

# LYNX NEWS



**East Campus Edition**  
**August 19, 2020**



Dear MA Families,

Welcome to the first edition of Lynx News, East Campus! We are making Monument Academy history daily as we work together to get our new building ready for our first day. It has been a long road to get to this point, and we are so thankful for each partner along the way. I came to Monument Academy in 2003 as a parent of a kindergartener. Seventeen years later, I have the privilege of being the Principal of our East Campus. Goosebumps abound every time I take in this view as I drive up to our building.

Our new building is beautiful, and I cannot wait for all to see it. Our teachers are working hard to move in and prepare their spaces to welcome their students on August 31st. This is no small task! A group of teacher volunteers helped our facilities team move all the classroom boxes from West to East Campus earlier this week. This weekend, we will work together to get those boxes into the rooms where they belong so we can begin setting up rooms. When you arrive for Meet and Greet events on August 26, 27 or 28, please know that people have been working around the clock to prepare, and we may still have boxes around when we welcome you. We are so excited to see our students in person! As one of our beloved teachers described, “We’re moving AND throwing a big party in the same week!”

As excited as we are about our new space, we know that it is not the building that makes Monument Academy amazing. The people in this building and the families that support them create the specialness. We have some of the most dedicated professionals and fantastic students and families around. Thank you for partnering with us all along the journey. It is going to be a spectacular year!

With Respect,  
Julie Seymour  
Principal- Middle and High School

# FIRST DAY DETAILS

As we rapidly approach the beginning of school, your MA Staff wanted to share what we hope a “typical” day will look like this year. Obviously, there will be many adjustments due to *COVID-19* and we must recognize that almost every scenario we plan for is subject to change. The mandates and guidelines we receive from our partners in education and government change weekly, if not daily.

We respectfully ask that students not be dropped off prior to 7:30 a.m., as classes do not begin until 7:50 a.m. this year. Students will be able to enter the building at 7:30, walk through the *ThermalScan*, drop off jacket and/or lunch box in assigned locker (no locks or combos) by first period class, and go directly to first period. Students inside the building prior to 7:50 will need to be inside their first period classroom.

Should an elevated temperature be detected upon entering the building, the student will quietly and respectfully be asked to report to the nurse. For the remainder of the day, we plan for business as usual. Students will attend their classes according to their IC schedule. There will be a “metered release” of students at the end of every class period with one-way hallway traffic directly to the next class. There are several different locations for student lunch, and students will be asked to remain socially distanced during this time.

We appreciate your support and patience as we enter this new challenge together! We know there will need to be changes and adjustments, but rest assured many of your MA staff have worked diligently all summer to make sure we have produced a safe and effective learning environment for all.

We cannot wait to see your students!

# BACK~TO~SCHOOL EVENTS

If you have questions or concerns about paying school fees, please contact Julie Shook at 719-481-1950 x1709 or [jshook@monumnetacademy.net](mailto:jshook@monumnetacademy.net). Fees are due August 21 and can be paid [here](#).

## Wednesday, August 26: Freshman Kickoff Party! 3:00-5:00

Student and 1 parent are invited to Freshman Kickoff. Students may be in free dress code according to school policy. Check the policy [here](#)

Please Bring:

- General supply items from this [list](#)
- Your printed schedule from Infinite Campus [here](#). (Schedules will be available on August 26)
- 5x7 photo of yourself – can be a candid shot! Will be framed for our walls.
- A small item or letter for a time-capsule

To Do Before Arriving:

- Pay fees [here](#)
- Sign user agreements [here](#)

Student:

- Pick up iPad
- Drop off general supplies
- Walk schedule and meet teachers
- Get to know the Freshman class!
- Eat some Chick-fil-A!

