!
GET YOUR
TICKETS!**

Old Abe News and Announcements

Memorial Giving Tree

This year marks the 17th anniversary of the establishment of the Memorial Giving Tree!

It started with an idea of how we could help our students in their time of need, in a timely manner. 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 is used wisely and goes directly to the needs of Memorial students. We are grateful this fund exists!

During the 2024-25 school year, we were able to help many Memorial students in need. Here are some of the ways we were able to assist our students:

- Provided funds for basic clothing needs
- Paid for eye exams and glasses
- Purchased prom tickets, yearbooks, and school field trip expenses
- Purchased grocery gift cards for students who were food insecure
- Purchased bus passes for transportation to school and work
- Purchased basic necessities for students

We hope you will consider giving to this worthy cause!

If at any time you want further information, please contact Heather Kapanke, School Counselor at hkapanke@ecasd.us or 715/852-6337. Checks should be made out the Memorial Giving Tree. Monetary donations can be dropped off in Attendance, Student Services, or directly to Heather Kapanke.

Donations are accepted throughout the year and are tax deductible.

Old Abe Class of 2026 Announcements

January

- 13 Senior ELT with Josten's
- 16 Josten's order deadline
- 22 End of the First Semester
- 27 Start of Second Semester

March

- 27 End of Third Quarter

April

- 14 Senior Class Meeting during ACP Lesson
- 24 Pickup Josten's orders inside door 15 during both lunches
- 29 Graduation speech auditions

Click ****here**** to access an outline of the Senior Calendar for the 2025/26 school year.

For the Yearbook



For Facebook

Senior Shout Out Submissions
Submit a shoutout for your senior [HERE](#) along with a senior photo and a baby photo.
DUE BY February 27th.
Shout outs will be created for the Memorial High School Facebook page in March, April and May



*Optional Senior Activity

Old Abe News and Announcements

North High School Drama
presents John Steinbeck's

The Grapes of Wrath

by Frank Galati
directed by Chris Finn

December 12 & 13 @ 7:30 pm
December 13 @ 1:30 pm
In the North HS Auditorium



Tickets - donation of \$5 per person
Contains strong language, violence & mature themes.

**Black PTA
Interest Meeting**

You are invited to the Inaugural Black PTA
Interest Meeting

Where: Manz Elementary Library
1000 E Fillmore Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Date: Thursday December 11th **Time:** 5pm-630pm
(mixer and light refreshments starting at 430pm)

Calling all Black Teachers, Staff and
Parents of Black and Biracial children
in the Eau Claire area school district.
Join us to discuss the formation of a
Black Parent Teacher Association.

Scan the QR
code to for more
information



Memorial Highlights

Eau Claire Alliance Swim Team Weekend Recap

Saturday was a huge day for the Alliance!

JV Team: Took 2nd place at a Varsity Invite in Chippewa Falls, scoring 342 points against 7 regional teams.

Varsity Team: Earned 3rd place at the Sun Prairie Invite, finishing with 253 points against 9 strong programs.

🔥 Highlighted Performances

JV Invite – Chippewa Falls

200 Free Relay – Jasicki, Griner, Kittilstad, Van Winkle – 2:04.40 (4th place)

200 IM – Joey Griner – 2:43.11 (6th place)

100 Fly – Reece Kittilstad – 1:13.80 (4th place); Logan Dunbar – 1:18.04 (5th place)

500 Free – Matthew Jasicki – 6:24.20 (6th place)

200 Free Relay – Griner, Kittilstad, Zielski, Van Winkle – 1:50.70 (3rd place)

100 Breast – Joey Griner – 1:18.58 (4th place)

Varsity Invite – Sun Prairie

200 Medley Relay – Nelson, Schlichtig, Hodorowski, Rossi – 1:44.14 (5th place)

50 Free – Caden Nelson – 23.73 (7th place)

100 Free – Morgan Schlichtig – 52.19 (4th place)

200 Free Relay – Rossi, Westerlund, Heers, Schlichtig – 1:34.56 (4th place)

100 Back – Caden Nelson – 56.51 (7th place); Everett Hodorowski – 56.55 (8th place)

100 Breast – Morgan Schlichtig – 1:04.94 (3rd place)

400 Free Relay – Nelson, Westerlund, Heers, Hodorowski – 3:30.63 (4th place)

Team Standings – Sun Prairie Invite

Linn-Mar, IA HS – 450

Hudson – 295

Eau Claire Alliance – 253

Oregon – 248

(See full results for more)

Huge congratulations

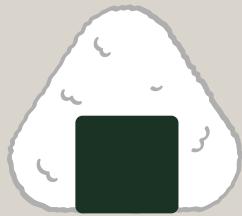
to all Alliance swimmers for stepping up and racing hard! Both JV and Varsity showed depth, speed, and teamwork against strong fields



Memorial Highlights

Japanese-Language Students Take Action to Alleviate Hunger with Rice Balls and Meet Visitors from Japan

The Japanese-language students engaged in a global initiative known as “Onigiri Action” to help combat hunger. Additionally, we welcomed two Japanese visitors, who aspire to become middle school teachers in Japan, to our school. Our students had the opportunity to interview these visitors, allowing them to practice their language skills.



Memorial Highlights

Congratulations to the Girls MHS Wrestling Team! The Girls Wrestling team secured ****1st Place**** at the Black River Falls competition this weekend!



Helpful Links

<u>MHS Website</u>	<u>GOFAN Tickets</u>	<u>Athletics</u>
<u>Lunch Menu (English)</u>	<u>Lunch Menu (Spanish)</u>	<u>Family Advisory Council</u>
<u>District Calendar</u>	<u>Student Services</u>	<u>Facebook</u>
<u>Community Events and Resources Page</u>	<u>Ulrich Food Pantry Form</u>	<u>Parking Permit</u>

It is a GREAT Day to be an Old Abe!