THE EAGLE'S EYE

Newsletter of the Memorial High Community

August 2026

Memorial High School * Eau Claire, WI

WELCOME TO THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR!

As we enjoy the final days of summer vacation and our return to school rapidly approaching, I'm eager to welcome new and returning students to Memorial High School and the promises that a new school year brings!

ECASD and Memorial has begun to use a new learning management system, Infinite Campus, replacing Skyward. You have likely received emails from the district office with details, but if you need assistance with using this new software improvements, please contact the district office for assistance at 715-852-3000 or 715-852-3411 for technical support.

Also new this year, all secondary schools will use Standard-Based Grading to monitor, inform, and communicate student progress toward essential course standards. Your student will still receive a letter grade and GPA points at the end of each semester, based on progress toward proficiency, rather than traditional points. Students will learn more from their teachers at the start of each course. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or your students' school counselor with questions.

Student schedules will be available for review on Infinite Campus on **August 17th.** If you need a printed copy or want to make changes, our school counselors will be on campus starting August 19th through August 20th. Appointments are available on a walk-in basis to assist with schedule adjustments, academic questions, and other support. You can also purchase parking permits at that time in the Attendance Office.

Our **LINK orientation for incoming ninth graders is Monday, August 31st**. See the enclosed mailing for full details. During LINK, student leaders will welcome the Class of 2030, lead team-building activities, guide building tours, and help freshmen practice their daily schedules and lunch shifts. I highly encourage each freshman to attend this valuable transition day.

The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, September 1st. 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. Students will be asked to either place their phone or mobile device in a classroom storage unit, or power down their item and place it in their backpack for the entirety of the instructional period. Students can use their devices before and after school, during lunch period and during the passing time. Staff will help students build self-regulation skills regarding appropriate 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 later in the Eagle's Eye newsletter.

At Memorial High School, we remain committed to preparing *each* student for post-secondary success. Our staff will engage in professional learning though the year to refine differentiated instruction and meaningful assessments. We'll continuously review data to ensure equity and achievement for *each* 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. You can reference the MHS website for a comprehensive list.

Thank you for taking the 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**!

David Oldenberg

Dave Oldenberg , Principal
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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 absence. Students are required to check out of and into the attendance office when leaving or arriving back to school. After 48 hours from 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 and/or study halls are considered to be 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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2026-27 SAVE THE DATES

Sept. 1, 2026, 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 17, 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 8 during school.

- Order forms will be available on the counters of the front offices
- Order and pay online with MyLifetouch link using ID: EVTMJG8M2
- Retakes will be on October 8 at no charge using ID: EVTP9CNQN
- Questions: call Lifetouch at 1-866-955-8342

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
PreACT	September 30	9-11
PSAT (Optional)	October 21	11
PreACT	April 1	9-10
WI Forward Exam	April 14 & 15	10
ACT Exam	April 7	11
AP Testing(Optional)	May 5-16	9-12

MHS HOMECOMING:

Parade and Game – October 2, 2026
Dance @ MHS – October 3, 2026

MHS PROM:

May 8, 2027 @ Florian Gardens

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION

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.

Who: Memorial Freshmen
When: Monday, August 31, 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

- Students should be dropped off and picked up at Door #1, which is by the eagle mascot in the Keith Street parking lot near Clairemont Ave.
- Students should **not** enter through the main entrance, door #15.
- Walkers and bikers should use the doors by the eagle (Door #1) or Door #4 on Keith Street.
- Students riding the bus will be dropped off and picked up on Keith Street (Door #4).

Bus Transportation: School bus transportation is available for bus 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 mid-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 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.

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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: Thur. Oct. 15, 2026, from 7:45am-8:15pm (no school for students)
SPRING: Thur. Feb. 25, 2027 (4 hours after school) & Fri. Feb. 26 – 8 hours (no school for students)

UNIVERSITY/TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPLICATION

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

Technical Colleges began processing applications for the 2025-26 school year on **May 1, 2027.** Admission to technical college programs are on a first come, first served basis. ***Don't Wait; Apply NOW!!!***

GRADUATION – Wednesday, May 26, 2027

Dear MHS Families,

The Senior All Night Party is a long-standing tradition that provides MHS graduates with a safe, fun way to celebrate graduation. This memorable event is entirely planned and run by parent volunteers and features music, games, food, prizes, and more.

We're already planning for **Wednesday, May 26, 2027**, and we need your help! While parents of all grade levels are encouraged to volunteer, we especially encourage **freshman, sophomore, and junior families** to lend a hand so senior parents can spend the evening celebrating with their graduates.

Your time and support help make this special tradition possible. Watch the MHS weekly newsletter throughout the year for volunteer opportunities and additional information.

For questions or to learn more, please contact **Sheila Topper** at **715-852-5117** or **stopper@ecasd.us**.

PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits are available for purchase from the Attendance Office beginning Tuesday, September 1st 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 on the Memorial High School website. All cars parked in the lot need parking permits on display starting September 18.