Parent:

- Informational Session

**Thursday, August 27: Grades 6, 7 & 8 Meet and Greet by Appointment:** [Appointment Sign-up](#)  
(Students may be in school free-dress code. Check the policy [here](#))

**Friday, August 28: Grades 6, 7 & 8 Meet and Greet by Appointment:** [Appointment Sign-up](#)  
(Students may be in school free-dress code. Check the policy [here](#))

Please Bring:

- General supply items from these [lists](#)
- Your printed schedule from Infinite Campus [here](#). (Schedules will be available on August 26)

To Do Before Arriving:

- Pay fees [here](#)
- Sign the iPad user agreement [here](#)

Student and 1 Parent are invited to:

- Walk schedule and meet teachers
- Pick up iPad
- Drop off general supplies

**Monday, August 31: First Day of School- Students in Uniform**  
7:50-3:30

**Friday, September 4: First Remote Learning Friday- All students**

7:50-12:30 All sixth grade and students new to Monument Academy need to complete and submit digital citizenship assignments via Canvas by 3:00 today (Access to course after iPad issued).

## AT~HOME LEARNER BACK~TO~SCHOOL EVENTS

**Here are some steps to make sure your at-home learner is ready to go on the first day of school!**

1. Choose a time to pick up your iPad at Monument Academy K-5 West Campus on **Thursday, August 20.** [iPad Check-Out Appointment Times](#)

### **Please Bring:**

General supply items from these [lists](#) if your student plans on being in-person at any point this year.

If you ordered Edukits, they may be available for pick-up on August 20 along with the iPad. If they have not arrived, we will make alternate arrangements for pick-up.

### **To Do Before Arriving:**

Pay fees [here](#)

Sign the iPad user agreement [here](#)

2. Sign up for a Canvas tutorial on **Friday, August 21** [here](#). Your student may choose to attend in person or through Zoom link. There will be no more than 15 students in a tutorial session and students will be socially distanced by 6 feet. Temperatures will be taken before entering the K-5 West Campus at the Library/MPR entrance. If your student is a returning MA 7th, 8th or 9th grade student and/or they have a strong command of Canvas, you may skip this tutorial session.

3. If your student is comfortable with attending our meet and greet events and wants to see the school building and teachers in person on **August 26 (9<sup>th</sup> grade only), 27 and 28**, you may sign up for an appointment [here](#) if you haven't already done so.
4. At home learning students will have a chance to meet their teachers through Zoom on **August 26** at the following times. Your student will be sent a Zoom link through Canvas for this session.

9:00-9:30	<b><i>9th Grade Team Zoom Meet With At Home Learning Students</i></b>
9:30-10:00	<b><i>8th Grade Team Zoom Meet With At Home Learning Students</i></b>
10:00-10:30	<b><i>7th Grade Team Zoom Meet With At Home Learning Students</i></b>
10:30-11:00	<b><i>6th Grade Team Zoom Meet With At Home Learning Students</i></b>
11:00-11:30	<b><i>Fine Arts Team Zoom Meet With At Home Learning Students</i></b>
11:30-12:00	<b><i>Electives Team Zoom Meet With At Home Learning Students</i></b>

## MEET THE EAST CAMPUS ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the Assistant Principals of Monument Academy Middle and High School, East Campus. I am thankful for this reliable and proven leadership team. Our goal is to support our teachers well!

### Carol Skinner

Carol has been a member of the MA family for twenty years as both a parent and a staff member. During her eleven years as a teacher, she established foundational skills for research-based instruction and structured classroom management. She valued and built strong relationships through effective communication with students and parents.

As Director of Instruction and Evaluation at Monument Academy for five years, Carol creates valuable pre-service opportunities and meaningful staff training consistently throughout the year. She was a crucial leader in building our shared vision through collaborative work and, most recently, led a cohort of teachers through a book study of Brene Brown's *Dare to Lead*. She supports teachers in using assessment data to inform their instruction.

Carol has a passion for coaching teachers as they grow in their profession. She supports teachers of all levels of experience in improving their craft through research-based instructional techniques. Carol continued to hone her leadership skills during the 2019-2020 school year by leading twelve paraprofessionals through effective communication and clear organization of duties, resulting in a more efficient morning and afternoon carline.

### Marty Venticinque

Marty became a member of the Monument Academy family as a parent in 2007 after being thoroughly impressed by our students while visiting our school to talk about weather. He joined our team as a staff member in 2014 and began his educational journey teaching science and math to eighth-grade students and serving as the Athletic Director.

Marty created a vibrant and growing athletic program that continues to serve the needs of our students. He was a founding member of the Central Colorado Athletic League (CCAL), to which our school now belongs and competes. CCAL offered a sound infrastructure, expanded offerings, and an appropriate competitive environment for our student-athletes. Under strong leadership, our student-athletes have excelled with many of our teams earning awards, reaching the playoffs, and winning multiple league championships since the league was created in 2015.

In 2016 Marty added the role of Assessment Coordinator to his schedule. He has employed strong organizational, analytical, and communication skills to streamline the assessment process, minimize disruption to classrooms, and

ensure that teachers can easily access information necessary to inform instruction. He has researched, identified, and helped implement tools and strategies to support our teachers to ensure all students are growing. Marty has been instrumental in making available accurate assessment data to all Monument Academy stakeholders.

Please join me in congratulating our Assistant Principals!



**From the Registrar's Office:** *Secondary student schedules will be available to view in your Infinite Campus Parent Portal on August 26th.*

If you do not yet have access to the Parent Portal, you may sign up for an account by clicking on this link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-ASFyBqTZGDCj6DMCjJVHnrvZbmxnvyI7xjVu\\_RunTBq6CQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-ASFyBqTZGDCj6DMCjJVHnrvZbmxnvyI7xjVu_RunTBq6CQ/viewform)

## Business Office



Thank you to the MA families who have submitted academic fees for the 2020-21 school year. These funds help Monument Academy provide excellent resources for your children.

The annual required student fees: \$285 Grades 6-9 (includes iPad fee)

Please check your student's account using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Payments are usually posted within a week. However, during the month of August, it will likely take longer. Thank you for your patience as we are enrolling new families and delivering curriculum to classrooms.

### **Payment options at Monument Academy:**

#### **For Tuition, Fees and EPDs:**

- Online Payments – <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/online-payments/>
- Checks – made payable to Monument Academy (drop box at front office)
- Credit card - contact [jshook@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jshook@monumentacademy.net) to set up recurring payments

**Monument Academy does not accept payments on the PaySchools Central app.**



## OTHER HEALTH

Also, please make sure you provide updated immunizations or personal/religious/medical exemptions (these are required to be updated **yearly**) for your students for the 2020/2021 school year even if you have chosen the online synchronous, asynchronous, or home-school options. If your student is enrolled with Monument Academy, these are still required for our records.

**All** health-related information and medical forms can be found on the MA website under the **Student support** drop down. These forms include COVID-19 symptom screening tool for parents. In addition, immunization exemption forms also can be found.

*Chelsea Pierce, BSN, RN*  
Monument Academy

## FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER

Returning from summer break is a time for educators/staff to reflect on how students have grown, observe how they have matured, and hear about their summer adventures! This year the return to school will be special; the absence of students in our lives for over five months makes us even more eager to greet and build relationships that define Monument Academy. We just plan to do it in a beautiful new building this year!

I understand there are many unknowns, and this transition may cause more anxiety and stress than excitement. I want you to know that I am here to support the students, staff, and family during this time. For the students, this support will initially be in the form of guidance lessons, assisting teachers where/when needed, and helping families with resources that may be useful. You can reach me at [chowarth@monumentacademy.net](mailto:chowarth@monumentacademy.net) with any concerns or questions that you may have before returning to the building.