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

- August 17-21 from 7:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the attendance office
- Monday, August 31 from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the attendance office

ALPHABET BREAKDOWN FOR COUNSELORS:

Heather Kapanke	hkapanke@ecasd.us	A-D
Sam Hochstetler	shochstetler@ecasd.us	E-J
Kristina Stephenson	kstephenson1@ecasd.us	K-Mo
Dan Nelson	dnelson3@ecasd.us	Mp-Sm
Isaiah Vang	ivang@ecasd.us	Sn-Z & ML

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules for the 2026-2027 school year will be available for viewing in Infinite Campus beginning August 17, 2026. Counselors will be available to assist all students with scheduling issues on **Wednesday, August 19** and **Thursday, August 20** from 7:30am to 3:30pm, walk-in style, on a first come, first served basis, no appointments. In-person scheduling only, no scheduling changes will be through emails or phone calls. If you want a study hall each semester and did not get one or if you have two study halls in one semester and no study hall in one semester, please come during this time. If you cannot come during these hours, please come the first day of school. **Schedule changes will only be allowed to meet graduation or post-secondary requirements.**

Lunch Schedule:

- If you have **Lunch A**, you eat from **11:45am-12:15pm**
- If you have **Lunch B**, you eat from **12:40pm-1:10pm**

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

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MHS ULRICH FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING CLOSET
This service is open for MHS families. Please look for information on our website. Hours will be after school by appointment.

2026-27 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.

2026-2027 HIGH SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION
The ECASD Food and Nutrition page has information about menus, pricing, free & reduced meals, etc.

High School Meal Pricing 9th-12th Grade:

Breakfast: $1.50

Lunch: $2.90

Ala Barte ½ Pint Milk: $0.50

Online Applications for School Year 2026-27!
You can easily apply online for free or reduced price meals for the 2026-27 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.
- **Free:** There is no fee for using the service

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 Michelle Belanger at mailto:mbelanger@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.

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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 5	Lunch A	11:45-12:15
	Class	12:20-1:10
Period 5	Class	11:45-12:35
	Lunch B	12:40-1:10
Period 6	Class	1:15-2:05
Period 7	Class	2:10-3:00

INFINITE CAMPUS

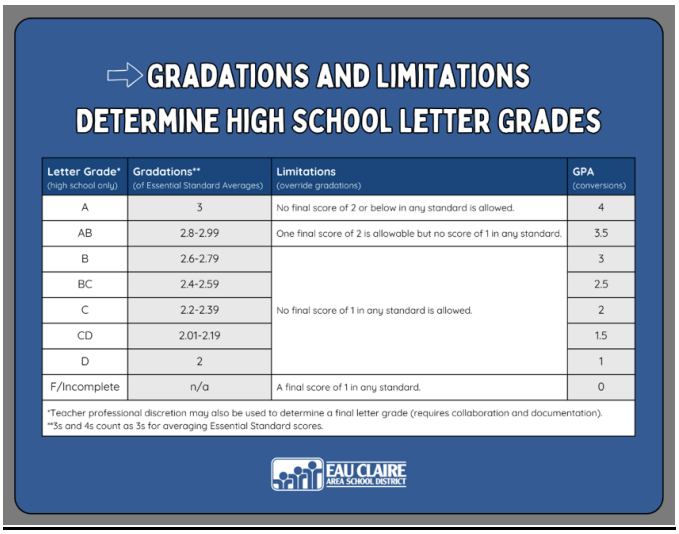
The Eau Claire Area School District has transitioned from Skyward to Infinite Campus. In July families were sent Infinite Campus login credentials and instructions for accessing the Infinite Campus Family Portal. A new Online Registration process will begin as part of this transition. Families are asked to complete an annual registration application through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. We are here to support you during this transition. Please contact our District Office with questions and/or technical support.

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 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.

ECASD GRADING SYSTEM

The Eau Claire Area School District implements a grading system that includes eight gradations derived from the compilation of all the essential standard scores for that course in that semester. Grade point averages are awarded after the gradations and limitations have been applied and a final grade has been determined. The grade is converted to GPA points on a 4.0 scale. The gradations and limitations that determine high school letter grades and the GPA points are as follows:



The following timelines will be used to communicate learning throughout the year.

- Letter Grades based on Essential Standard Scores will be reported on report cards at Semester 1 and 2
- In Progress grades will be displayed in gradebooks for Quarter 1 and 3
- Life-Ready Dispositions will be reported four times per year
    - Quarter 1 and 3: Gradebook
    - Semester 1 and 2: Report Cards

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SENIOR PICTURE YEARBOOK REQUIREMENTS

Seniors, your senior picture is due by **November 2, 2026**, for the **2027** yearbook. A Jostens upload link will be activated at the beginning of the school year. Your picture must meet the following criteria:

- Portrait (upright) vs. a landscape image (sideways) picture. If the picture is 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 2027 YEARBOOK

2027 yearbooks may be purchased online at Jostens or by sending a check (made out to MHS Yearbook) for **$60.00** to Ms. Campbell de Loyo at school. To buy a yearbook online, go to the MHS homepage and scroll down to the Yearbook tab. For those who want to purchase early, **the Back-to-School price is $55** but will increase as the school year progresses**. Buy early to save money!**

A FEW EXTRA 2026 YEARBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE

Any yearbooks that haven't been picked up will be available for sale beginning November 3, 2026, for $50. Bring cash or a check payable to **MHS Yearbook** to Kathleen Campbell de Loyo's room (1235) across from Student Services.