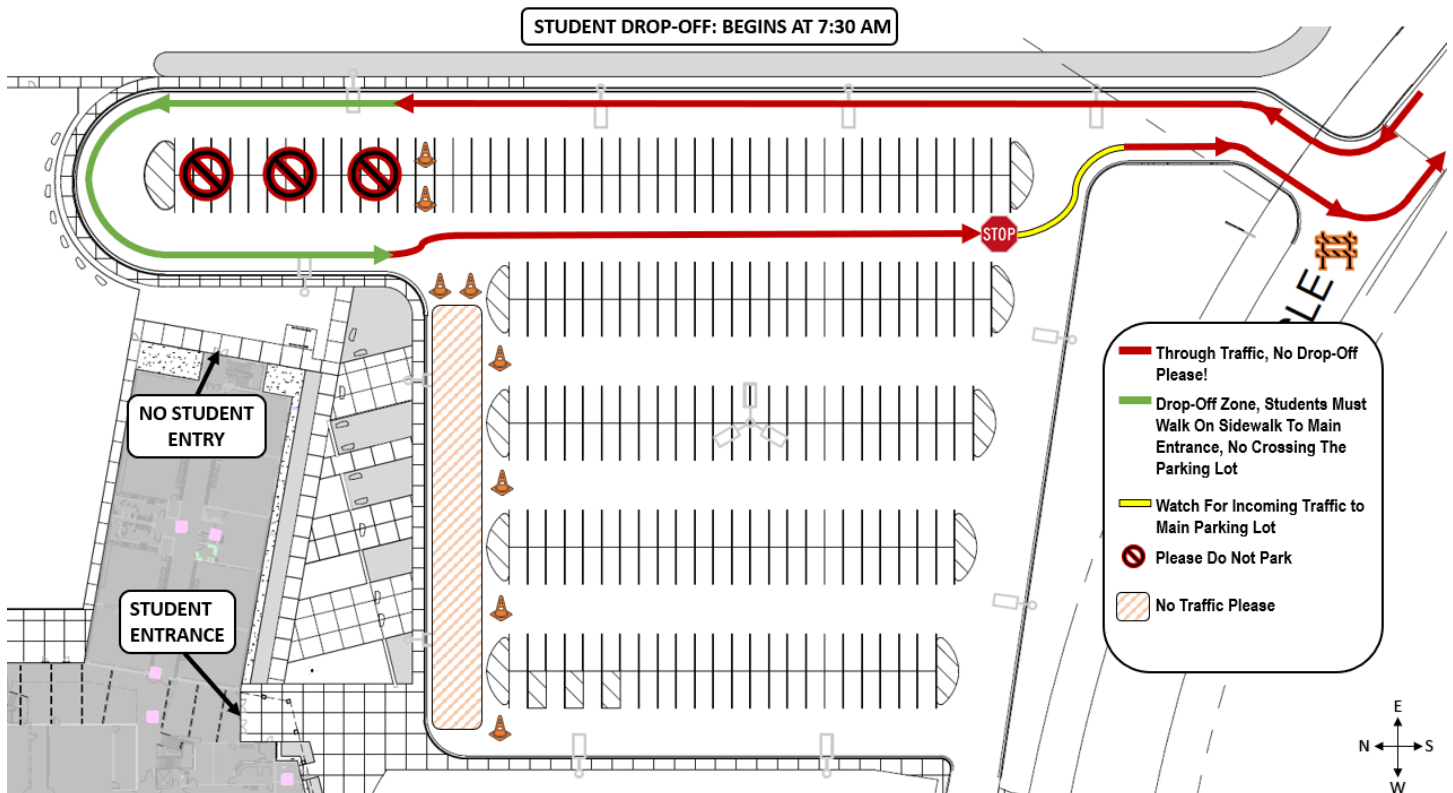
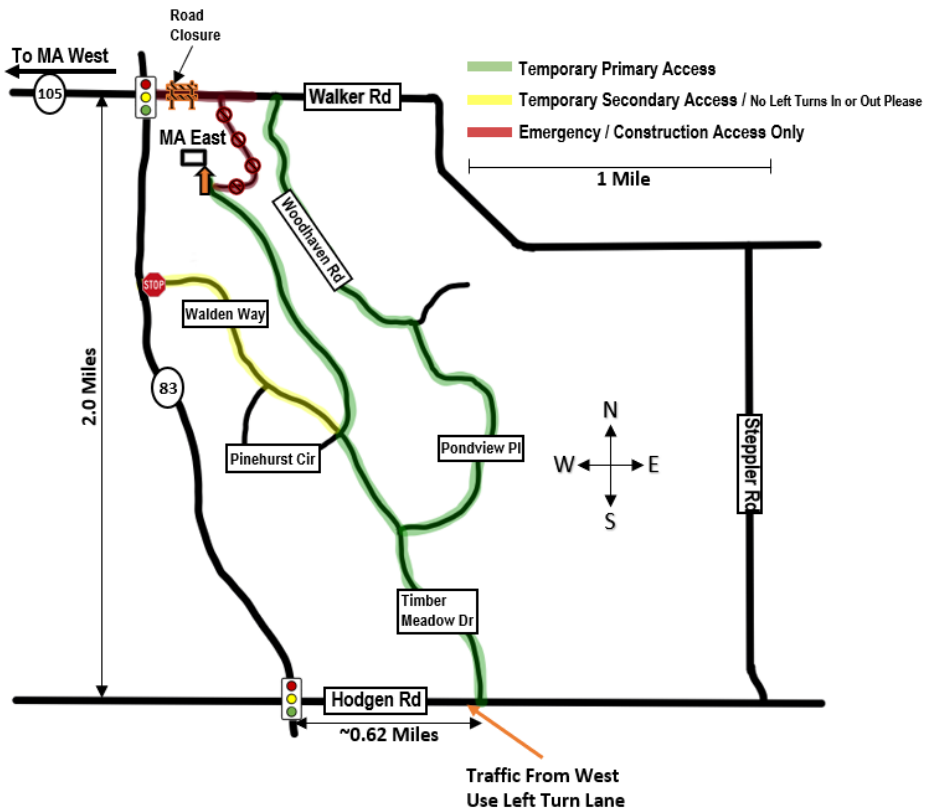
Carrie Howarth, LSW, SSW  
Monument Academy Social Worker

## ASSESSMENTS

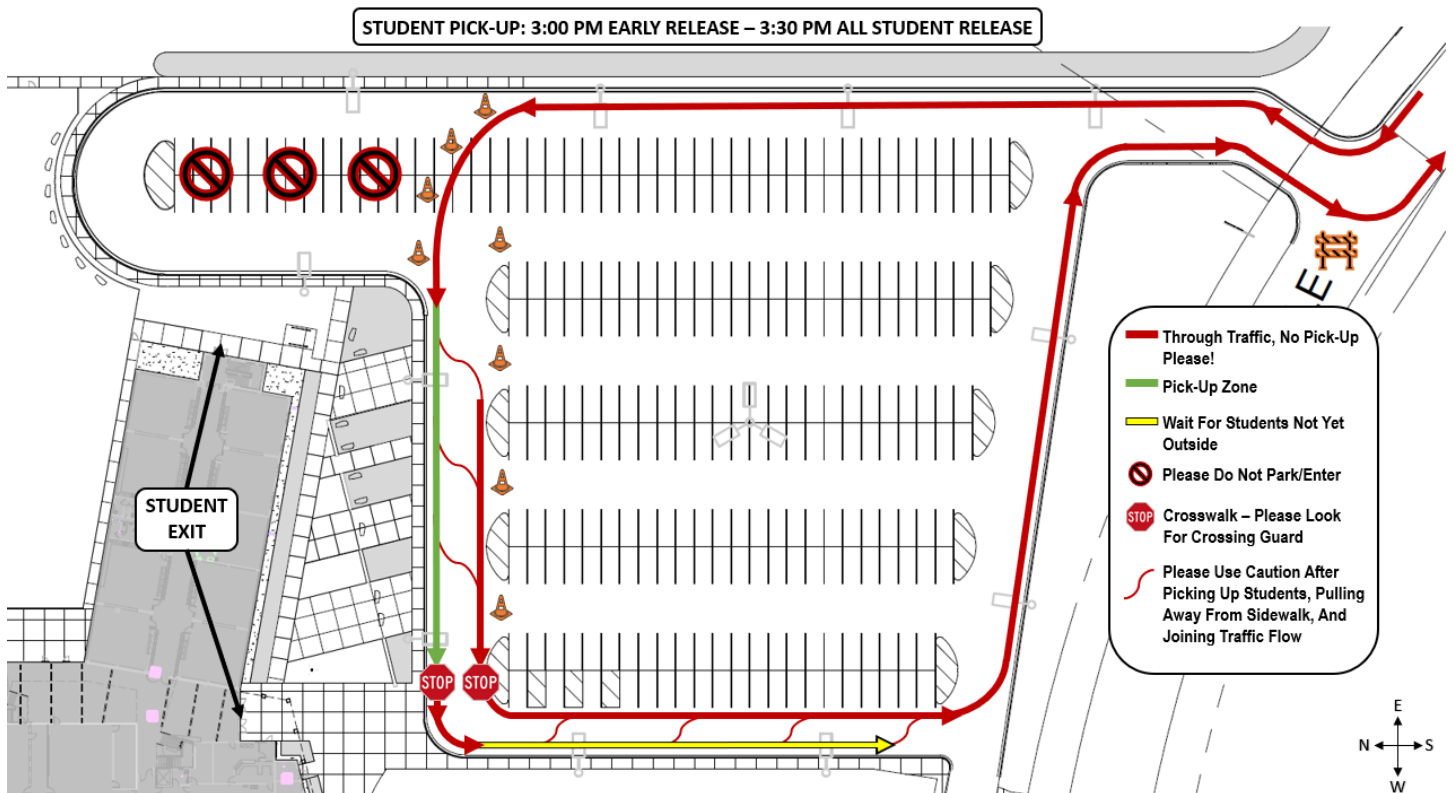
NWEA Assessments planned for Tues/Wed/Thu 9/8, 9/9, & 9/10.