OLD ABES LIBRARY NOTES & NEWS

Summer Library

The library is open this summer! Drop in from 6-8 pm on Tuesday, August 11 to check out a book, play a game with friends, or create something in the Makerspace. No sign-up needed, and incoming freshmen are welcome. Enter using Door #15 (main entrance, off of Fairfax Street), then follow the signs.

School Year Library Services

In addition to the library being the place for students to get books, the library houses all textbooks, a digital collection of books, magazines, and research databases, tech support, test prep resources, a makerspace, equipment for staff and students to use, conference rooms, and classrooms. Learn more here:

- Recommended Books to Read: https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhsbooks
- Sora eBooks, Audiobooks, Magazines & Comics: https://soraapp.com/library/eauclairewi
- Checkout & Other Policies: https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhslibrary/about
- Makerspace and Equipment: https://ecasd.libguides.com/Makerspace
- Tech Support: https://ecasd.libguides.com/studenttechsupport
- Test Prep: https://ecasd.libguides.com/mhsprep

Visiting the Library

All students visit the library throughout the school year for books and research projects for their classes. However, students are also able to visit the library on their own before or after school, during lunch, or during their study halls. While they don't need a pass before/after school or during lunch, they will for study hall. How to get a pass will be taught during the first weeks of school in homeroom.

Lastly, the library is always looking for students to serve on its Student Library Advisory Board! This club helps to inform the library staff of policies, services, and purchases for the library.

New Phone Policy This Fall

Per state law, students will be expected to caddy or backpack their phones while in the library during instructional time. This will include 5th hour/lunchtime

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OLD ABE ATHLETICS

From the Athletic Director - Travis Hedtke
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 "School Store". Then select Store Home, Select Sport, Add to Cart, and 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.
4. Contact coach of 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.*****

Questions? Contact the district business office 852-3010

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 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. The 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 Athletic/Attendance Office. 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 the September picture day. *(For contests prior to picture day, students can use last year's student ID for free admission)*

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2026-2027 MHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Fall Play: *Radium Girls* by D.W. Gregory
In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, *Radium Girls* traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire.

Students interested in joining Tech Crew: Stop by room 1284 (across from auditorium) to introduce yourself to MHS Theatre Director Ms. Dernbach, or email her at adernbach@ecasd.us. Positions needed: Set Construction, Props, Costumes, Make-up, Lighting and Sound Assistants, Stage Manager, Assistant Stage Manager, Publicity.

Auditions for Actors: September 8th and September 10th . Choose one day. Actors must sign up in advance on the MHS Theatre bulletin board outside the Little Theatre and take an audition form home. Parents need to preview the rehearsal and performance schedule and sign off indicating their student is available. Completed, signed forms are required to audition. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script.

Rehearsal time period is Sept. 14 - Nov. 12 . After school starting at 3:15. Some Saturday rehearsals are required.

Performances are:
Friday, Nov. 13th at 7 pm
Saturday, Nov. 14th at 2 pm
Sunday, Nov. 15th at 2 pm.

All Actors and Crew are required to stay after the last show to strike.

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Sem. 2 Play The Internet is Distract- OH LOOK A KITTEN! By Ian McWethy

This will be part of Comedy Weekend: this play, improv, and original sketch comedy written by students.

Performances in the Little Theatre on:

Friday, Feb. 12th at 7 pm
Saturday, Feb. 13th at 2 pm
Sunday, Feb. 14th at 2 pm.

Auditions and sign up for Technical Crew will be after Thanksgiving.

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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)

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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. You can access the online tool on the Department of Workforce Development website or by clicking HERE

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WELCOME NEW OLD ABE'S

Memorial is adding several new staff members for the upcoming year, each is sure to bring many great experiences and facilitate opportunities for students!

Please welcome:
Nicole Vinopal – Assistant Principal
Katelyn Schade - Spanish
Kristina Stephenson – School Counselor
Christopher Schmitt – Math
Jessica Stefonek - Math
Sally Meyer - Art
Brianne Markovic – Skills Center
John Collins – Special Education
Julie Carlson – Special Education
Sara Redford – Special Education
Samantha Toft – Special Education

NURSING SERVICES

Nursing Services at Memorial High School are provided by a School Nurse that is shared with other schools and a Medical Assistant that is assigned to the high school. The school nurse's hours vary. Additionally, a Public Health Nurse from the Eau Claire City- County Health Department is available on a consultation basis to provide students and families with referrals to appropriate community resources.

School nurse information can be found on the *School Nurse* page under the *Student Services Department.*
MHS School Nurse Tori Hugo RN BSN
(thugo@eacasd.us) 715-852-6470
Medical School Assistant Katie Lemke
(klemke1@ecasd.us) 715 852 6499

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

THE EAGLE'S EYE

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.



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 groups 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.

Memorial representatives: Lucinda Kemmet
Stephanie Kling
Maggie Vinopal

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