# EAST CAMPUS CARLINE

Please see the map below for current access to our building:







## ATHLETIC NEWS

Program	CCAL Season
<b>Cross Country</b>	8/10 – 9/25 “Post-Season” Through 10/9
<b>Matchwits/Chess</b>	Not Decided Yet
<b>Cheer</b>	1/4 – 4/30
<b>Boys’ Basketball</b>	1/4 – 2/1
<b>Girls’ Basketball</b>	2/2 – 3/1
<b>Football</b>	3/29 – 5/8
<b>Girls Volleyball</b>	4/5 – 4/30
<b>Track and Field</b>	4/26 – 5/29
<b>Girls’ Soccer</b>	5/3 – 5/26

Please visit our Athletic webpage for more information:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/athletics/>



# Monument Academy EAST PTO



## Calendar:

8/27  
Meet & Greet  
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8/28  
Meet & Greet  
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8/31  
First day of school



## Spiritwear:

Whether in person or online - show your school spirit!  
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Check out our new designs and new ordering system!  
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If you have any questions contact Brianna Bruce!



## Fundraising:

Look for future emails about our fundraising efforts and how you can help the MA East PTO!



## Volunteers:

We can always use additional volunteers. Contact Joey Barkley if you'd like to help!

*We are officially  
MA East's PTO  
and will keep you  
up to date on what  
is happening with  
our fabulous new  
school!*

[spiritwear.monumentacademy.net](http://spiritwear.monumentacademy.net)

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# Monument Academy

## Walker Pass Privileges

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please read our expectations and sign the section below to indicate your agreement with our policies. The actual destination of your walking student needs to be entered on this form. Passes will NOT be issued to students younger than third grade, unless accompanied by an older sibling. Once you return the signed form and it is approved, we will issue your student a Walker's Pass. Please understand that you are releasing Monument Academy from any carpool time liability by signing below.

- Walker's Pass must be out and shown to carpool workers when leaving the school building.
- Students must follow instructions given by carpool workers.
- The Walker's Pass may be revoked if rules/guidelines are not followed.

Please cut this off and turn it in to the East Campus Front Office.

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Student's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Walking Destination \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_



